

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 15

AUGUST 16, 2026

WELCOME!

10:00 AM

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



The Canaanite Woman Asks for Healing for Her Daughter

Bazzi Rahib, Ilyas Basim Khuri
from *Art in the Christian Tradition*

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*

Following the pattern of THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER – RITE II (EXPANSIVE LANGUAGE)

Prelude

Welcome

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Officiant 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

Opening Hymn - "Thou, whose almighty word"

#371 in The Hymnal 1982*

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man-kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt.

Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916,
 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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The Collect of the Day

Officiant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are invited to be seated

The Lessons

First Lesson - Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Deb Blackhurst

Reader A reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67 - *Deus misereatur*

All are invited to read responsively by verse

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Second Lesson - Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Steve Leeper

Reader A reading from Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: Celtic Mass; Fintan O'Carroll, d. 1977, and Christopher Walker.
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Verse: Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom
and cured every disease among the people.
(Matthew 4:23)

Gospel Reading - Matthew 15:10-28

Chris Lauckner

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.

For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.” Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Chris Lauckner

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

Sara Philo

Leader In this green, growing season of summer, let us embrace the abundance of creation as we pray for the Church and for the world.

 Gracious God, we pray for your Church, that it may be a refuge of peace and renewal. We pray for the people and leaders of the Diocese of the Great Lakes, and we pray especially for our bishop candidates and for the person who will be called as our first bishop. May all who confess the name of Jesus

be united in the truth of love and grow communities of care. God our loving Creator,

People **You hear our prayers.**

Leader Guide the leaders of this and every land, that they may govern your creation with justice and integrity. Inspire them to decisions, statements, and actions that cultivate wellbeing; and help them to grow peace in your world. God our sovereign Creator,

People **You hear our prayers.**

Leader We give thanks for the earth and for the abundance of summer: for the warmth of the sun, the lush beauty of plants, and the company of animals. Keep us mindful of our place in this family, and help us to cherish these gifts as we care for the earth, our home. God our wondrous Creator,

People **You hear our prayers.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are linked with ours, and grant that we may see the face of Christ in all God's children, loving one another as we are loved. Help us form and grow places of sanctuary and revival in our hearts, our homes, our church, and our town, and show us your will in our communities. God our inspiring Creator,

People **You hear our prayers.**

Leader Pour out your comfort and healing on all those who are sick, sad, suffering, or imprisoned. We pray for Cathy & Juan, Char, Henry, Chris, Yvonne, Charlene, Julie, Vicki, Shelby, Bob, Betty & Bud & the Schartow family, Ed, Mandy, Randy, Glenden, and Daina; for those living and dying in the turmoil of war, violence, and hate; for those affected by environmental disasters; and for all those we name, silently or aloud. *[The people are invited to offer their own prayers.]* Sustain them with courage and hope, and bring us all into your abundant joy. God our healing Creator,

People **You hear our prayers.**

Leader We entrust to your loving presence all who have died and those we name, silently or aloud. *[The people are invited to offer their own prayers.]* We pray that when our work on earth is done, we too may feast in the company of all your saints and know your everlasting abundance. God our eternal Creator,

People: **You hear our prayers.**

Officiant Creating and cultivating God, you have charged us to care for your whole creation; hear our prayers and help us grow as faithful stewards, that we might seeing the world through your eyes, love it with your heart, and be your hands and feet bringing blessing; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Officiant 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.

Officiant 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

Officiant 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.

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.

Officiant Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

All are invited to be seated.

Offertory Hymn - "How firm a foundation"

#636 in **The Hymnal 1982***



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.

Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt.
Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

