

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

10:00am



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

The Anglican tradition emerged as part of the Reformation of the Roman Church in the 16th century. The first book to provide a complete range of reformed services in English for this emerging tradition was the Book of Common Prayer in 1549 by Thomas Cranmer.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00am

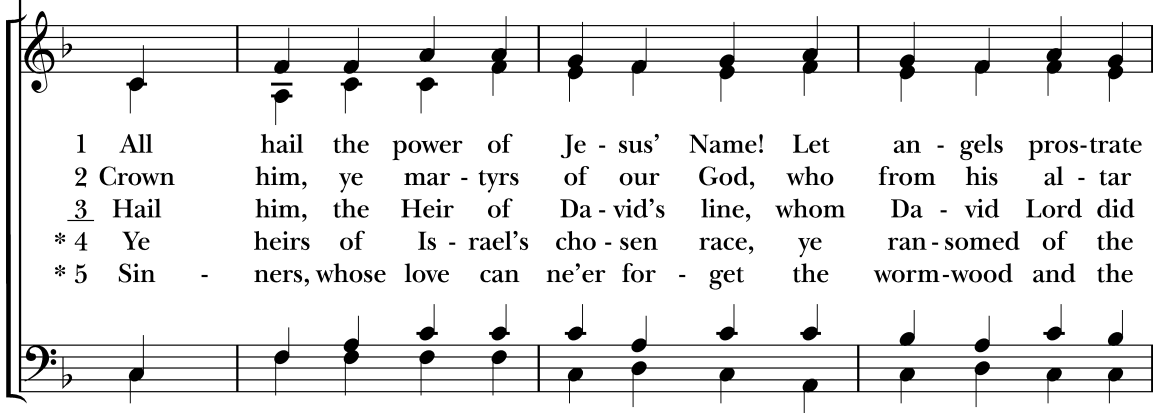
HANDBELL PRELUDE: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Dan R. Edwards
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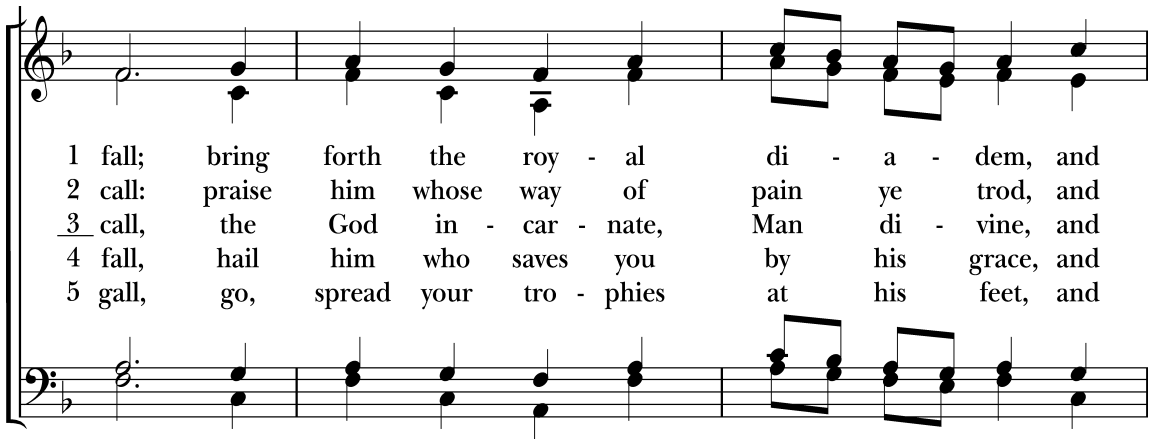
Welcome & Announcements

ENTRANCE HYMN: #450 All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation



1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the



1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

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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.**

GLORIA, from Celtic Mass

Stefan Andre Waligur

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.

3 C amin C dmin

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c

Confitemini Domino

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.

23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;

25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.

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 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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: #675 Take up your cross, the Savior said

Bourbon



1	Take	up	your	cross,	the	Sa - vior	said,	if	
2	Take	up	your	cross,	let	not	its	weight	fill
3	Take	up	your	cross,	heed	not	the	shame,	and
4	Take	up	your	cross,	then,	in	his	strength,	and
5	Take	up	your	cross,	and	fol - low	Christ,	nor	



1	you	would	my	dis -	ci - ple	be;	take	up	your	cross	with	
2	your	weak	spi -	rit	with	a -	larm;	his	strength	shall	bear	your
3	let	your	fool -	ish	heart	be	still;	the	Lord	for	you	ac -
4	calm -	ly	ev -	ery	dan -	ger	brave:	it	guides	you	to	a -
5	think	till	death	to	lay	it	down;	for	on -	ly	those	who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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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 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Josh Stephens

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 Eddie Besancon and Joe Giltner. Pray for the family and friends who grieve their passing.

