# SAINT JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Rooted in God, Growing in Faith*

# *25th Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 28*
## *Morning Prayer Rite II*
## November 15, 2026 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

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**Mission of Saint John's:**
**To be a welcoming community committed to seeking, serving, and growing in Christ.**

*Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God.*
*St. John's welcomes all to our diverse, inclusive, and affirming community.*

**How to Worship with Us – Welcome to Saint John's, Concord!** This bulletin contains our readings and page numbers to use our Book of Common Prayer (smaller black book with gold cross). We use three hymnals: the red *Hymnal 1982* (these hymns are noted with "Hymnal"), the black *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (hymns are designated by LEVAS), and the green *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (designated by WLP). Some of our service music is printed on a separate card (*see pew card*). Please fill out one of the visitors' cards in the pew or use the QR code so that we can help you get to know Saint John's. **Restrooms are located in the building across the drive.**

***Music offerings are only at the 10:00 service.***

**Prelude** ***This Little Light of Mine*** **arr Jason Tonioli**

**Processional Hymn** ***O God our Help in Ages Past*** **Hymnal 680**

1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2 under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,

and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

***O God, our help in ages past***, #680 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90. Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

**Opening Acclamation** *All standing if able.*
*Liturgist*: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;
***People:*** **Give thanks to God and call upon his Name.**

**Confession of Sin** *All kneeling if able* **BCP, p. 79**

*Liturgist:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

***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.**

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

**The Invitatory and Psalter** *Standing if able.*

*Liturgist*: God, open our lips.

***People:*** **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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

**Venite** *Psalm 95 In Unison.* **BCP, p. 82**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Responsive Reading** ***Ad te levavi oculos meos*** **Psalm 123**

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Holy One our God, *
until God shows us mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

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

**First Reading** **Judges 4:1-7**

*Lector*: A Reading from the book of Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. ***People:*** **Thanks be to God.**

**The Third Song of Isaiah** *In unison; All standing, if able.* **BCP, p. 87**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.
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.

**The Second Lesson** **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

*Lector:* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. ***People*: Thanks be to God.**

**The Song of Zechariah** *In unison; All standing, if able.* **BCP, p. 92**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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.

**Gospel Hymn** ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*** **Hymnal 657**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,

lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***Love divine, all loves excelling***, #657 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

**Third Reading** **Matthew 25:14-30**

*Lector*: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. ***People:*** **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon** **Ms. Margie Hatcher**

**Reflection Hymn** ***Lord of All Hopefulness*** **Hymnal 482**

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,

be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

***Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy***, #482 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953). By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Slane,* Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary,*1927; harm. *Hymnal 1982.*

**The Apostles' Creed** *In unison; All standing, if able.* **BCP, p. 96**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**
**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**
**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Liturgist*: The Lord be with you. ***People:*** **And also with you.**
*Liturgist:* Let us pray.

**The Lord's Prayer** *(In Unison)* **BCP, p. 97**

**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.***

**Prayers of the People: Every Perfect Gift** *Stewardship 2027*

*Reader*: In gratitude for all we have received, every perfect gift that comes from God above, we pray for the Church, founded on the gift of your Word, and for all who gather to worship, praise, and learn. Pour your blessings on Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, Presiding Bishop; our Bishop Daniel, and our clergy Jill, Terry, and Elizabeth, and Padre Miguel. Pray for the Church.
May we who witness your saving acts in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift,
***People: Which comes from God above.***

*Reader*: We pray for the world, your greatest Gift to us, and the gift of all Creation. We pray for the welfare of our planet, and for the wise stewardship of our world. Bless and guide our President, our legislative and judicial institutions, and the members of our local government. May they forever care for the people they represent and work for peace and justice.
May we who witness your power in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift,
***People:*** **Which comes from God above.**

*Reader:* We pray for the work of our church in the world. As we enter this season of intention and focus on the gifts that we give, inspire us to be generous with our time, our talent, and our treasure.

