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Hill Country Flood Response

To support flood relief efforts, place your monetary donation in the plate marked “Flood Relief” or give online using the QR code. All funds are being sent to the Diocese for distribution through local leaders in the Texas Hill Country. Volunteer opportunities will be organized in the coming months.

Sunday Morning 10 a.m. Offerings

- Parenting Perspectives meets every Sunday | Conference Room
- What is Your Bible and What Does It Do? Through August 31 | Parish Hall
- Sunday Funday for ages 5 - 10 (and youth helpers!) through Labor Day | Children’s Gathering Room

Pack The Bus - School Supply Donation Drive for Communities in Schools

Every child deserves to start the school year feeling prepared. St. John’s is partnering with CIS to collect school supplies through the end of July. Bring supplies to the office this week or use the QR code to shop our Amazon wish list!

SOS Food Bank Needs Tomato Sauce and Mac & Cheese!

Drop donations in the narthex, Church Office, or shop the Amazon wish list (link at QR code above)

Youth Summer Outreach Opportunities | Learn more and register in the Church Center app

We’ve had a great time serving together this Summer! Our last Summer Outreach Opportunity is this week: Wednesday, July 30, 1 - 4 p.m. at New Braunfels Food Bank - Help with warehouse and pantry duties.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER for Children & Youth Choir Camp “Heroes of the Bible”

August 11 - 14 from 1 - 4 p.m. | Registration CLOSES July 31! | Register in the Church Center app

Choir Campers (grades K-8) will have fun with friends as they sing, play instruments, hear Bible stories, and play music games!

Church Center Training | August 10 at 10 a.m. in the Youth Room

Still figuring out the Church Center app? You’re not alone! Join Kelly to learn how to sign up for events, connect with groups, and stay in the loop at St. John’s. Bring your phone, questions, and an open mind—it’s easier than you think!

Family Ministry Retreat | August 10 & 24 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

As St. John’s grows, so does our commitment to supporting families. Families of babies - 5th graders are invited to a two-part Family Ministry retreat exploring the joys and challenges of Christian parenting and how our church can walk alongside you. Lunch and childcare provided. All who parent—including grandparents and guardians—are encouraged to attend both sessions from 12:30–2:30 p.m. Please register in the Church Center app!

Women’s Yoga | Saturday, August 16 from 9 - 11 a..m in the Parish hall

As the pace of fall picks up, take a moment to slow down and care for yourself. St. John’s Women’s Group invites you to a relaxing yoga session followed by light refreshments. Our instructor will guide us through a gentle flow suitable for all levels—so come as you are! Don’t forget your mat (BYOM), and feel free to bring extras to share. RSVP in Church Center!

Lots to celebrate at St. John’s! Sunday, August 17 | Read all the details in this week’s eNews!

- 8:45 and 11 a.m. Services: Acolyte Awards, Backpack Blessings, Children’s Chapel
- 10 a.m.: Small Group Meet & Greet, Prayer Buddy Social
- 11 a.m.: Choir Camp participants will sing during the service
- 12:15 p.m.: Celebratory Potluck

St. John's Day at Schlitterbahn | September 1 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

We'll gather at Surfenburg Park (near Kiddie Coast) in Schlitterbahn East. Come and go as you’d like—our group spot will be available all day. Please register in the Church Center app so we can reserve enough picnic tables. If you’re able to arrive early and help claim space, contact Kelly Jackson (kelly@stjohnsnb.com). Purchase your park ticket early for the best price!

**St. John’s Days:** How will you be *generous* with your time and talents through St. John’s this year? Join us on the Sundays listed below to explore the many ways you can get involved in the life of our church. We invite you to consider committing to at least one ministry in each category—Worship, Outreach, and Nurture.

