

**Saint John's Episcopal Church, Concord**

**576 Concord Road, Glen Mills, PA 19342**

*Founded 1702*

*Celebrating 318 Years of Worship*

*The Reverend Daniel W. Hinkle, M.Div. – Interim Rector*



**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 18 Year A  
Labor Day Weekend**

**8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship**

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## The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

### *Good Morning and Welcome!*

*The usher has a list of those who signed up ahead of time for worship. They will be seated first. If there is room, those who did not sign up ahead of time may then be seated. We are limited to 35 people in the church for both worship services plus an additional 35 in the parish hall during 10 am worship.*

*All children (older than two years) and all adults must wear a mask and observe appropriate physical distancing at all times. Keep your distance and refrain from shaking hands, hugging, or touching. Hand sanitizer is available for your convenience. We ask that you only use the old bathrooms located in the main entrance to the parish hall and across from the kitchen. Children must stay with their parents/guardians at all times.*

*Everything you need for worship is in this leaflet. The Episcopal Church practices open Communion, which means that if you are a baptized Christian, regardless of denomination, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Let the priest know if you want gluten-free Bread. If you do not want to receive Communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Cross your hands over your heart as a sign to the priest.*

*Perhaps you have not been regular in attending church or have been away from church for a while. You are especially welcome. Please sign our Guest Book in the vestibule and make yourself known to our priest. When you are comfortable here and ready to talk about becoming a member of The Episcopal Church, or if you want to start up/start over, please speak with our priest who is glad to help.*

***BCP - Indicates Book of Common Prayer***

***\* Indicates please stand if you are able***

***+ You may make the sign of the cross***

***Church Bell is Rung.***

*8:00 am Silent entrance of the Ministers. Remain seated.*

### **Announcements**

***Please be sure to place your offerings in the Offering Plate as you enter the church before going to your pew.***

## The Word of God

### **\* Worship begins**

**BCP, p. 323**

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

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

### **\* The Collect for Purity**

**BCP, p. 323**

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

**\* The Summary of the Law**

**BCP, p. 324**

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**\* Song of Praise: Trisagion** *(Repeated three times)*

**BCP, p. 324**

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
People: **Have mercy upon us.**

**The Collect for the Day**

**BCP, p. 181**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(All kneel or be seated with bowed heads)* Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

**\*The Collect for Labor Day**

**BCP, p. 216**

Celebrant: Almighty God, who hast so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.** *(All are seated)*

**Lessons for 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 18 Year A - New Revised Common Lectionary  
New Revised Standard Version of the Bible**

**First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

“The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will

strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 149** (*Read as directed by the Leader*)

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*

and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*

let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*

and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains \*

and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*

this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

**Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14**

Reader: A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Christians in Rome.

“Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in

reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\* **The Gospel: John 9:8-41** (*For the Sermon Series “SIGNS” on the Gospel of John*)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

“The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become

blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Sermon:**        ***“Jesus vs. Karma” - Part 6b of “SIGNS”***  
                  ***Continuing the Sermon Series on the Gospel of John***

**Fr. Dan +**

**\* The Nicene Creed** *(Said in Unison)*

**BCP, p. 326**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

BCP, p. 329

Leader: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*(Kneel or be seated with bowed heads)*

Leader: Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially to Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; to Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; to Daniel, our Bishop; to Miguel, priest of St. Andrews our companion church in the Diocese of Guatemala; to Dan, our Interim Rector; and to Asha our Guest Priest; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially the elected officials in our local communities; Tom, our Governor; and Donald our President; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We especially remember all victims of manmade climate change wherever it is occurring.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those mentioned in our Parish Prayer List, and all those who, in this transitory life, are shut-in, in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or in any other adversity. We especially remember those who are ill from the Corona Virus, those serving in the medical professions during the Corona Virus Pandemic, those in the military, in law enforcement, and other dangerous professions; and we pray for our enemies, that all of our hearts may be turned to peace.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; for meaningful work and a living wage; for the beauty of your very good creation; for internet technologies that have kept us connected during these necessary times of physical distancing; for those celebrating birthdays this week: Kim, Austin, Barbara, John, Natalie, Nancy, Jon, Sean, Lou, Deborah and Lisa; and anniversaries: Whitney & Dan, Barbara & Ted, and Melody & Bill.

