

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist: Rite II

July 2, 2023 10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!

Please remember to leave your anxieties in the rack provided. Light a candle.

Listen to the organ even if it isn't playing

Make room for something unexpected to speak.

Find a seat and sit for a while. The people who came before are here beside you.

If you are very quiet you might even hear angels playing their instruments up there on the ceiling.

Let your eyes walk through a glass garden. All of these colors are born from one light.

Taste the silence. Many varieties are available – take a sip of each one.

Take it with you when you go.

(Andrew Rudd, Manchester cathedral poet in residence, June 2018.)

Preparation for Worship

The organ's chimes are a signal that it is time to take your seat in a pew, refrain from talking, and be in prayer and meditation as preparation for our worship together. The organ voluntary is an opportunity when, if we are properly prepared, we may hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the confines of our mind.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**.

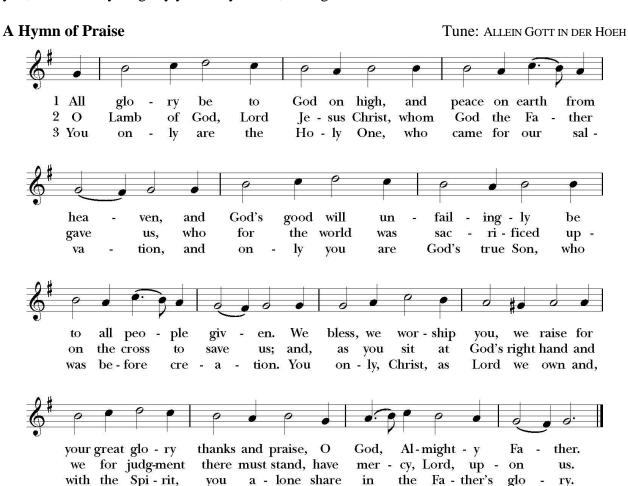
Voluntary Andante espressivo Dudley Buck



Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now, and for ever. Amen.

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*.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of

spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS All sit

Genesis 22:1-14

od tested Abraham. He said to him, G"Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."

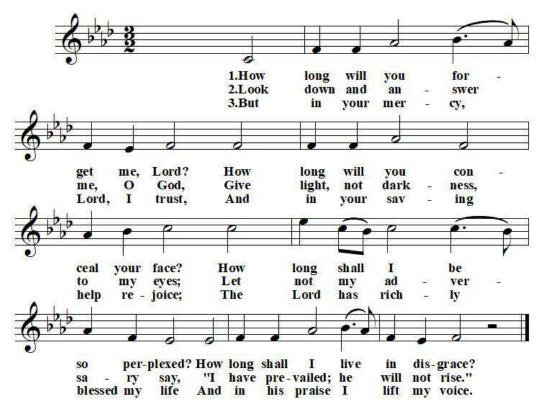
Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt

offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 13 Tune: Bourbon



Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to

death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did

you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the

wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA

All stand, as able



Matthew 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever

gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

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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

All kneel, as able

Form I, BCP, p. 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Church of St. Luke and St. Peter, St. Cloud, and St. George Church, The Villages.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Anglican Church of Brazil.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, Presiding Bishop, for Justin, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joseph, our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority.

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families,

especially, David, Luke, Jeremy, Craig, Dobson, Murray, Joel, Mack, Sergio, Ryan, Jimmy, Carl Jr., Matthew, Julian, Andrew, Jim, Brandon, Kyle, Nate, Stephen, Evan, Patrick, Clay, Ian, and Ricky.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Melbourne, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot

be here with us today especially *Barbara*, *Jan*, *Bryan*, *Lilian*, *and Brenda*. And for those on our weekly prayer list. *Silence*

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

God of peace and justice, we pray for all those who live under armed conflict in Ukraine, Sudan, Iran and other places around the world. We pray for those with power over war or peace and those commanded to fight; for wisdom, compassion and restraint to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Amen*.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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 HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer C)

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At the Offertory, Voluntary

'Round about the mountain

Noël DaCosta

Tune: America

Presentation Hymn 717, "My country, 'tis of thee"



All things come of Thee, O Lord.