I ask your prayers for Eleanor, Bob, Ron, Stephen, Sue, Dale, Mason, Joshua, the Elmore Family, Mary, Toni, Betsy, Tawana, Chuck, Dottie, MarthaJean, Al, Rita, Jim, Lori, Carter, Legare, Susan, Jennifer, Mary, Katherine, Arthur, Chris, Sam, John, Kelsey, Linda, and John. We also pray for Maggie, Kat, Rosanna, and their families as they prepare for babies to be born. 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, especially St. John in the Wilderness Mountain Biking. Are there others?

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. 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.*



OFFERTORY MUSIC: I Will Arise

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, o there are ten thousand charms.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Doxology

Old 100th

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 Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361

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 bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is primarily composed of half notes and whole notes, with some rests. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and' are written below the notes.

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 notes. The melody includes a long note with a fermata over it.

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 notes. The melody includes a long note with a fermata over it.

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

The fourth system of musical notation. It concludes the melody. The lyrics 'full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -' are written below the notes. The melody includes a long note with a fermata over it.

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 musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in a key of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: '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 score includes various musical notations such as whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes, rests, and ties. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

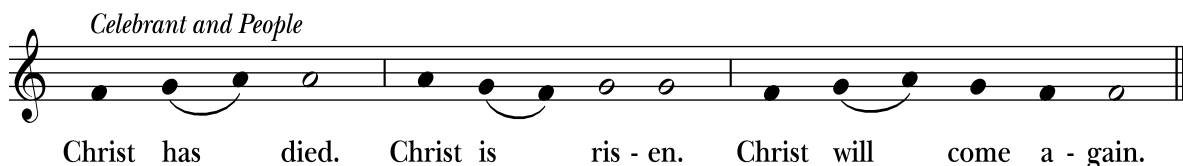
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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.**

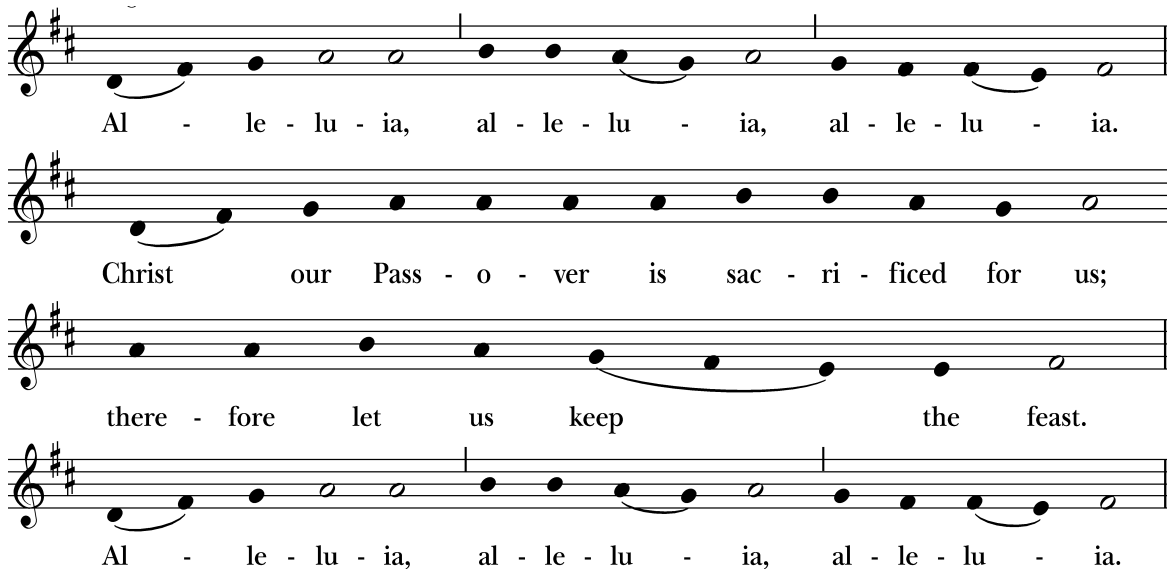
**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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 ANTHEM: Agnus Dei

Andrew Parr

Charles Hulin, accompanist

Latin text: *Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi.*

Miserere nobis Domine.

Dona nobis pacem Domine. Amen.