May we who witness the impact of our gifts in our community be grateful for Every Perfect Gift,
***People:*** **Which comes from God above.**

*Reader:* We pray for our neighbors and those on our prayer list. We remember the sick, the lonely, the suffering; for all who give care and comfort to those in need; for the poor and those who sleep on our streets; and for those who have died. We pray for those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts *[silence may be kept for a time]*.
May we who witness your healing in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift,
***People:*** **Which comes from God above.**

*Reader:* We give thanks for the gifts of time, talent and treasure given by the people of Saint John's. This week we lift up our Sunday School and Youth Group volunteers.
May we who witness your healing in the world, be grateful for Every Perfect Gift,
***People:*** **Which comes from God above.**

*Reader:* With grateful hearts we thank you, Abundant God, for hearing the faithful prayers of your people, granting them grace, love and blessings for Every Perfect Gift. ***People:*** **Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**
*Liturgist:* Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Collect for Veterans' Day**
*Liturgist:* O God of peace, we give thanks for military men and women, both from the past and present, and for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people to secure the blessings of life, liberty, and justice for all. May our remembrance be a timely reminder that our freedom was purchased at high cost, and should not be taken for granted. Give us resolve to labor in faithful service to you until all share the benefits of freedom, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***Liturgist may add additional prayers here.***

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Birthday/Anniversary Prayer** *(Prayer #51, BCP p. 830) See pew card.*
Watch over your child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up when *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For 10:00 Only*
**Choir Offertory** ***God So Loved the World*** **John Stainer**
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**General Thanksgiving** (*In Unison)* **BCP, p. 101**

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,**
**we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks**
**for all your goodness and loving-kindness**
**to us and to all whom you have made.**
**We bless you for our creation, preservation,**
**and all the blessings of this life;**
**but above all for your immeasurable love**
**in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**
**for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**
**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,**
**that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,**
**not only with our lips, but in our lives,**
**by giving up our selves to your service,**
**and by walking before you**
**in holiness and righteousness all our days;**
**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**
**to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,**
**be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom** **BCP, p. 102**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn** ***Hark! The Voice of Jesus is Calling*** **LEVAS 126**

1 Hark! The voice of Jesus calling,
Who will go and work today?
Fields are ripe the harvest waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?

*Loud and long the Master calleth,*
*Rich reward He offers free;*
*Who will answer, gladly saying,*
*"Here am I, send me, send me."*

2 Let none hear you idly saying,
There is nothing I can do;
While the souls of some are dying,
And the Master calls for you. *Refrain*

3 Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,

"Here am I, send me, send me." *Refrain*

***Here Am I, Send Me***, #126 from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* — Words: Daniel March. Music: J. C. Lenderman.

**Dismissal** – *The Deacon sends us into the mission field. Worship has ended; our service to God and our neighbors begins.*

**Postlude** ***Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit***

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**Service Participants**

*Deacon:* Rev. Elizabeth Brickle
*Preacher:* Margie Hatcher
*Altar Guild*: Tracey Payne & Dolly Constable
*Counters*: Tracey Payne & Melody Calhoun
*Coffee Hour Host:* Carol Angus
*Tech Team*: Bill Klingler, Phil Thompsen, Alex Brickle & Patti Doyle

**8:00 AM**
*Liturgist:* Paul Costello
*Usher:* Dick Constable
*Lector:* Dolly Constable

**10:00 AM**
*Organist:* Laura Seidelmann
*Choir Director*: Martin Hinkley
*Lectors:* Mary Alice Peeling & Melody Calhoun
*Crucifer:* Dean Dannaker
*Ushers:* Greg Moore & Bob Sullivan

**Parish Weekly Prayer List**

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**Please keep the following people in your prayers**

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*For the concerns on our hearts and for those who have no one to name them.*

**Birthdays**: Alexandra Stoops Emily Olsen Katelyn Sharp Darree Clark Steve Long Bill O'Neill, Jr. Gretchen Stiteler Bryan Ely D. Thomas Carliss Andrew Warlow

**Anniversaries:** Hope & Joseph Diehl; Marshall Pierson & Tommy Toner; Donna & Gary Tierney