



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 2, 2026

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the members of the Flower Guild
in honor of Father Ripp's return from sabbatical.*

ST. JOHN'S CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway, Rector
The Rev. Matthew Bloss, Associate Priest
The Rev. Riva Heron, Deacon and Curate
Jenny Montgomery, Executive Assistant to the Rector
Desiree Moultrie, Director of Finance & Operations
Kelly Jackson, Family Ministry & Parish Life
Valerie Thompson, Director of Music & Organist

Emily Lehmuth, Children's & Nursery Ministries
Grace Symmons, Director of Communications
Brandi Raschke, Media & Storytelling Assistant
Laura Shaver, Publications Assistant
Lauren Koops, Assistant Youth Minister
Art Gonzales, Sexton
Ben Sykora, AV Tech Lead

WORSHIP MINISTERS

8:45 a.m. Service

Acolytes: John Michael & Mary Elizabeth Douglas, Brandon Hartman
Altar Guild: Veronica Crolley, Alice Jewell
Greeters: Jim Farrell, Betsy Payson
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeffrey Jewell, Clark Hendley
Ushers: Sandy Payson, Zach Ienatsch
Flower Guild: Karen McCarty

11:00 a.m. Service

Acolytes: Nate, Ethan, & Zeke Eckmann-Rivera
Altar Guild: Val Felger, Marjorie Nolan
Greeters: Theresa Pentecost, Judy Knight
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeffrey Bloss, Leslie Bloss
Ushers: Kathy Simmons, Ram Meredith
Flower Guild: Karen McCarty
Children's Chapel: Emily Lehmuth, Volunteer Crucifer

PRELUDE | Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared - David N. Johnson
Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord (*Old 124th*) - David Schack

OPENING HYMN | O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Hymn 388

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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 (*11 a.m. service*)

Preschool - 3rd graders are invited to follow the Child Crucifer to Children's Chapel during the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE | Earth and All Stars (v 1-2)

Hymn 412

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 232

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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.

PSALM 17:1-7, 16 | *In unison*

BCP 600

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.
16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

SECOND LESSON | Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN | Lord of All Hopefulness (v 1-2)

Hymn 482

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN | Lord of All Hopefulness (v 3-4)

Hymn 482

THE SERMON

The Rev. Riva Heron

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

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.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 359

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and 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.**

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

BCP 376

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*

Quartet: Becky Luft, Carrie Martin, Atlas Thompson, Bill Reeves

*Ave, verum corpus
natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
in Cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true body
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the Cross for man,
Whose pierced side overflowed
with water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste
in the test of death.*

DOXOLOGY | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (*Old 100th*)

Hymn 380 v 3

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B; BCP 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:

SANCTUS | Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - Richard Proulx

Hymn S 125

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

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
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 [_____ 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM | Christ Our Passover - Gerald Near

Hymn S 155

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

BCP 365

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. To receive communion from your seat please notify an usher; if you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know during communion. Prayer ministers are available to the left and right of the altar rail for those who would like additional prayer after communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing / Be Thou My Vision - arr. John Carter

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP 365

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

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 | Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymn 423

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE | Festivity on “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” - Douglas E. Wagner Valerie Thompson, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- visitor connection card
- event info and sign ups
- latest eNews
- worship bulletin PDF
- ...and more!

Sabbatical Reflections with Fr. Ripp | August 2 & 9 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall
Fr. Ripp returns from his sabbatical on Sunday, August 2! Join him during the 10 a.m. Christian Education hour as he shares stories, photos, and reflections from his time away.

Children & Youth Choir Camp (Grades K-8) | August 10 - 13 from 1 - 4 p.m., sing in worship August 16
2026 theme: "Praise God in Every Season!" Campers will have fun with friends as they sing, play instruments, learn about the church year, and play music games! Parents can enjoy kid-free shopping before school starts! **Registration ends tomorrow, August 3!**

Do You Have a Home or Small Group?

Rev. Riva would love to get to know the home and small groups that are already gathering throughout our parish. If your group would be willing to welcome her for one of your meetings, she'd be honored to join you for prayer, fellowship, and conversation. Please email Riva at riva@stjohnsnb.com or text 757-343-8464 to arrange a visit.

Children's & Youth Ministry Internships

St. John's is seeking a Children's Ministry Intern and a Youth Ministry Intern. These part-time positions are ideal for college students or young adults who demonstrate Christlike character and have an interest in ministry, education, childcare, or hospitality. If you or someone you know may be interested, please reach out to Emily Lehmuth at emily@stjohnsnb.com.

SOS Food Bank Work Day | Wed., August 5, from 1 - 4 p.m. | 256 W. Merriweather

Join us for an upcoming SOS Food Bank workday as we serve our neighbors and make a difference in our community. Contact Bob Wells at 713-822-6151 or blabwells@gmail.com for more info.

Men of St. John's Shrimp Boil | Saturday, August 8 at 6 p.m. | 1234 Magnum | Register in Church Center!

Join the Men of St. John's for an evening of great food and fellowship at the home of Chris Smith.

Blessing of the Backpacks at both services & Parish Potluck at 10 a.m. | Sunday, August 16

Celebrate the start of the school year with your church family! Students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed and receive a small gift. For the potluck, bring your favorite school lunch dish to share: A-F: main dish, G-L: drinks, M-R: side dish, S-Z: dessert.

Volunteers Needed for Foster Parents Day Out | September 12 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Help us care for children in foster care as St. John's partners with 1Hope for Kids to provide a day of respite for foster families. Volunteers (18+) are needed to assist with crafts, music, games, and more. A background check is required. Register in Church Center for details and to sign up.

Upcoming Baptism Date: All Saints' Sunday, November 1

Contact Jenny (jenny@stjohnsnb.com) if you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child.

St. John's Parish Retreat | November 20-22 at Camp Capers | Register in Church Center by September 1!

Registration is now open! Join us for a weekend of fellowship at Camp Capers as we explore what it means to Let Love Be Genuine. Enjoy activities for all ages, concluding with Holy Eucharist on Sunday morning. Registration, schedule, cost, childcare, and day camper info is in Church Center. Questions? Contact Kelly Jackson at kelly@stjohnsnb.com.