And of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the

human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Setting: Franz Schubert







Please kneel, as able

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we

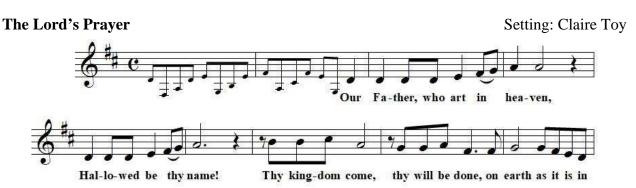
await the day of his coming.

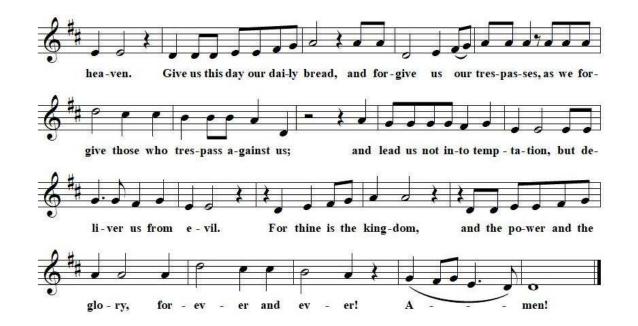
Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

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





The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

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 usher will indicate when it is time for your row to come forward to the altar rail to receive Communion. If you wish to receive Communion in your pew, please let the usher know and it will be brought to you. When you go forward, an usher will indicate where to kneel at the rail, then hold your hands in front of you, one on top of the other, to receive the bread. Due to COVID restrictions, wine is by "intinction" only. No one sips from the common cup. If you wish to receive the wine, after the clergy places the bread in your hand, just hold it out for the chalice bearer, who will dip it in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the bread and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer comes by, then return to your seat.

At the Distribution, Voluntary Improvisation

The Post-Communion PrayerAll kneel, as able

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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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory,

The Blessing

Hymn 718, "God of our fathers"





Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary Proud Heritage William Latham

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

This morning's voluntaries are all by American composers.

Born in Hartford and educated at Trinity College, Leipzig, Dresden and Paris, Dudley Buck (1839 - 1909) published several books, most notably the *Dictionary of Musical Terms* and *Influence of the Organ in History*, which was published in New York in 1882. He is best known today for his organ composition, *Concert Variations on the Star-Spangled Banner*, Op.23, which was later arranged into an orchestral version.

Sometimes a hymn is born in a moment of inspiration and never changed, but Miss Katherine Lee Bates's (1859-1929) original poem "O beautiful for spacious skies," written after climbing Pikes Peak and gazing across the plains to the east, was altered twice by her – in 1904 and finally in 1918.

The "alabaster cities" of stanza three refers to the "White City" of the Columbian World Exposition at Chicago which she visited on the way to Colorado. Its patriotic fervor has made the hymn a "second" national anthem.

Noel G. DaCosta (1929-2002) from whose *Spiritual Set* we hear today, was born in Nigeria to parents of Jamaican heritage, who were Salvation Army missionaries. DaCosta's works are marked by an infusion of elements of jazz, Caribbean music, and African music which can be easily heard in the other movements of this, his only composition for the organ.

In 1876 Daniel C. Roberts (1841-1907) wrote "God of our fathers, whose almighty hand" at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Brandon, Vermont to celebrate the American centenary. The author served in the Civil War, and spent his years in ministry in small New England parishes. Warren's rousing tune with its trumpet fanfares has helped to make this patriotic text a perennial favorite. (From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)

As a final musical offering today we hear a work composed for symphonic band by William Latham who was for many years director of graduate studies in music for the University of North Texas. It's a beautiful, tuneful work which shows off well the many colors of our instrument.

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VISITORS AND GUESTS: Welcome to St. John's! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat. Nibbles, coffee and bottled water will be provided in our Parish Hall. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please call the Church Office at: 321-254-3365. And if you wish to know more about this church or to be included on our weekly and newsletter mailing lists, please call the office or email us at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK! Scan the QR code at right or visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Virtual Guest Book to let us know you were here and pass on any comments you would like to make!

THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. Contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org or 321-254-3365.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Judy McClendon, Jordan Evans, Aaron Stitzel, Michael Irsfeld.

Anniversaries this Week: None known.

