

# ST. JOHN'S

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Witnessing from the Eau Gallie community of Melbourne, Florida since 1894.*

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

September 22, 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.*

Voluntary

Improvisation on NICAEA

Hymn 362, "Holy, holy, holy"

Tune: NICAEA

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 \*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

*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.*

**Gloria in excelsis**

(Organ)

*f* Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al -  
 migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. *mp* Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -  
 way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
*mf* you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive  
*rit.* our prayer. *f* For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone  
 are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,  
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the Glo - ry of God the  
 Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray, joining together

*Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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*

### Proverbs 31:10-31

**A** capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out

her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.

She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

## **Psalm 1**

*Read responsively by half verse*

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
***nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!***

***everything they do shall prosper.***

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
***and they meditate on his law day and night.***

It is not so with the wicked; \*  
***they are like chaff which the wind blows away.***

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
***nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.***

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
***but the way of the wicked is doomed.***

## **James 3:13-4:3, 7-8**

**W**ho is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where

*Alleluia.* My heart hath trusted in God, and I am helped:  
 therefore my heart danceth for joy and in my song will I praise him.  
 Unto thee will I cry O Lord: be not silent, O God nor depart from me. *Alleluia*

**Mark 9:30-37**

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

**J**esus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent,

for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**THE SERMON****The Nicene Creed***All stand, as able**BCP, p. 358*

*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 Holy Trinity Church, Melbourne, and Christ Episcopal Church of Suntree-Viera, Melbourne.

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

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

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially ***Barbara, Jan, Bryan, Lilian, Frank, 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 A)*

*BCP, p. 361*

### **At the Offertory, Anthem**

*Jesus calls us*

Davidson

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me;"

As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for his dear sake.

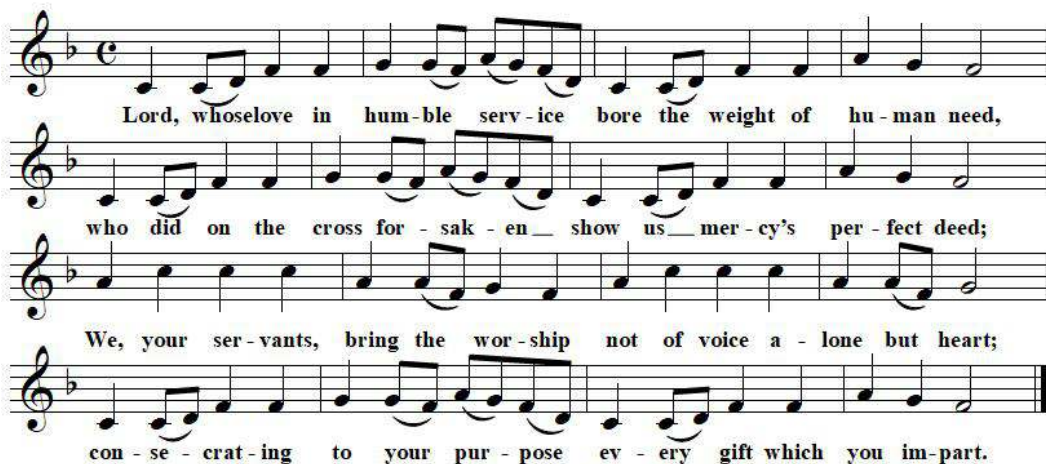
Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store;

from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Savior, make us hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.





Lord, whose love in hum-ble serv-ice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
who did on the cross for - sak - en - show us - mer - cy's per - fect deed;  
We, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone but heart;  
con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - ery gift which you im - part.

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:

# Sanctus and Benedictus

Setting: Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please kneel, as able*  
 Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we

are bold to say,

***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,**

*Improvisation on Gregorian Chants*

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

*All kneel, as able*

*BCP, p.366*

***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**

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness,  
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

*Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Voluntary

*Rigaudon*

André Campra



## THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Originally found in *A Selection of Psalms and hymns for the Parish Church, Banbury, 1827*, Reginald Heber's "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty" is a very popular hymn in spite of a very limited rhyme scheme (the "ee" vowel), irregular accent, and uneven numbers of syllables in the various lines. This hymn based on John's vision of God enthroned in heavenly glory as found in Revelation pure adoration of God in his "wholly-otherness." Although filled with apocalyptic language, the hymn combines a sense of mystery with God's mercy, power, love and purity.

"Lord, whose love in humble service" was penned by Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984). It was written in June, 1961 in response to an invitation by the Hymn Society of America to submit hymns on social welfare and was included in *Seven New Social Welfare Hymns*. As Christians we should follow the example of Christ, whose life was spent serving others. Our worship in church is vain unless it is followed by living concern for others.