And we also bless thy holy Name + for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially Jean, Newton, Timothy, Wilbur and Taylor, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. John our Patron and all of thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *(BCP, p. 823 # 25)*

Leader: Let us also pray for the calling of a new Rector for St. John's Church:

All: **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of the Search Committee and Vestry who shall choose a new Rector for this parish, that we may receive a**

**faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** (BCP, p. 818 #13)

Leader: Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.  
All: **Amen.**

**The Confession of Sin**

**BCP, p. 331**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. (*Kneel or be seated with bowed heads*)

*Silence*

Celebrant: **Most merciful God,**

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you +, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. All: **Amen.**

**The Comfortable Words**

**BCP, p. 332**

Celebrant says one or more of the following: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

“Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.” *Matthew 11:28*

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” *John 3:16*

“This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” *1 Timothy 1:15*

“If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.” *1 John 2:1-2*

**\* The Peace** (*All stand*)

**BCP, p. 332**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*(As a precaution against the spread of corona virus, instead of shaking hands, touching, or hugging, please bow, wave, or share the peace sign during the passing of the Peace. Thank you for your understanding.)*

**Announcements** (*All seated*)

**Birthdays and Anniversaries - A Birthday Prayer** (BCP, p. 830 #51)

All: **Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory

Celebrant says Offertory Sentence and then prepares the Altar for Holy Communion.

### \* Presentation of Gifts

*(After Altar is prepared for Holy Communion, Usher brings up the Offering Plate.)*

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

All: **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

### \* The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I

BCP, p. 333

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God...

## Proper Preface of the Lord's Day

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

...Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he + that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The people kneel or stand)*

Celebrant: All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All: **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP, p. 336**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **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)*

**BCP, p. 337**

*Silence*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**Invitation to Communion**

**BCP, p. 338**

**Celebrant:** 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 Usher will let you know when to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Only four unrelated people may be at the Altar Rail at a time, but families may come forward together. We will receive the Bread only. After you have received Holy Communion, please leave the Altar Rail through the sacristy to the left. Go outside and return to your pew via the church front door.)*

**Postcommunion Prayer** *(Kneel or be seated with bowed heads)*

**BCP, p. 339**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**Closing Blessing**

**BCP, p. 339**

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. All: **Amen.**

*\* Silent exit of the Ministers. Candles are extinguished.*

**\* Dismissal**

**BCP, p. 339**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



**Announcements**

**Meetings and Events Today and This Week  
The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, September 6**

**Green Phase Begins Today**

- 8:00 am – Traditional Language Rite I Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am – Family Contemporary Holy Eucharist with Music  
Children’s Message in the Big Church
- 11:00 am – Fellowship Outside the Parish Hall (Weather Permitting)

**Church Office Hours**

Mondays – Fridays, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm  
*Church Office Closed for Labor Day, Monday, September 7*

### **Results of Last Week's Surveys**

As a result of our parish wide surveys, we will continue to have two Worship Services on Sunday mornings through the fall. Traditional Rite I Holy Eucharist with Sermon will be held at 8:00 am as usual, and Family Contemporary Holy Eucharist with Music and Messages for Children and Adults will be at 10:00 am. Weather permitting, Fellowship will be held outside the parish hall at 11:00 am. A Sunday School Lesson will be on Zoom at 11:30 am. This schedule is subject to change as needed.

### **2020/2021 Season Begins**

#### **Rally Sunday! September 13th at 11:30 am after 10:00 am Worship**

Sign up for this event using Signup Genius and then come park in the special chalk outlined parking spaces. The Sign up Genius link was sent to all Sunday School Families this week. If you did not receive the email and want to sign up, please call Joan Marie in the Church Office. Bring some snacks and drinks for your family. We will have ice cream! We will have tables with goody bags and crafts for the children. Our theme this fall is Heroes of the Bible and each child will have a superhero cape and mask to decorate. There will be games and fun for the whole family!

#### **Zoom Wednesday Morning Prayer Resumes, Wednesday, September 9, at 11:00 am**

The Zoom Meeting ID is 955-049-2211. Password is 1702. The worship Booklet can be found on the Home Page of the church's Website. Please join us.

#### **Zoom Bible Study Resumes, Wednesday Evening, September 9, at 7:00 pm**

The Zoom Meeting ID is 955-049-2211, and the password is 1702. Please join us.

#### **Zoom Vestry Meeting Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 pm**

The Zoom Meeting ID is 955-049-2211. Password is 1702.

