

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026
8:45 & 11:00am



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

Est. 1836 | Flat Rock, North Carolina

Mission Statement

To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in His name.

Welcome to St. John in the Wilderness

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time, then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. See the note to our visitors on the back inside cover for more information about receiving Communion and joining the church.

Reminders for Worship

- Children of all ages are most welcome in worship, and during the service they may enjoy the activity bags, which are in the Tower Entrance. Nursery care is available for children from infancy to pre-K across Rutledge Drive in our Parish House Education Building from 8:30am to 12:30pm on Sundays. Please use the crosswalk to get there!
- Please participate in the service by singing and praying with us. At the time of the Peace, please take a few moments to leave your pew and greet others in the name of our Lord.
- A restroom is available near the front of the church and can be accessed through an exterior door. Please see an usher for directions.
- You will find hand sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.

Everything Episcopal

*Did you know that the Diocese of Western North Carolina has 60 year-round congregations and 4 summer chapels with more than 15,000 members?
Our diocese covers 28 counties of the state.*

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 & 11:00am

PRELUDE: First Arabesque

Claude Debussy

Charles Hulin, pianist

Welcome & Announcements

The Blessing of the Backpacks

*All schoolchildren, teachers, and school faculty/ staff gather near the front of the church to receive a blessing.
The children should bring their backpacks to be blessed if they have them.*

ENTRANCE HYMN: #680 O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne

THE WORD OF GOD

Acclamation & Response

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation sings the refrain as indicated, and a cantor sings the verses.

Refrain

Glo - ry be to God all glo - ry in the high - est.

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Peace to all peo-ple to all God's peo-ple peace.

1. Lord God heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks. We praise you for your glory. **Refrain x2**
2. Lord Jesus Christ only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain x2**
3. You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Refrain x2**

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The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

First Lesson: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.**

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.**

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

**6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

16 Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.

**17 He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.

**19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the Lord tested him.**

20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

**21 He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,**

22 To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.

45 Hallelujah!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,*
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,*
and will be for ever. Amen.**

Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

As the music begins, all stand for the gradual hymn and reorient themselves to the Gospel of our Lord as it is processed into the congregation.

GRADUAL HYMN: #414 God, my King, thy might confessing

Stuttgart

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Kathy Hulin

After the sermon, there is a brief moment of silence. When the Celebrant rises, the congregation stands.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

A moment of silent prayer follows each petition.

Through being stirred by Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for people who serve the church as leaders and missionaries; for the Anglican Communion; for the Episcopal Church and our Diocese; for the members of this parish. Pray for the church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations, especially in places of war and conflict; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper awareness of God's presence. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Marci Plati. Pray for the family and friends who grieve their passing.

I ask your prayers for Eleanor, Bob, Joe, Ron, Stephen, Sue, Dale, Mason, Joshua, the Elmore Family, Mary, Toni, Betsy, Tawana, Chuck, Dottie, MarthaJean, Al, Rita, Jim, Lori, Carter, Legare, Susan, Jennifer, and Mary. Are there others?

The people may include the names of those for whom they are praying either silently or aloud.

I ask your thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life [_____].

The people may add their petitions silently or aloud.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom God has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify God in our own day.

The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.

Confession of Sin

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The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel. Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

**A Prayer for Those Celebrating
Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries in August**

BCP p. 830
Prayer 50

Included in our prayers are those served by our Visitor Ministry with birthdays this month: Lii Lii Viola (Aug. 3), Sue Mack (Aug. 4), and Lee Covey (Aug. 28).

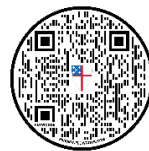
O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray on your servants who are celebrating birthdays or wedding anniversaries this month. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant then shares an offertory sentence.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

*The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table.
Online gifts may be made using the QR code to the right.*



PIANO OFFERING: The Last Supper

Mario Castelnuovo Tedesco

Charles Hulin, pianist

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Doxology

Old 100th

A musical score for a doxology in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of the doxology, and the second system covers the last two lines, ending with a double bar line.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise

him a-bove ye heav' nly host; praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appropriate.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first system of musical notation for 'SANCTUS'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and' are written below the staves.

might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody from the first system. The lyrics 'might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,' are written below the staves. The blank line indicates a continuation of the word 'might'.