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The Lord's Prayer

Officiant 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.**

A Collect for Sundays

Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

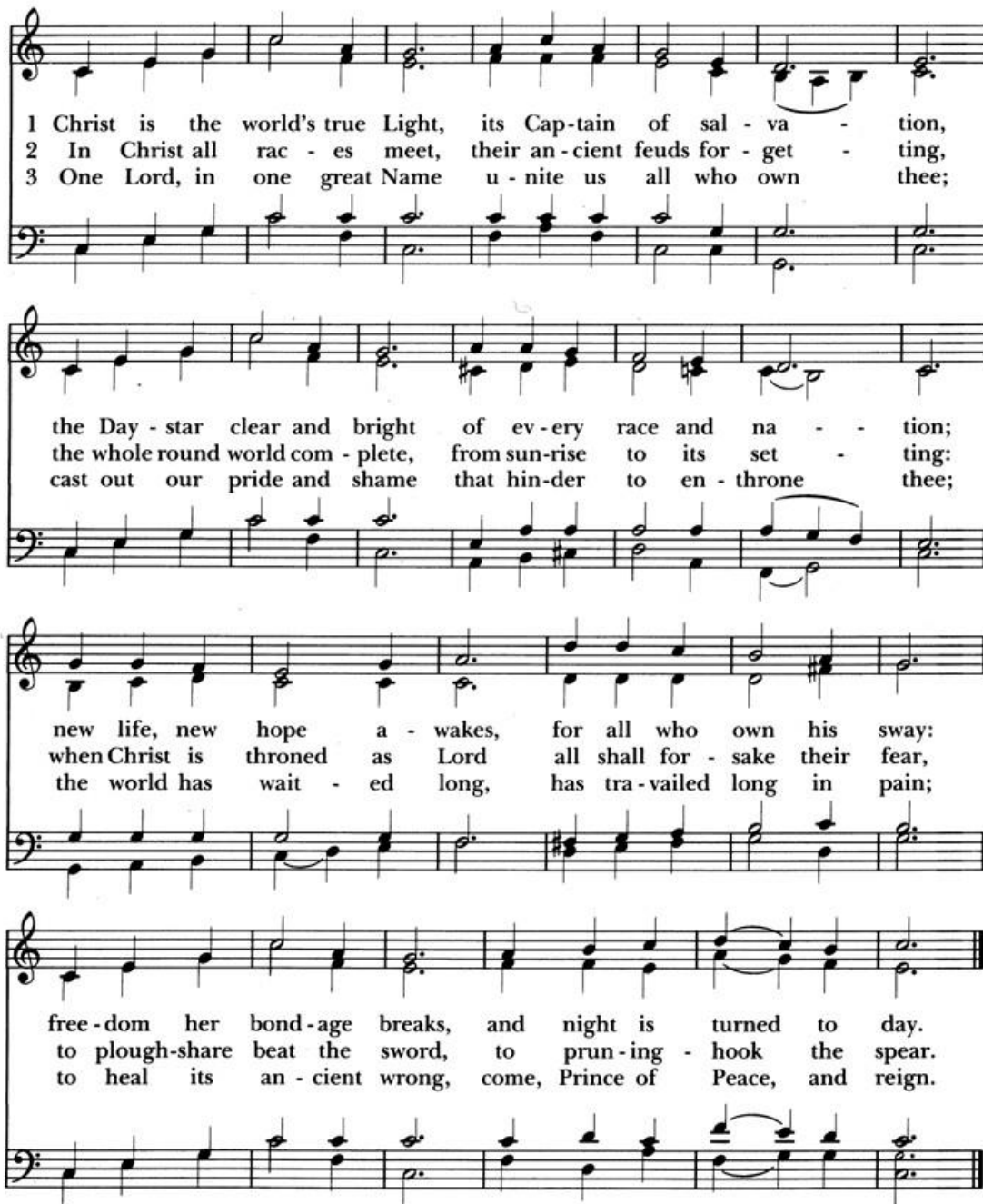
The General Thanksgiving

Together **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

The Grace

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

All are invited to stand, as able



1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
 2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an - cient feuds for - get - ting,
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - - tion;
 the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
 cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Words George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.
 Music: *St. Joan*, Percy E. B. Collier (b. 1895)

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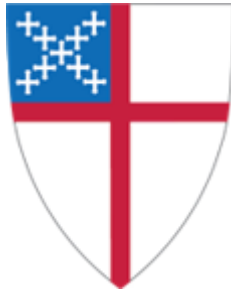
Dismissal

Officiant 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 thanksgiving for our St. John's family.*



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

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Linda Germain.....*Children & Youth Director*

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Vickie Densmore*Janitor*

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Altar Guild Margo Nielsen, Andrea Burditt

Broadcast Technician Bill Kent

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(signup sheet posted on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall)

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Class of 2027

Eric Heglin, *Clerk*

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Class of 2029

Nykkooa Lurie

Mike Spencer

Class of 2028

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Doug Germain

Ann Wright, *Co-Warden*

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