



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist November 9, 2025

*The flower arrangement on the altar is given to the glory of God
by Nancy Fitzpatrick in loving memory of her beloved husband Phillip.
The flowers are arranged by Renee Wendel.*

*The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Margaret Jeanne Raschke, daughter of Brandi and Nate Raschke,
granddaughter of Lisa and Bob Wells, born on October 31 at 8:43 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces.
Margaret is welcomed with love by her big sister, Estelle.*

ST. JOHN'S CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway, Rector
The Rev. Matthew Bloss, Associate Priest
Riva Heron, Seminarian
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Marjorie Nolan, Director of Children's Ministry & Events
Lauren Koops, Assistant Youth Minister
Emily Lehmuth, Director of Nursery Care
Art Gonzalez, Sexton
James Bangert, Assistant Sexton

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Acolytes Collin & Ashley Rodriguez, Brandon Hartman
Altar Guild Alice Jewell, Val Felger, Veronica Crolley
Greeters Thomas Metzler, Joanne Whitcomb
Lay Readers Sherri Lowe, Jeff Jewell
Ushers John Lenker, Clarke Wendel
Children's Chapel Winnie Nolan, Marjorie Nolan

Nate, Ethan, & Zeke Eckman-Rivera
Marjorie Nolan, Larry Rivera, Marie Fedrick
Judy Knight, Libby Pender
Matthew Eckmann, Becky Huff
Matthew Eckmann, Kathy Simmons
Isabel Carlson, Marjorie Nolan

PRELUDE | Supplication – David Paxton; Communion – Alexandre Guilmant, arr. Dennis Eliot
Prelude on “Slane” (Be Thou My Vision) – Gilbert M. Martin

OPENING HYMN | Praise to the Living God!

Hymn 372

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.

SONG OF PRAISE | O Praise Ye the Lord! (v 1)

Hymn 432

COLLECT

BCP p. 236

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON | Job 19:23-27a

Job said, "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 17:1-9 | *in unison*

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1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not
come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth
from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; *
hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, *
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND LESSON | 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN | Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here (v 1-2)

Hymn 353

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38

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

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN | Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here (v 3)

Hymn 353

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway

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 | Form VI

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The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sarah the Archbishop-designate of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, David and Angela our Bishops, Ripp and Matthew our Priests, Riva our Seminarian; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the generosity of this congregation of St. John's;

For all who support and pray for our ministry.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom;

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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Celebrant Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalms 96:8*

OFFERTORY SOLO | No Longer a Slave to Fear - Johnson, Case, Helser (CCLI Song # 7030123)

Kathy James

<i>You unravel me with a melody</i>	<i>From my Mother's womb</i>
<i>You surround me with a song</i>	<i>You have chosen me</i>
<i>Of deliverance from my enemies</i>	<i>Love has called my name</i>
<i>Till all my fears are gone</i>	<i>I've been born again into Your family</i>
<i>I'm no longer a slave to fear</i>	<i>Your blood flows through my veins</i>
<i>I am a child of God</i>	<i>You split the sea so I could walk right through it</i>
<i>I'm no longer a slave to fear</i>	<i>My fears were drowned in perfect love</i>
<i>I am a child of God</i>	<i>I am a child of God</i>

DOXOLOGY | Praise God to God, Immortal Praise

Hymn 288, v 1

*Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ:
all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B; BCP p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow-er and might,

Hea-ven 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.

(The people stand or kneel.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM | Lamb of God – Robert Powell

Hymn S 163

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

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

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

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

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During communion, prayer teams are available to pray with you in the alcoves on either side of the altar.