God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody. The lyrics 'God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are' are written below the staves. The blank line indicates a continuation of the word 'might'.

full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The fourth system of musical notation. It concludes the phrase 'full of your glory'. The lyrics 'full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -' are written below the staves. The blank line indicates a continuation of the word 'full'.

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

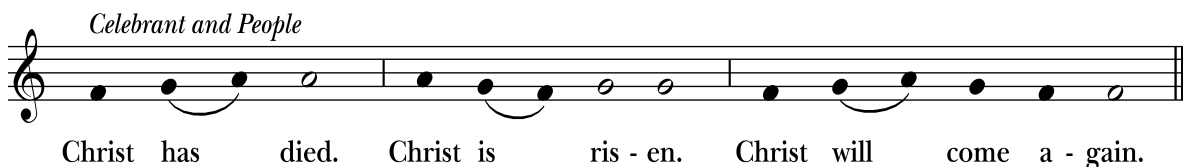
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

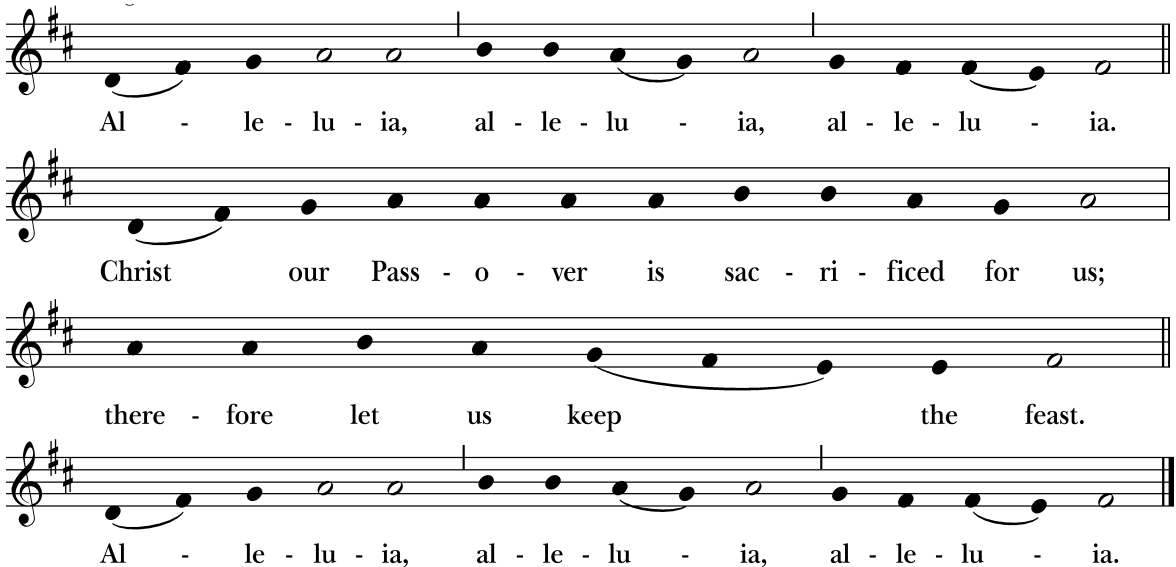
People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. A gluten-free option is available upon request. For further instructions about Holy Communion, see the note to our visitors in the back of the bulletin.

The choir often begins by singing while the congregation receives the Sacrament. Following the choir's musical offering, please join in as we sing the Communion Hymn together.

COMMUNION MEDITATION: The Majesty and Glory of Your Name arr. Fred Bock
Charles Hulin, pianist

COMMUNION HYMN: #699 Jesus, Lover of my soul *Aberystwyth*

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant With whom will you share this communion?

