

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 5

JUNE 7, 2026

10:00 AM

WELCOME!

YOU are welcome here, regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, sex, national origin, marital status, family makeup, socioeconomic status, or political persuasion. St. John's Episcopal Church is a community of people who gather to acknowledge our need for divine and human love, and to respect our common humanity. At St. John's, ALL ARE WELCOME.

It is our pleasure to have you join us for worship today. If this is your first visit, or even if you've been attending for a little while, and you'd like to learn more about us, please take a 'Welcome' card from our pews, complete and place the 'Connect' side in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters or clergy so that we may follow up with you. Or, feel welcome to contact us using the information on the back of this bulletin.

Our mission

LINKING LIVES IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST



Our vision

*WE JOYFULLY GATHER TO PRAY, WORSHIP, LEARN AND SERVE
AS WE SEEK TO FOLLOW JESUS, AND INVITE ALL TO JOIN US
ON A SACRED JOURNEY OF HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION*

Prelude

Welcome

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

All are invited to stand, as able

Hymn - "Sing a New World into Being"

Songs for the Holy Other*

1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.
 2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race
 3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home.
 4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph - ets' cry

Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
 brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace;
 where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;
 for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;

dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.
 where the lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.
 where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
 when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve.

Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are invited to be seated

The Lessons

First Lesson - Hosea 5:15-6:6

Deb Blackhurst

Reader A reading from Hosea.

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:7-15 - *Deus deorum*

The Portland Psalter*

Cantor will invite the congregation to join in on the refrain.

To those who keep in my ways
will I show the sal-va-tion of God.

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| 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God. | 10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon
the hills. |
| 8 I do not accuse you because of your
sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me. | 11 I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in
my sight. |
| 9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens; | 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that
is in it. |

- 13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?
14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to
the Most High.

- 15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall
honor me."

Second Lesson - Romans 4:13-25

Steve Leeper

Reader A reading from Romans

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") –in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

All are invited to stand, as able, for the Gospel Procession

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor will invite the congregation to join in on the refrain.



Cantor Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cantor I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: John 6:51

Music: Alleluia 11, Taizé community

Gospel Reading - Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Very Rev. Alissa G. Anderson

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Reader The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

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All are invited to be seated

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Alissa G. Anderson

All are invited to stand, as able, and say together

The Nicene Creed

**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,**

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Judy Ellis

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Loving God, we pray for your Church, for the Diocese of the Great Lakes, and
for our community. Teach us to reflect your generous welcome and abiding
love. Give courage to those who proclaim the Gospel, wisdom to those who
lead, and grace to all who seek to follow Christ. May your Church grow to
represent the glorious fullness of the Body of Christ and become a place
where all are truly welcomed as your beloved children. God of love,
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Guide the leaders of this and every nation in the ways of justice and peace.
Grant them humility, wisdom, and compassion, that they may uphold the
dignity of every human being and work for the flourishing of all people. God
of love,
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Open our eyes to the beauty and diversity of your creation. Bless our
neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and communities, and all those
gathering this month to celebrate love, belonging, and the dignity of every
human being. Help us to recognize your image reflected in every person we
meet, and deepen the bonds of friendship, kindness, and mutual care that
sustain our common life. Grant that all people may know themselves as
valued, respected, and beloved. God of love,
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Comfort and heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for those on
our parish prayer list: Cathy & Juan, Char, Henry, Chris, Yvonne, Charlene,
Julie, Steve, Vicki, Shelby, Eric, Dave, Bob, Guy, Tony, Tellie, EllaRose, Jayden
& Elaine, and Betty & Bud Schartow & family. We remember especially

those who have been rejected, harmed, or made to feel less than beloved because of who they are or whom they love. Surround them with your healing presence and restore in them the knowledge of their worth and dignity. God of love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died. We pray particularly for those whose lives were cut short by hatred, violence, discrimination, or exclusion, and for those who suffered and died while fear, stigma, and neglect deepened their suffering. Gather them into the fullness of your peace, and strengthen us to seek a world where all your children may live in safety and dignity. God of love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Gracious God, whose love knows no bounds and whose image is reflected in every human life, receive these prayers we offer before you. Strengthen us to love as you love, welcome as you welcome, and serve as you serve; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence

Together **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 our Savior 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 the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

All are invited to greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

Welcome Scott Ellis, Great Lakes Bay Pride Executive Director

Announcements

Prayer for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Other Milestones

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Anthem - "Does the World Say?"

Kyle Pederson

Chancel Choir; Benjamin Bernardes, violinist

Does the world say
that you don't look the right way?
Does the world say
that you're just not enough?
Does the world say
that this isn't the right spot?
When it wants you there but not here
and tells you all the things you are not.
I've been there, too
It's hard to shut my ears to the noise.
I don't stand a chance if it's me in this
world all alone
The chatter is deafening, too overwhelming
it's hard to find my way home.

