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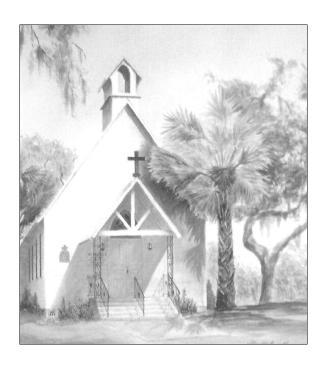
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist: Rite II

September 1, 2024

10 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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



The organ's chimes are a signal for all to take their seats, cease conversations, and be prayerful in preparation for our worship together. The opening organ voluntary is intended as a sort of "airlock," separating us from our earthly cares and ushering us into the presence of God. By being quiet and listening carefully, sometimes we may clearly hear the voice of God in our mind.

Tune: St. Denio

Hymn 423, "Immortal, invisible God only wise"

Im mor - tal, vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in Un hast - ing, si - lent light, rest - ing, un and as To all life thou giv - est, both great and small; to 4 Thou rul - est light, reign - est in glo - ry, thou in 0 ces - si - ble hid from our in light in eyes, ac wast - ing, thou nor want - ing, nor rul - est in might; true life in all life thou liv - est, the of all; thine dore thee, all sight; an gels a veil - ing their most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing bove a flour - ish, we blos - som and like leaves on the tree, all laud we would ren - der: 0 help us to see al might - y, tor - ious, thy great Name we praise. vic clouds, which foun-tains of good - ness and thy are love. with - er per - ish; but nought chan - geth then and thee. splen - dor light hid - eth 'tis on - ly the of thee.

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*.

A Hymn of Praise 421, "All Glory be to God on high"

Tune: Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr



COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, joining together

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;

For now the winter is past, the rain is over and

gone.

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; * my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

You are the fairest of men; * grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, * a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Read responsively by half verse

All sit

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you * with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *

and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *

on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let

everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers let who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers

of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act-they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle

their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

All stand, as able

Tune: Celtic Alleluia

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Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

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When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why

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do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

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'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them,

"Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness,

deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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 III, BCP, p. 387

Let us pray for the election of a new Rector.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Stephen's Church, Lakeland, and Shepherd of the Hills Church, Lecanto.

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

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families, especially Andrew, Bradford, Brandon, Bryan, Caleb, Danielle, Eric, Geoffrey, Harry, Jay, John, Johnny, Kyle, Matthew B., Matthew M., Murray, Nate, Ricky, and Sarah.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially *Barbara*, *Jan*, *Bryan*, *Lilian*, *and Angie*. And for those on our

weekly prayer list. Silence

God of peace and justice, we pray for all those who live under armed conflict in the Holy Land, 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 Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

Announcements All sit

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer B)

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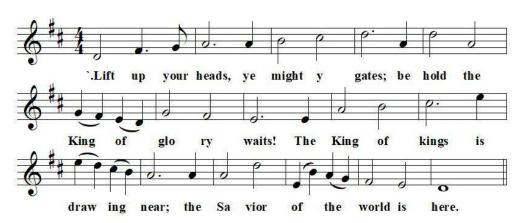
Tune: Truro

At the Offertory, Voluntary

Introduction in D Major

Giralamo Frescobaldi

Presentation Hymn 436, "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates"



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.

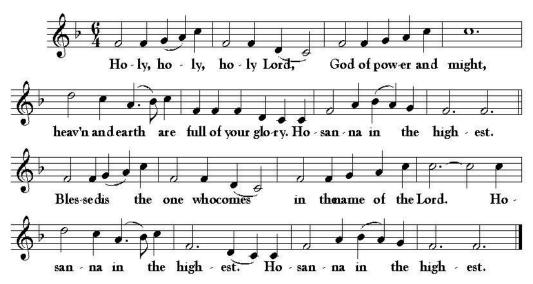
We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.

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:



Please kneel, as able

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 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*.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

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. Note that 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 until the chalice bearer passes by, then return to your seat.

At the Distribution, Voluntary

Improvisation

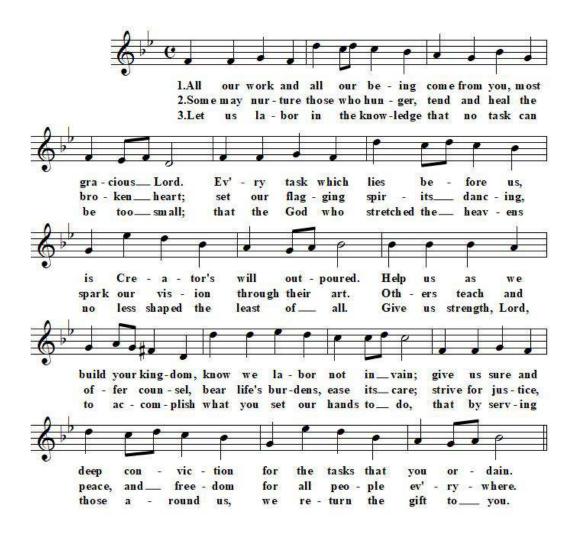
The Postcommunion Prayer

All 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, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing



Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

Allegro in D Major

Frescobaldi

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THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

St. John's is exceptionally fortunate to have the services of a very good choir in an age when many parishes are doing without. After their summer hiatus, ours will begin rehearsals again on this Wednesday, September 4 at 7 p.m. There are no auditions; all that is required is an ability to read music and a willingness to be faithful. Let Dr. D. know that you'd like to be a part of this important ministry. We think you'll be glad you did.

