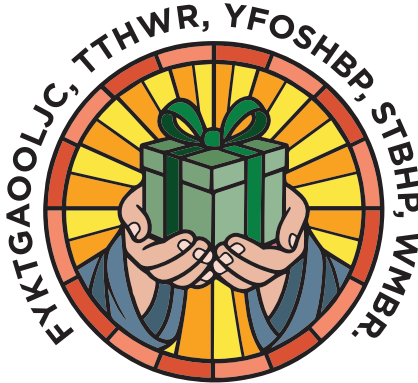




2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

St. John's Episcopal Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost | October 19, 2025

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Skip and Colette Wrape
in loving memory of their beloved family members who have entered into God's eternal kingdom.
The flowers are arranged by Ashleen Menchaca-Bagnulo.*

ST. JOHN'S CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway, Rector
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Lauren Koops, Assistant Youth Minister
Emily Lehmuth, Director of Nursery Care
Art Gonzalez, Sexton

WORSHIP MINISTERS

8:45 a.m.
Acolytes Bossley and Madelyn Gamble
Altar Guild Karen Shumway, Andrea Brotze
Greeters Janet and Ed Guillen
Lay Readers Valerie Briell and Jorge Palma
Ushers John Lenker, Matt Eckmann
Children's Chapel Winnie Nolan and Marjorie Nolan

11 a.m.
Luke, Ellie, and Tyler Francis
Paula Warren, Janie Stewart, Marjaana Cich
Torrey Hunter, Jack Jones
Linda Lund, Leslie Bloss
Dave Golson, Ginga Golson
Sloane Meier and Rachel Meier

PRELUDE | Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated – Emma Lou Diemer

Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Trio on “Bless Thou the Gifts” – Douglas E. Wagner

OPENING HYMN | The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn 401

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Together 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.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL (Both services!)

Children, preschool through 3rd grade, are invited to follow the Child Crucifer to Children’s Chapel during the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE | O Worship the King (v 3)

Hymn 388

COLLECT

BCP p. 234

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON | Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Choir will introduce the Antiphon first, with congregation then repeating it.

After all verses have been sung, choir and congregation will sing the antiphon again.

Antiphon

My help comes from the LORD, the mak - er of heav - en and earth.

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your
going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

SECOND LESSON | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN | O God of Bethel, By Whose Hand (v 1-3)

Hymn 709

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

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

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN | O God of Bethel, By Whose Hand (v 4-5)

Hymn 709

THE NICENE CREED

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Common Worship, #10

In peace, let us pray to Jesus our Lord, who ever lives to make intercession for us.

Saviour of the world,

be present in all places of suffering, violence and pain, and bring hope even in the darkest night. Inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation today. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the Church,

empower by your Spirit all Christian people, especially David and Angela our bishops, Ripp and Matthew our priests, Riva our seminarian, and the work of your Church in every land. Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully in word and deed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shepherd and Guardian of our souls,

guide and enable all who lead and serve this community and those on whom we depend for our daily needs. Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of this place. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Provider of All,

fill our hearts with inspiration to bring before you, our offerings of time, talent, and treasure. Help us to remember that all good things come from you O Lord, and let our gratitude for those good things move us to return a portion of our blessings, extravagantly, to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Great Physician,

stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Fill us with compassion, that we may be channels of your healing love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Conqueror of death,

remember for good those whom we love but see no longer. Help us to live this day in the sure and certain hope of your eternal victory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

The officiant will then read the collect after the prayers

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

CONFESSION

Celebrant God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

People Most merciful God, **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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Celebrant O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me – David Pote and Alan Pote

Worship Choir

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime, anytime.

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna work ...

I'm gonna pray ...

I'm gonna sing ...

Use me, Lord, use me, Lord, I'm gonna live so God can use me.

Use me, Lord, use me, Lord, use me anytime.

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime.

DOXOLOGY | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 400 v 7

*Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!*

*Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Common Worship, Order One, Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and *singing*:

SANCTUS | Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - William Matthias

Hymn S 128

**Hymn numbers beginning with an S indicate Service Music, found at the front of The Hymnal 1982*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke 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.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. AMEN.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven, **hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.** Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

FRACTION ANTHEM | Christ Our Passover – David Hurd

Hymn S 154

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION MUSIC | Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

Hymn 313

I Surrender All / Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC VISITOR(S)

Celebrant 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.