Goodness Of God

*I love you Lord, oh your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in your hands
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God*

*All my life you have been faithful
All my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

*I love your voice You have led me through the fire
In darkest night, you are close like no other
I've known you as a father I've known you as a friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God*

*Your goodness is running after it's running after me
Your goodness is running after it's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give you everything
Your goodness is running after it's running after me*

Draw Me Close To You - Kelly Carpenter (CCLI Song # 1459484)

*Draw me close to You never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire no one else will do
'Cause nothing else could take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way bring me back to You*

*You're all I want
You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know You are near*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; 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

May the peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN | We Will Extol You, Ever-Blessed Lord

Hymn 404

THE DISMISSAL

BCP p. 366

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

People **Thanks be to God. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

POSTLUDE | The Silver Trumpet – Gilbert M. Martin

Valerie Thompson, Organist



Church Directory Update

On Friday, you should have received an email titled "Church Directory: approve your information." Please open this email, verify your information, and opt in or out of the directory. In order for other parishioners to find your information, you must opt-in. Contact Kelly Jackson (kelly@stjohnsnb.com) with any questions.

Life Stories | Sundays at 10 a.m. through November 23 in the Parish Hall

This Sunday, Kristen and Paul Drake will share about how covid and cancer reoriented how they think about career and community - and encourage other church members that we are not alone in our faith journeys.

Daughters of the King Organizational Meeting | TODAY at 12:30 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room

The Daughters of the King is an international order for women and girls in the Episcopal Church, committed to a Rule of Prayer, Service, and Evangelism. All women interested in learning more are invited, also reinstatement will be discussed for one's that have belonged to the order in the past. Come discover how you can be part of this meaningful ministry at St. John's. Sign up in Church Center even if you can't attend!

Family Faith Night continues! Wednesdays through November 19 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Join us for dinner and teaching about seasons of the liturgical calendar and how we can practice each of those seasons in our homes. This event is open for ALL at St. John's, not just those with kids! RSVP in Church Center.

Children's Nativity Pageant sign-ups are open in Church Center!

All children ages 0-11 (non-members welcome!) are invited to participate in our annual Children's Nativity Pageant. Contact Marjorie Nolan, Director of Children's Ministry & Special Events, at marjorie@stjohnsnb.com for more info.

Thanksgiving Growing Altar for SOS Food Bank | Collecting Donations through November 23

Help us create our traditional Growing Altar by bringing harvest produce and Thanksgiving staples! These gifts will first adorn our altar in gratitude and celebration, then be donated to the SOS Food Bank. A full list of items needed can be found in the eNews and on the sign in the narthex.

Burial Service for Jeanette Prell | Tues., Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. | Sunset Memorial Park (1701 Austin Hwy, San Antonio)

St. John's Night at Wurstfest | Tuesday, November 11 from 5 - 9 p.m.

Join your fellow Men of St. John's at New Braunfels' 10-Day Salute to Sausage. We will lock down a home base table, while visitors are free to come and go as they please, enjoying the food, beverages, music, and fun of Wurstfest.

Movie Night | Tuesday, November 11 in the Upstairs Conference Room | Doors at 5:30 p.m., Movie at 6 p.m.

Join us for To Kill a Mockingbird, the classic film based on Harper Lee's beloved novel about justice, courage, and compassion. Learn more and RSVP in Church Center.

Family Promise Host Week | November 16 - 21

The families will be staying at the Family Promise home, so our volunteer needs will focus on coordination and providing meals. If you'd like to support this meaningful ministry, please sign up using the link at the QR code.

Parents of Young Kids | Wednesday, November 19 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. | St. John's Nursery

We will meet in the nursery so the kids can play and parents can hang out. Bring your favorite coffee and we will attempt to chat and fellowship while the kids *hopefully* entertain themselves! RSVP in Church Center.

Advent Wreath Making & Potluck | Sunday, November 30 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Advent wreath making, a Christmas potluck, and a visit from St. Nicholas! Bring your wreath frame if you have one - and a favorite holiday dish based on your last name A-F: dessert, G-L: main entree, M-R: drinks to share, S-Z: sides.

Mustang Island Family Camp Session 9 with Fr. Matthew | July 23 - 26 *Registration is open at dwtx.org/events*