So take my hand... don't let go.
Does the world say
that you don't think the right things?
Does the world say
that you're not worth the time?
Does the world laugh
when you fall, when you cry?
Does it turn the other way
every time you walk by?
I'm growing, learning,
loving, becoming.
So take my hand... don't let go.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All are invited to stand as able

Eucharistic Prayer A

p. 361 in The BCP

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics: "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

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Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.
For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

#255 in **Lift Every Voice and Sing***

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly,
 ho - ly ho-ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
 earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the
 Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

All are invited to stand or kneel, as able

Celebrant Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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."

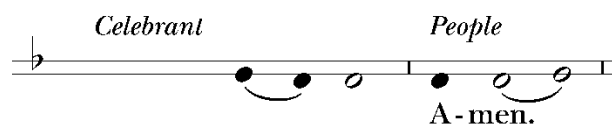
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Together Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



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The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Together 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.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to be seated

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive communion. St. John's uses gluten-free bread, and wine. You may eat your bread/wafer and return to your seat, or hand it to a chalice-bearer who will intinct (dip) the bread and hand it back to you. Individually sealed cups with gluten-free, allergen-friendly hosts, and grape juice are available by request. Please follow the directions of our ushers.

A Prayer in lieu of Sacramental Reception

attributed to *The Rev. Charles Curtis*

Those worshipping with us on our live stream are invited to use the following prayer as our in-person congregation receives Communion.

O blessed Jesus, our Savior and Lord, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of your body and Blood. We love you above all things, and we long for you in our souls. Since we cannot now receive you in your sacramental Presence, grant that we may still be fed by your Holy Spirit in our hearts. We welcome you and embrace you, and unite ourselves wholly to you; and grant, most gracious Lord, that we may evermore dwell in you, and you in us. Amen.

Special Music - "Children Will Listen

Stephen Sondheim

Liberty Kasper and Zoe Whitlock, soloists

Communion Hymn - "God of Many Faces"

Songs for the Holy Other*

God of man - y fa - ces, we of - fer our praise,
God of man - y gen - ders, our world re - flects you,
God of man - y names, we in - vite you to show
God of man - y bod - ies, a - bide with - in ours,

sing - ing your glo - ry through all of our days.
sun - rise and sun - set u - ni - ting our hues,
us the new names that re - flect our true souls.
shift - ing more each day through time and through scars.

Hear ev - er grow - ing voi - ces, once fra - gile, now strong,
wo - ven in - to a ci - ty with jewels of all shades,
Breathe with your ho - ly spir - it to give us the Word
Come sanc - ti - fy our bod - ies, all fash - ioned by you,

car - ry - ing mel - o - dies in ex - pan - sive new songs.
hou - ses of ru - by and walls rowed wth jade.
that will in - dwell dry bones, grant - ing new life once heard.
ho - li - er ev - ery - day, still be - com - ing more true.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Together **Almighty and everliving God,**
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people

People **Amen.**

All are invited to stand, as able

Closing Hymn - "All the Colors of the Rainbow"

Songs for the Holy Other*

1. All the co - lours of the rain-bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,
2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan - ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:
3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:
4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres - sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;
head and hand must work to - get - ther, as must eye and ear and chest;
Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie - den, Mir.
Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:
so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - i - stries:
Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:
May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

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breadth of race and class and gen-der, room for doubt and space to heal.
var - ied gifts with one great mis-sion, "Do this for the least of these."
long - ing for the end of con-flict and a new life in God's Sha - lom.
and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.

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Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Martha & Orrin Youngquist by Lowell & Julia Youngquist.*



HEAD OF THE CHURCH – JESUS CHRIST
MINISTERS – ALL OUR MEMBERS

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The Very Rev. Alissa G. Anderson*Rector*

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 Travis Fader *Director of Operations & Organist/Pianist*
 Linda Germain..... *Children & Youth Director*
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 Cantor..... Amon Eady
 Organist/Pianist Travis Fader
 Greeter/Usher..... Bob Stoney
 Element Bearers..... Barb Tazelaar, Judy Ellis
 Lectors..... Deb Blackhurst, Steve Leeper
 Intercessor..... Judy Ellis
 Crucifer/Eucharistic Minister..... Eric Heglin
 Eucharistic Minister Sara Philo
 Altar Guild Margo Nielsen, Andrea Burditt
 Broadcast Technician Bill Kent
 Coffee Hour Host Will & Denée Koonce
 (signup sheet posted on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall)

OUR VESTRY – OUR ELECTED LEADERS

Class of 2027

Eric Heglin, *Clerk*
 Susan Rye
 Fred Schuster, *Co-Warden*

Class of 2029

Nykkoo Lurie
 Mike Spencer

Class of 2028

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