Translation: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: #335 I am the bread of life

I Am the Bread of Life



1	I	am	the	bread	of	life;_____	they	who
2 (The)	Bread	that_____	I	will	give_____	is	my	
3 (Un-)	less_____			you	eat_____	of	the	
4	I	am	the	re -	sur	-	rec -	tion,_____
5 (Yes,)	Lord,_____	we	be	-	lieve_____	that_____		



1	come	to	me	shall	not_____	hun -	ger;	they	who	be -
2	Flesh	for	the	life	of the	world,_____	and	they	who	
3	Flesh	of	the	Son	of_____	Man_____		and_____		
4	I_____	am	the_____		life._____	They	who	be -		
5	you_____	are	the_____		Christ,_____	the_____				



1	lieve	in	me	shall	not	thirst.	No	one	can	come	to
2	eat_____	of	this	bread,		they	shall_____	live	for		
3	drink_____	of	his	Blood,	you	shall	not	have	life	with -	
4	lieve_____	in	me,			e -	ven_____	if	they	-	
5	Son_____	of	God			who_____		has			



1	me_____	un	-	less	the_____	Fa -	ther	draw	them.
2	ev -	er._____		they	shall_____	live	for	ev -	er.
3	in	you.	you	shall	not	have	life	with -	in
4	die,_____			they	shall_____	live	for	ev -	er.
5	come_____	in	-	to_____		the_____		world._____	

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

1-4

last day.

2 The
3 Un- day.
4 —
5 Yes,
(z)

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

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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: #477 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Engelberg



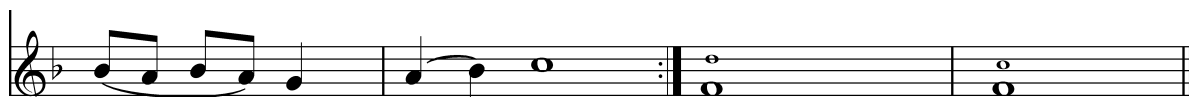
1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord



1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;



1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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, 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, Katherine Gee, Arthur Zellner, Chris Walker, Sam, John Merrill, Kelsey, Linda Giltner, and John DeForest.

The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Darrell Menscer, *by Gaston and Nelson Motes.*

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				
	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 30 10:00am		Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6 8:45am 11:00am	
Lay Readers/ Eucharistic Ministers	Candace Lewis Stan Rogan		Judy Petersen	Bill Taylor
Acolytes	Anita Reid		Laura Teel	Beau Singletary Arlo Stephens
Ushers	Lisa Kauffman Bettie Orr		Jodi Sundeen Debby Staton	Bettie Orr Lisa Kauffman
Greeters	Cindy Brodie Annabelle Hurd Jo Stahle Anne Vogler		Worth Gordon Cathryn Harrell	Jann & Jim Cooper
Cart Drivers	N/A		George Grzenda & BJ McKee	John Knapp
Videography (Service)	BJ McKee		Jennifer Shelton	N/A
Videography (Formation)	N/A – Coffee Hour		N/A – Breakfast	
Refreshment Time	N/A – Coffee Hour		N/A – Breakfast	N/A – Breakfast
Altar Guild	Brenda Hillyer Anne Hobbs Laurie Morris Virginia Rehn (Sat.) Rick Rehn (Brass)		Candace Lewis Kathy Newbold Elaine Harris (Sat.)	Diane Skelton Joy Coe Gibson Sims (Brass)
Flower Guild	Patrice German & Sandy Gulbrandsen		Patrice German & Sandy Gulbrandsen	
Opening Gatekeeper	George Grzenda & BJ McKee		David Dethero	
Closing Gatekeeper	Jill Owen		Sandy Skelton	



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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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Jim Cooper, *Junior Warden (2027)*

2026

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Sandy Skelton

2027

Kitty Olson
Catherine Popp
Steve Sittnick

2028

Liz Carson
Mark Delk
Worth Gordon
Lynne Miller

PARISH OFFICERS

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Bill Williams, *Treasurers*

Kim Sanders, *Clerk*

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Appointments: Carol Rector

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By Laws, Canons & Insurance: Jim Olson

Christian Formation: Missy Izard

Communications & Publicity: Joey Popp

Finance: Gary German

Historic Churchyard Committee: Sandy Rex

New Member Ministry: Brenda Hillyer & Judy Petersen

Outreach: Jennifer Shelton

Personnel: Margaret Barker

Stewardship: Jim and Jann Cooper

OTHER COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES

Acolytes: Laura Teel

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Docents: Polly Morrice & Scott Bell

Endowment Trustees: Mike Teel

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