Please join in welcoming Sylvia Trammen as our new Organ Scholar. Sylvia is no stranger to St. John's, having served in the choir. We look for exceptionally good things as she develops as an organist.

Walter Chalmers Smith's (1824-1908) "Immortal, invisible, God only Wise" was first found in Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life, 1867. "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever" (I Timothy 1:17) is the basis for this hymn of pure praise. The rollicking anapestic rhythm of the Welsh melody rushes the singer along to the climactic poetic thought of God being invisible only because He is hidden by the splendor of light.

"Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates," is a paraphrase of Psalm 24. Written by Georg Weissel and translated by Catherine Winkworth from the Preussische Festlieder of 1642, the text reveals a spirit of praise and hope unexpected from the depths of the dreadful years of the Thirty Years' War. Its theme is the preparation for the Messiah's coming. (from *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643) became organist at St. Peter's, Rome, in 1608 where he served until his death except for six years in the court of Florence (1628- 1634). Frescobaldi is remembered mainly as a composer of works for harpsichord and organ: toccatas, capriccios, ricercars, fantasias, and canzonas. Though not truly a contemporary of J. S. Bach, Frescobaldi (who died 42 years before Bach's birth) was identified by Bach's son Carl Philipp Emanuel as a composer whose works his father had admired. A copy of Frescobaldi's Fiori musicali (Musical Flowers) acquired by Bach in 1714 was lost during World War II.

The compositions heard today attributed to him are often-performed both in their original form and in arrangements for band or orchestra but appear to be the work of its "arranger," Gaspar Cassadó (1897-1966). It is in a faux late eighteenth-century style, and has no connection with any composition of Frescobaldi. According to Cassadó it was based on an organ piece he found with Frescobaldi's name "in the archives of La Merced, the Conservatory of Music at Barcelona," but it is believed that he claimed this in order to cover up his forgery.

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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. Snacks and beverages are provided in our Parish Hall. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or to be included on our newsletter and mailing lists please email the Church Office 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.

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: Karin Kuhn, Austin Stitzel.

Anniversaries this Week: Bob & June Stitzel.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: To create a more accurate portrait of this congregation, its hopes, desires, and aspirations, the search committee will potluck meeting on be hosting an evening September 22 to get your input. The meeting will be coordinated by Rev. Canon Ellis Brust in the parish hall. It will be Zoomed for those who cannot attend in person. During this meeting we will discuss four words to express our feelings and experiences at St. John's: Hopes - Hurts -Hinders - Help. This exercise will aid us in creating a vision of where the church is and where it is going, and help us search for a person that can lead our organization in the coming years. We fervently invite your participation in this very important event.

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION: resume next Sunday, September 8. Adults age 16 and up will meet in the Parish Hall. Youth will meet in the Chapel.

SIGN UP AND REHEARSAL for all <u>current and new</u> USHERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS will take place next Sunday, September 8, following the Eucharist.

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

DAILY BREAD: St. John's is scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The next duty day is September 5. If you can help please send an email to office@stjohnsmlb.org.

FAMILY PROMISE: St. John's has temporarily shifted to a Support Parish with Family Promise. One of the primary needs a support church fills is to provide meals for the families while they are sheltered in the hotels. If you are on St. John's chat you received an email a few days ago from Ben Kendall outlining the need and a link to sign up. If you do have any questions, feel free to email, text or call Ben at ben.kendall@gmail.com, 832-229-0142.

DONATE TO ST. JOHN'S ONLINE! You can now make a safe and convenient donation to St. John's via PayPal. Scan the QR code at right or visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Donate Now!



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.

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 Daughters' banner. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously.

LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS: If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Kathy Oas, Sr. Warden, kmoas40@gmail.com or Paul Mitz, Jr. Warden.

Text or phone Paul at : 321-288-4050.

HELP TO SPRUCE UP ST. JOHN'S: Many tasks need attention. Review the sign-up sheet in the Parish

Hall and help keep the church looking its best.

St. John's Outreach Focus for the month of September is The Children's Hunger Project. Brevard County teachers recognize which children lack weekend nutrition. The pre-packaged meals require no cooking and are distributed directly into qualifying elementary aged student's backpacks

as determined by the teacher. During the school year the project serves over 2,000 meal packages every week to over 45 elementary schools and to maintain the current service the group needs to raise \$40,000 every month. For more information visit TheChildrensHungerProject.org.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125, James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17, Mark 7:24-37. To find all the lessons visit lectionarypage.net and click on the date.



You are 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 by contacting Sallie Razor at 859-585-5836, srazor@bellsouth.net; or Sara Kendall, at 702-203-6093, 537sarah@gmail.com.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Sept 1	Sept 8	Sept 15	Sept 22
Greeters	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks
Ushers	J. Bond L. Miller	J. & J. McLaughlin	A. & J. Lacy	B. Chernault J. Miller
LEM	J. Hamilton	R. Huffman	K. Oas	J. Hamilton
Altar Guild	K. Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	K. Oas
DOK	L. Fletcher	L. Miller	J. Bond	T. Chernault
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun (9/1) Christian Formation will resume next Sunday, Sept. 8. Adults 16 and up, will meet In the Parish Hall. Youth will eet in the Chapel. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

Mon (9/2) AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Tues (9/3) Scouts, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Wed (9/4) Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Choir Loft.. Scouts Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Thurs (9/5) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office. Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary.

Fri (9/6) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sun (9/8) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Parish Hall; Youth registration in the Chapel. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed. Rehearsal for Liturgical Minister, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary. Daughters of the King, 11:30 a.m., Chapel.

THE OFFICE will only be open on Thursday. During the rest of the week please email the office at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

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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