John Fawcett (1740-1817), author of "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" is best known for "Blest be the tie that binds." He probably intended "Lord, Dismiss Us" for the last Sunday of the year, asking God's blessing on the new year. However, it is generally sung at the conclusion of worship as a choral benediction. The author was an English Baptist minister who wrote over 160 hymns, mostly to be sung after his sermons. (from *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)

As a small girl, Cecil Frances Humphries, author of the hymn sung at the Offertory, wrote poetry in her school's journal. In 1850 she married Rev. William Alexander, who later became the Anglican primate (chief bishop) of Ireland. She showed her concern for disadvantaged people by traveling many miles each day to visit the sick and the poor, providing food, warm clothes, and medical supplies. She and her sister also founded a school for the deaf. Alexander was strongly influenced by the Oxford Movement and by John Keble's *Christian Year*. Her first book of poetry, *Verses for Seasons*, was a "Christian Year" for children. She wrote hymns based on the Apostles' Creed, baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the Ten Commandments. (from the *Wikipedia*)



**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](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org).

**SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK!** Scan the QR code at right or visit [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) and click on Virtual Guest Book to let us know you were here and pass on any comments.

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Linda Miller, Teresa Chernault, Paul Burleson, Bill McDanel.

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** None known.

**POTLUCK MEETING TODAY!** The meeting will be coordinated by Rev. Canon Ellis Brust in the parish hall at 5 p.m. To create a more accurate portrait of this congregation, its hopes, desires, and aspirations, the search committee is hosting this meeting to get your input. 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.

**STAFF MEETING HAS MOVED** to Tuesday, this week only.

**ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** Adults meet in the Parish Hall. Children in the chapel. All are welcome!

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

September they will begin the study of the Book of Acts.

**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 October 3. If you can help please send an email to [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto: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](mailto:ben.kendall@gmail.com), 832-229-0142.

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**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](mailto: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 4,000 meal packages every week to over 60 elementary schools and to maintain the current service the group needs to raise \$81,700 every month. For more information visit [TheChildrensHungerProject.org](http://TheChildrensHungerProject.org).

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22, Psalm 124, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50. To find all the lessons visit [lectionarypage.net](http://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](mailto:srazor@bellsouth.net); or Sarah Kendall, at 702-203-6093, [537sarah@gmail.com](mailto:537sarah@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY MINISTRIES**

	<b>Sept 22</b>	<b>Sept 29</b>	<b>October 6</b>	<b>October 13</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks	A. Weeks
<b>Ushers</b>	B. Chernault J. Miller	J. Bond L. Miller	J. & J. McLaughlin	J. & J. McLaughlin
<b>LEM</b>	J. Hamilton	R. Huffman	K. Oas	K. Oas
<b>Altar Guild</b>	K. Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	M. Salmon
<b>DOK</b>	T. Chernault	J. Miller	L. Fletcher	L. Fletcher
<b>Counter</b>	K. Wilson	Katie Wilson	Katie Wilson	K. Wilson
<b>AV</b>	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz



## **Search Committee 2024 Requests your Presence**

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## **The Usher Ministry**

The ministry of ushering is a crucial part of worship because it is one of the most visible ministries in the church. In Christ, you have received God's unconditional love, and, in Christ, you are called to extend that same unconditional love to others.

The usher duties can be summed up in a few words:

Make people feel welcome at church.

Assist with people management during all services especially during communion.

Assist with seating, collecting offering, and maintaining a safe environment.

A church usher has a true love for the people of the church and a desire to promote an atmosphere of reverence and worship in the house of God.

If you are interested in serving as an usher, please contact this morning's ushers, Mother Susan, or email the office at [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org).

## **Altar Guild**

If you are looking for a ministry in which to serve, consider the St John's Altar Guild. Many people have found it a rewarding ministry with great personal satisfaction as guardians of the Sacred Spaces and Sacred Elements. Men are welcome to join, this is not exclusively a women's guild.

"Being on the Altar Guild is a labor of love. We prepare everything for all church services. New members are trained and never perform the duties alone until they are comfortable. Some of the duties include maintaining the vestments and linens, setting out the appropriate color stoles, altar frontal, banners etc. in accordance with the church calendar. We also polish and clean all brass and silver".

- Kathy Oas, Altar Guild Director



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun (9/22) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults will meet in the Parish Hall. Youth in the Chapel.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.  
Search Committee Pot Luck Meeting, Parish Hall, 5:00 p.m.
- Mon (9/23) AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Tues (9/24) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.  
Scouts, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed (9/25) Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Choir Loft.
- Thurs (9/26) Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary.
- Fri (9/27) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
- Sun (9/29) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall; Youth in the Chapel.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.  
AA Meeting, Parish Hall, 3 p.m.

**THE OFFICE** will be open on Tuesday this week only. During the rest of the week please email the office at [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org).

*All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) > Parish Life > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) and we will send you the link.*

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growing as servants of Christ, and sharing His love in word and deed.*

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Amy Lacy, Secretary

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Jack Kenworthy, Amy Lacy, Julie Miller

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Elizabeth Chludzinski, Peter Fischel,  
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