Eucharistic Visitors respond with the names of those to whom they will go.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts
that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread and one cup.**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The people stand or kneel for the Post-Communion Prayer.

Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

DISMISSAL HYMN: #636 How firm a foundation, ye saints

Foundation

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Will You Come and Follow Me?

arr. P.F. Tillen

Charles Hulin, pianist

The Prayers of the People is that part of our liturgy which offers intercessions and thanksgivings to God. **Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People.** As we pray, please remember those who are ill or with other needs: Eleanor Flowers, Bob Odean, Joe Giltner, Ron Kauffman, Stephen, Sue, Dale, Mason, Joshua, the Elmore Family, Mary Curtis, Toni Piowaty, Betsy Thagard, Tawana Gibbs, Chuck King, Dottie Dalzell, MarthaJean Liberto, Al Orentas, Rita Antonelli, Jim Spry, Lori Griswold, Carter Carson, Legare Head, Susan Gibbs, Jennifer, Mary McCarty, and Marci Plati.

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Tom Darnall, *by Betsy Darnall*; in loving memory of Christopher Eugene (Gene) Staton, Jr. and his parents, Gene and Helen Staton, *by Debby Staton and their children and grandchildren*; and in loving memory of Terry Bettendorf, *by his family, Judi, Elizabeth, Hillary, and Lindsay.*

Eucharistic Visitors share the Body and Blood of Christ with those who receive care from our Visitor Ministry. We thank God for the ministry of Clint Adams, Art Mack, Judy Petersen, Anita Reid, Stan Rogan, and Bill Taylor.

To Our Visitors: We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive the Sacrament or a blessing. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. To receive Communion, simply come forward to kneel at the altar if you are able. Put one hand in the palm of the other and the Celebrant will share the Body of Christ with you. You may then intinct or drink from the Chalice. A gluten-free option is available upon request. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP				
	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 9		Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 16	
	8:45am	11:00am	8:45am	11:00am
Lay Readers/ Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Inglis	E. Christenbury	Sandra Jeffery	Bill Taylor Candace Lewis
Acolytes	Elaine Howe	Cora Fitzpatrick Emily Ann Caldwell Arlo Stephens	Don Stine	Anita Reid
Ushers	Debby Staton Clint Adams	D. Christenbury Karen Conley	Jerry Tanner Stu Holcombe	John Knapp Sandy Gulbrandsen
Greeters	Annabelle Hurd Donna Brombacher	Becky & Scott Petersen	Lynne Miller Judy Petersen	Anne Vogler Jo Stahle
Cart Drivers	George Brombacher	Sandy Skelton	Marlin Sanders	Scott Bell
Videography (Service)	N/A	David Burge	E. Wiescholek	N/A
Videography (Formation)	BJ McKee		Tom Griswold	
Refreshment Time	Margaret Barker Lynne Miller	N/A – Potluck	Carol Spencer Susan Allen	Becky & Scott Petersen
Altar Guild	Brenda Hillyer Laurie Morris (Sat.)	Lynn Savage Lucie Earhart Slava Morris (Brass)	Cathryn Harrell BJ McKee	Diane Skelton Joy Coe Jim Cooper (Brass)
Flower Guild	Elaine Howe & Virginia Rehn		Galen Reuther & Claudia Northrup	
Opening Gatekeeper	George Grzenda & BJ McKee		George Grzenda & BJ McKee	
Closing Gatekeeper	Worth Gordon		Jill Owen	



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Worship Services: 8:45 & 11:00am | Office Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm M-F

Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Children: 10:00am

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service: Wednesdays 10:30am in the Wilderness Room

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2026

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2027

Kitty Olson
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Steve Sitnick

2028

Liz Carson
Mark Delk
Worth Gordon
Lynne Miller

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Bill Williams, *Treasurers*

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Appointments: Carol Rector

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Jerry Tanner

By Laws, Canons & Insurance: Jim Olson

Christian Formation: Missy Izard

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