#### **Food Deliveries to St Mary's are Beginning Again**

During September, we will begin to deliver food to St Mary's Food Cupboard again. Please support this collection by dropping your donations in the bin in the church entryway or at the Church Office.

#### **Search Committee Update**

The period for accepting applications is over. Nine applications have been received, and interviews with each candidate are currently being conducted. Please continue praying for the Search Committee members as they work to find the next Rector.

#### **Time to order new Church Envelopes**

Our counting teams rely on the use of church envelopes for record keeping and auditing; however, in the spirit of cost consciousness, we want to make sure that envelopes are only going to parishioners who want them. If you would like to receive envelopes and currently do not, or if you do receive envelopes and you do not want them, or if you have any other questions about the recording of your contributions, please contact Dorothy Collman at [DottieAnne@aol.com](mailto:DottieAnne@aol.com).

#### **Be Safe. Be Well. The Corona Virus Is Still With Us**

We must not become complacent. Avoid crowds. Wear a mask if you go out. Observe physical distancing. Wash your hands with soap and warm water.

#### **"Sign-Up Genius" for Worship**

Seating for worship is limited to 35 people in the church building for both services plus an additional 35 seats in the parish hall for the 10:00 am service only. The priest, deacon, deacon helpers, acolytes, lay readers, ushers, musicians, and video persons will all be signed up by the Church Administrator. Everyone else must

sign-up for worship every Sunday using the “Sign Up Genius.” “Sign Up Genius” has been emailed to everyone via Constant Contact. If you have any questions, contact Joan Marie Lupi, Church Administrator at [office@saintjohnsconcord.com](mailto:office@saintjohnsconcord.com) or 610-459-2994 during regular church office hours.

### **Masks and Appropriate Physical Distancing Required**

Be sure to provide your own masks and remember to bring them to church with you. All children older than 2 years and adults are required to wear masks. There will be no exceptions. Even Fr. Dan will be wearing a mask. Think of this as one way to live out the Golden Rule. We wear our masks for the health and well-being of others as we would have them wear their masks for us. Please observe appropriate physical distancing at all times.

### **Green Phase II: Beginning Sunday, September 6, 2020**

The good news is that the number of Corona Virus infections in the Philadelphia area has been steadily decreasing. In response our Bishop has given permission for churches to move to the Green Phase. We will now move from 25 to 35 people in church or the parish hall. All other safety protocols, such as wearing masks, physical distancing, and no singing, remain in place. The Vestry and Fr. Dan view as primary the health and well-being of church members, paid staff, and visitors. Thank you.

1) Sunday Worship will be at 8:00 am & 10:00 am.

Ms. Margie Hatcher will give her Children’s Message in the Big Church at 10:00 am.

Weather permitting, Fellowship will be held outside the parish hall at 11:00 am.

Zoom Sunday School Lessons will be at 11:30 am.

2) Attendance will be limited to 35 in the church at each service with additional overflow of 35 in parish hall for 10:00 am.

A video connection will be provided, and communion will be brought to parish hall.

3) Electronic Sign-Up for each service will be available.

4) Face Masks must be worn by everyone, even Fr. Dan.

Bring your own from home for your whole family.

5) Physical distancing will be observed.

6) If you are sick, you may not come to church. Please stay home and view the live-streamed worship service.

7) If you have an underlying medical condition, particularly if not well controlled, it is highly recommended that you stay home and view the live-streamed worship service.

8) 10:00 am Worship will be Live-Streamed.

### **Directions for Viewing Live-Streamed Worship Services**

Please visit the Home Page of the Church’s Website [www.saintjohnsconcord.com](http://www.saintjohnsconcord.com) for directions on how and when to view the live-streamed Worship Services. Worship Booklets and Music can also be found on the Home Page. Margie will post her Children’s Messages on the Church Facebook page.