All We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING

Modified Blessing, Black Rock Prayer Book

Our world is too broken and too beautiful for anything but love. May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone. Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor. May your hands, so that everything you touch is a sacrament. Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love. May your feet so that you run to those who need you. And may your heart be so opened, so full of Christ's love and grace, that it changes everything. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN | Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word

Hymn 530

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

POSTLUDE | How Firm a Foundation – Dale Wood

Valerie Thompson, Organist



Consecration Sunday | TODAY, October 19

Offer to God a portion of the treasure with which the Lord has blessed us. Please place your Commitment Card on the altar, in the offering plate, in the church mailbox on Lee Street, or mail it to the office at 312 S. Guenther Ave, New Braunfels, TX 78130. Blank Commitment Cards are available in the Narthex.

Parents of Young Kids | Wednesday, October 22 from 9:30-11 a.m. | Hilltop Pavillion at Fischer Park

Join us for Family Storytime hosted by the New Braunfels Library. We will meet at the Hilltop Pavillion and join in the story time offering. Afterwards, we will head to the park for the kids to play. Please RSVP in Church Center.

Blessing of the Costumes | October 26 at both services

Wear your Halloween costume to church for a special blessing—a joyful reminder that God delights in the imagination and creativity of children of all ages!

New Christian Education offering: Life Stories | October 26 - November 23 in the Parish Hall

Join this class to meet other St. John's members and hear their stories. Speakers will share a 10-15 minute reflection on their faith journey and encourage other church members that we are not alone in our faith journeys. There will be a time for reflection with other attendees. Learn more and sign up on Church Center.

Daughters of the King Organizational Meeting | October 26 from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

The Daughters of the King is an international order of women and girls committed to prayer, service, and evangelism. St. John's is forming a chapter, and all women interested are invited to an organizational meeting to learn more.

October Healing Service | Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m.

All our invited to attend to pray for those needing healing, or to receive healing prayer for yourself or on behalf of someone else. Read more and submit prayer requests at stjohnsnb.com/healingservice

Family Faith Night is back! Wednesdays from October 29-November 19 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Join us for a 4-week series learning about seasons of the liturgical calendar and how we can practice each of those seasons in our homes. We will meet and share a meal together then break up into groups for learning and discussion. Childcare and programming for K-12th will be provided. This is a great way to meet other St. John's members and deepen your spiritual practices. This event is open for ALL at St. John's, not just those with kids! Please RSVP in Church Center.

All Saints' Sunday | November 2

On All Saints' Sunday, we celebrate both new life in baptism and the eternal life shared by all God's saints. Cards are available outside the sanctuary for each household to record the names of loved ones who have died; these will be displayed around the sanctuary on All Saints' Sunday, surrounding us in a visible reminder of the great communion of saints. If you have lost an immediate family member in the past twelve months, please let us know and they will be specially honored with a family member processional and named candles placed on the Retable behind the Altar. Please send these names to Jenny (jenny@stjohnsnb.com) or Stacey Griffin (stacey@jegriffin.com). Finally, if you or someone you love is interested in baptism on this day, please contact Jenny (jenny@stjohnsnb.com).

Ecumenical Social Justice Book Club | November 2 at Bosses Pizza (263 Tx 337 Loop) from 1 - 3 p.m.

Join with St. John's, Faith UCC, and Peace Lutheran to discuss The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times by Jane Goodall and Douglas Arava. 1-1:30 p.m. order food, discussion from 1:30-3 p.m. Bring a friend. All are welcome.

Capital Campaign Committee has begun their work on "Making More Room at the Table"

Dave Golson, Chairperson	Kelly Jackson, Affinity Groups
Cleve Rodriguez, Chairperson	Linda Lund, Lead Gifts
Jenny Montgomery, Coordinator	Alice & Jeff Jewell, Advance Commitments
Grace Symmons, Communications	Stacey & Eric Griffin, Gratitude/Ministry
Marjorie Nolan, Children	The Rev. Matthew Bloss, Students
John Howe, Reach/Follow Up/Fulfilment	Laurianne Rodriguez, Reach/Follow Up/Fulfilment
Vicky & Dan Geisler, Response Team	Rachel & Will Brown, Response Team