



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 12, 2026

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
by Shirley Cabada in loving memory of George Cabada.*

ST. JOHN'S CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway, Rector *on sabbatical*
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: Collin & Ashley Rodriguez, Jacob Meier
Altar Guild: Karen Shumway, Andrea Brotze
Greeters: Thomas Metzler, Marianne Harkrider
Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Lund, Amy Mark
Ushers: Kathy Simmons, Alice Jewell
Flower Guild: Kay Geurin

11:00 a.m. Service
Acolytes: Ainsley Englefield, Olivia & Isabel Carlson
Altar Guild: Paula Warren, Marjaana Cich
Greeter: Kathy Simmons
Eucharistic Ministers: Cody Trammell, Katherine DeGrasse
Ushers: Dave & Ginga Golson
Flower Guild: Kay Geurin
Children's Chapel: Emily Lehmuth, Volunteer Crucifer

- The Liturgy of the Word -

PRELUDE | Fantasia - Johann Pachelbel; Voluntary - John Stanley

OPENING HYMN | O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Hymn 632

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

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 | Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (v 3)

Hymn 460

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 231

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON | Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

PSALM 119:105-112 | *In unison*

BCP 772

SECOND LESSON | Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

GOSPEL HYMN | All Things Bright and Beautiful (v 3-4)

Hymn 405

THE SERMON

The Ven. Mike Besson

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | Form II

BCP 385

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

THE PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BCP 360

- The Liturgy of the Table -

OFFERTORY

BCP 376

OFFERTORY SOLO | Marchin' On Up - arr. Mark Hayes

Atlas Thompson

(*Marching to Zion* - Robert Lowry, music; Isaac Watts, words)

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

Hymn 380 v 3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B; BCP 367

THE 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*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Continued*)

BCP 368

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM | Christ Our Passover - Gerald Near

Hymn S 155

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ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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 | "Bread of Life" Medley - Faye Lopez

(*Break Thou the Bread of Life; Let us Break Bread; Wounded for Me*)

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 God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; 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 | Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word

Hymn 530

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE | Processional in G Major - John Stanley

Valerie Thompson, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pack The Bus - School Supply Donation Drive | July 12 - August 2

Every child deserves to start the school year feeling confident and prepared. St. John's is partnering with Communities In Schools to collect school supplies. Donation bins are located in the narthex and church office.



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

Volunteers Needed in the Church Office

Beginning the week of July 27, morning and afternoon Office Angel shifts are available through August and September. Volunteers serve a couple of hours each week answering phones, greeting visitors, and assisting with light office tasks. Training is provided. Contact Rachel Brown at rachelbbrown63@gmail.com to learn more.

New Adult Christian Education Series: Life Stories | Sundays in July | 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Come hear stories from fellow St. John's members, who will share 10-15-minute reflections on their faith journey. There will be a time for reflection with other attendees.

Back-to-School Shoe Drive for New Braunfels Angels | Through July 16

Give a local foster child a confident start to the school year by purchasing a pair of shoes from the New Braunfels Angels Amazon registry. Scan the QR code to shop.

Youth Summer Service Opportunities | July 16, 30 from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

St. John's youth are invited to serve together this summer with local organizations in our community. Check Church Center for additional details and to RSVP.

Coffee + Connect | July 19 at 10 a.m. in the Hospitality Area

New to St. John's or looking to get more connected? Join us in the hospitality area to meet others, learn more about the life of our church, and explore next steps. We'll share about our staff, classes, and ministries, offer a brief campus tour, and make space for your questions as you begin your journey here.

Men of St. John's Shrimp Boil | Saturday, August 1 | 6 p.m.

Join the Men of St. John's for an evening of great food and fellowship at the home of Chris Smith. Visit Church Center for more details and to RSVP.

Children & Youth Choir Camp (Grades K-8) | August 10 - 13 from 1 - 4 p.m.

Campers will have fun with friends as they sing, play instruments, hear Bible stories, and play music games! Parents can enjoy kid-free shopping in the week before school starts! Please register by Friday, July 31.