### **Parish Weekly Prayer List**

*Please Note: After the last Sunday of each month, all names will be removed from the Parish Weekly Prayer List. If you would like a name or names to remain on the Prayer List for another month, please be sure to contact the Parish Administrator, Joan Marie Lupi, by email at [office@saintjohnsconcord.com](mailto:office@saintjohnsconcord.com) or by phone at 610-459-2994, no later than the Thursday morning before the first Sunday of the month. You may add or remove names from the Prayer List at any time as well. Please always include first names; last names are optional. We apologize if we make a mistake and appreciate corrections. Thank you.*

**Birthdays:**

|               |              |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Kim Collins   | September 6  | Austin Angus  | September 7  |
| Barbara Stipa | September 7  | John Lynam    | September 9  |
| Natalie Lynam | September 9  | Nancy Diggins | September 10 |
| Jon Masishin  | September 10 | Sean Conn     | September 11 |
| Lou Olivieri  | September 12 | Deborah Olsen | September 12 |
| Lisa Winnick  | September 12 |               |              |

**Anniversaries:**

|                       |              |                     |             |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Whitney & Dan Smith   | September 7  | Barbara & Ted Stipa | September 7 |
| Melody & Bill Calhoun | September 11 |                     |             |

**Please pray daily for the work and ministry of St. John’s and of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, as well as that of our companion diocese in Guatemala, for all clergy, lay people, committees and programs.**

**We pray for the victims of manmade climate change wherever it is occurring; and we always remember the poor and the oppressed**

**Please keep the following folks in your Prayers**

|               |               |                      |                 |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Ed Borer      | Mickey        | Father John Sorensen | Kay Keenan      |
| Barrie Parker | Mackenna      | Robin Harper Martin  | John Slowick    |
| Heather       | Branan Cooper | Dody Maher           | Philip Thompsen |

**Those serving in the Military and other Dangerous Professions**

*A Prayer for those in the Armed Forces of our Country BCP, p. 823*

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| J. Andrew Hinkle, CG        | Daniel Stock, USN  |
| Steven Michael Pascal, Navy | Scott Lister, Navy |
| Kyle Mullen, Army           | Anna Harris, Navy  |
| Tyler Faison, Marines       |                    |

**Jesus taught us to pray for our enemies, that all our hearts may be turned to peace.**

*A Prayer for our Enemies, BCP, p. 816*

**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of:**

**Jean & Newton Ryerson and Timothy Ryerson from Amy & Ed Borer  
Wilbur Stone and Taylor Stone from Dianna & Tom Stone**

**Today's 8:00 AM Worship Participants**

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Daniel W. Hinkle  
Reader: Dexter Armistead  
Acolyte: Ed Gibson  
Usher: Mark Mowrer  
Counters: Bill & Carol Angus  
Altar Guild: Carol Angus, Marti Keenan, Tracey Payne

**Vestry Members, Wardens and Officers**

Class of Feb. 7, 2021

Bill Calhoun, Steve Carmichael, Mary Pat Lynam, John Pachkowski, Ted Stipa

Class of Feb. 6, 2022

Burt Blackburn, Diane Carlin, Mary Gonzalez, Gerry Tierney, Danielle Yoch

Officers

Martha Pearlman, Rector's Warden  
Burt Blackburn, Treasurer

Ted Stipa, Vestry Warden  
Mary Gonzalez, Vestry Secretary

**Delegates & Alternates to Diocesan Convention & Brandywine Deanery**

Lay Delegates: Burt Blackburn, Sue Hammer, Ann Moses  
Lay Alternate: Peggy Long

**New Rector Search Committee**

*For Bios and Photos of those serving on the Search Committee, please visit the Church Website and click on the Search Committee dropdown under the New Rector Search tab at top of Home page.*

Chair: Danielle Yoch, Co-Chair: John Pachkowski, Corresponding Secretary: John Lynam, Recording Secretary: Jacqui Dunn,  
Cathy Blackburn, Diane Carlin, Emily Hammer, Ann McGonigal, Maureen Thompson.

### **Church Staff**

**Jessica Villante, Music Director**

**Chris Villante, Interim Organist/Keyboardist**

**Josef Samargia – Baritone Soloist**

**Margaret Hatcher, Children’s Chapel**

**Kevin Werner and Ron Arrants – Sextons**

**Joan Marie Lupi, Parish Administrator**

Church Phone: 610-459-2994 Church Email: [office@saintjohnsconcord.com](mailto:office@saintjohnsconcord.com)

**The Rev. Daniel W. Hinkle, Interim Rector**

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### **Mission of Saint John’s**

**To be a welcoming community committed to  
seeking, serving, and growing in Christ.**

**Our vision is to grow with intent. We will maintain intimacy by gathering in  
groups; reach all generations through fellowship; advance our mission through a vital program of  
outreach; nurture spiritual growth through worship, music, education and pastoral care; encourage  
commitment to effective ministry;  
and support the church through stewardship.  
Saint John’s is a Heart-friendly Church.**