**August 24:** Nurture Ministries, **August 31:** Worship Ministries, **September 7:** Outreach Ministries



St. John's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 27, 2025

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by John Richard and Elizabeth Gentry  
in thanksgiving for their son Hank on his third birthday. The flowers are arranged by Sherri Lowe.*

ST. JOHN’S CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway, Rector	Valerie Thompson, Director of Music & Organist
The Rev. Matthew Bloss, Curate	Kelly Jackson, Director of Family Ministry & Parish Life
Riva Heron, Seminarian	Marjorie Nolan, Director of Children & Special Events
Jenny Montgomery, Administrative Assistant to the Rector	Lauren Koops, Assistant Youth Minister
Desiree Moultrie, Director of Finance and Operations	Ben Sykora, AV Tech Lead
Grace Symmons, Director of Communications	Art Gonzalez, Sexton

LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

	8:45 a.m.	11 a.m.
Acolytes		Lark IV & Lyra Mason, Brandon Hartman
Altar Guild	Carol Lenker, Sarah Spradling	Elisa Hoover, Monya Keenen
Greeters	Thomas Metzler, Betsy Payson	Sherri & Rick Lowe
Lay Readers	Larry Shumway, Bob Schenck	Eduardo Sanchez-Quintanilla, Adrian Quintanilla
Ushers	Bill Campaigne, Kathy Simmons	Janie Stewart, Paula Warren
Children’s Chapel Crucifer / Leaders		Denise Marshall

- The Liturgy of the Word -	
PRELUDE   Aria; Andante – George Frederic Handel	
OPENING HYMN   All Creatures of Our God and King (v 1, 4, 5, 7)	Hymn 400
OPENING ACCLAMATION	BCP p 355
COLLECT FOR PURITY	BCP p 355
CHILDREN’S CHAPEL (11 a.m. service)	
<i>Children, preschool through 3rd grade, are invited to follow the Child Crucifer to Children’s Chapel during the Song of Praise.</i>	
SONG OF PRAISE   Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (v 2)	Hymn 460
COLLECT OF THE DAY	
O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. <b>Amen.</b>	
FIRST LESSON   Genesis 18:20-32	
The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."	
PSALM 138   <i>in unison</i>	BCP p 793
SECOND LESSON   Colossians 2:6-19	
As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.	
GOSPEL HYMN   Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God (v 1-2)	Hymn 711

GOSPEL READING   Luke 11:1-13	
Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"	
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THE SERMON	The Rev. Matthew Bloss
THE NICENE CREED	BCP p 358
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form III)	BCP p 387
THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION	BCP p 360
THE PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	BCP p 360
- The Liturgy of the Table -	
OFFERTORY	BCP p 361
OFFERTORY SOLO   The King of Love My Shepherd Is – arr. Beck / Courtney	Vickie Varteressian, Soprano
DOXOLOGY   Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	Hymn 380, v 3
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING	BCP p 367
THE SANCTUS   Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - arr. Proulx (from Schubert’s <i>Deutsche Messe</i> )	Hymn S 130
<i>*Hymn numbers beginning with an S indicate Service Music, found at the front of The Hymnal 1982</i>	
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ( <i>Continued</i> )	BCP p 368
THE LORD’S PRAYER AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD	BCP p 364
FRACTION ANTHEM   Jesus, Lamb of God - arr. Proulx (from Schubert’s <i>Deutsche Messe</i> )	Hymn S 164
ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION   <i>Prayer ministers are available to the left and right of the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. For a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.</i>	BCP p365
COMMUNION MUSIC   Taste and See / Take and Eat – Mark Hayes	
POST COMMUNION PRAYER	BCP p 366
SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC VISITOR(S)	
<i>Celebrant</i>	In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that [N. and] all those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.
<i>All</i>	<b>We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.</b>
THE BLESSING	
May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. <b>Amen.</b>	
CLOSING HYMN   O Day of God, Draw Nigh	Hymn 601
DISMISSAL	BCP p 366
POSTLUDE   Processional (from the Oratorio <i>Judas Maccabens</i> ) - George Frederic Handel	Valerie Thompson, Organist