RECTOR AWAY: Fr. Eric Turner, along with Charlene, will be leading Solar Light for Africa's Summer Mission 2023 to Uganda. They depart July 7 and return July 23. Fr. Eric will be back in the church office Tuesday, July 25. Fr. Terry Highland, Priest Associate, will lead worship and be available for pastoral needs, and Kathy Oas, Sr. Warden, will be available for other matters of church business.

St. John's Polo Shirts are now available! Cotton polo style shirt with the St. John's logo embroidered. \$30 each. To order, sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall. See Fr. Terry for more information.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: 9 a.m. in the Chapel. Studying the epistles of John, in-person and online.

Youth Christian Education: 9 a.m. in the Parish

Hall. In-person only.

TGIF: Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559.

Many of our Sunday Worship Servers will be heading off for well earned summer vacations. If you can help as usher, greeter, LEM, or altar guild member please let us know. We want the Sunday services to run smoothly and need help to do this. You will be paired with a familiar helper and will not need to "go it alone." Please contact the office or Jackie Bond by email or phone.

Music AT St. John's: Let Dr. D know that you'd like to be a part of the music in the parish. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome. There are no auditions; all that is necessary is an ability to read music and a willingness to be faithful. Our choir will resume rehearsals after Labor Day; it would be wonderful to use instrumentalists during the summer months.

FAMILY PROMISE: If you are able to assist as a volunteer please speak to Linda Fletcher or Ben Kendall for details.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

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	July 2	July 9
Greeters	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks K. Oas
Ushers	J. & S. Hamilton	J. & J. McLaughllin
LEM	D. Miller-Caldwell	J. Bond
Altar Guild	M. Salmon	D. Miller-Caldwell
Daughter	L. Miller	TBD
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz G. Bradbury	B. Kendall V. Mitz G.Bradbury

Overgrown with Ferns? St. John's has a place for them. The plan is to have a bed of fern along the north wall of the parish hall. If you have any ferns to donate, please contact Amy Lacy at

321-544-3262 or amylacy24@gmail.com.

COFFEE HOUR. If you would like to bring snacks for Sunday morning coffee hour a sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

DAILY BREAD: Additional servers would be most welcome for the first Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The next duty day is July 6. If you can help please contact Jackie Bond.

St. John's Chat is a great way to keep up with St. John's news and information! If you are not subscribed to this list, please email office@stjohnsmlb.org. Note that this is separate from the weekly "**St. John's eNews**" which comes out every Thursday at 4 p.m. You may request a subscription to that list as well!

PRAYER IS AVAILABLE at the altar rail immediately following the service.

A PRAYER REQUEST Box is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to any Daughter listed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS: If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Jr. Warden. Please contact Deborah at

farxpert@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

ST. John's Outreach Focus for July & August is a new Outreach partner, Complementary Cancer Care. Gail Dunbar, parishioner, and choir member, is on the advisory board for this organization. A non-profit program that offers free counseling, transportation, yoga, art, support groups, wigs and head coverings, and many other resources to complement traditional cancer treatments. They are funded by donations and grants. The organization was founded by an oncology nurse, a yoga instructor, and an engineer. The current president is a licensed clinical social worker and herself a cancer survivor.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY information is available in the church newsletter, *The Good News.* Visit stjohnsmlb.org > About > Church Newsletters. More detailed reports are available from the church office.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Psalm 45:11-18, Romans 7:15-25, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30



You are personally invited to join a community of women who believe in the power of prayer, service to others, and the sharing of the gospel to expand the Kingdom of God. You can find out more about the DOK St John's Chapter by contacting Mary Highland at 321-831-2796 or mhighland?@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun. (7/2) No Christian Education July & August, Resumes September 10.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

Mon. (7/3) Seaside Stitchers, 9 a.m., Parish Hall.

AA, Parish Hall, 7 p.m.

Tues. (7/4) Independence Day

Cub Scouts, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m., Boy Scouts at 7 p.m.

Wed. (7/5) AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Thurs. (7/6) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.

Daily Bread Service, 10: 30 a.m.

Fri. (7/7) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sun. (7/9) No Christian Education July and August, resumes September 10.

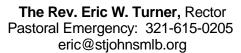
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All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office @stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.

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. . . is a worshiping community, obedient to scripture, growing as servants of Christ, and sharing His love in word and deed.

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