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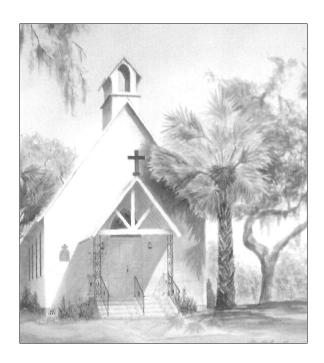
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist: Rite II

September 29, 2024

10 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

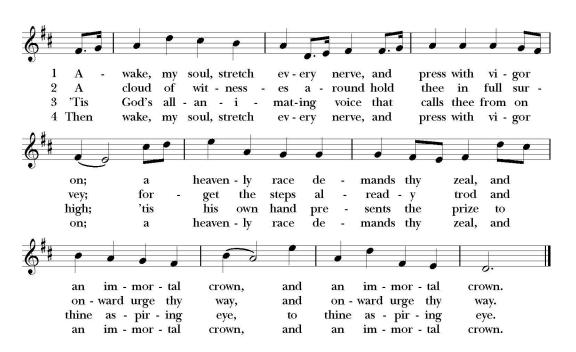
The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**.



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: Siroë

Hymn 546, Awake my soul, stretch every nerve"



Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP). p.355

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



COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, joining together

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with ■ Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me – that is my petition – and the lives of my people – that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that

Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side, * *let Israel now say;*

If the Lord had not been on our side, * when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive *

Read responsively by half verse

in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us * and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters * have gone right over us.

Blessed be the Lord! *

he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the | the maker of heaven and earth.

fowler: *

the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, * the maker of heaven and earth.

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it

might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

GRADUAL and ALLELUIA

sung by the choir

Alleluia. I will always give thanks unto the Lord. His praise shall ever be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord. The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. *Alleluia*.

Mark 9:38-50

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown

into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is

good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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 St. John's Church, Melbourne, and St. Sebastian's by the Sea, Melbourne Beach.

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

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families, especially Andrew, Brandon, Bryan, Caleb, Chase, 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

Let thy merciful ears

Thomas Mudd

Tune: Repton

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto the prayers of thy humble servants, and that they may obtain their petitions.

Make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, our Lord. *Amen*.

Presentation Hymn "How clear is our vocation, Lord"



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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.

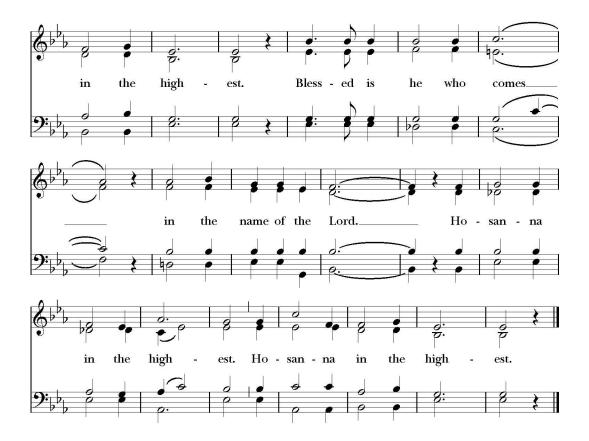
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

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

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.

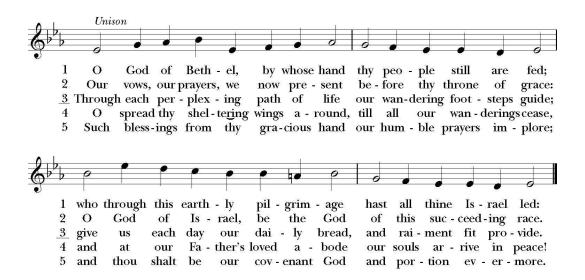
The usher will indicate when it is time for your row to come forward to the altar rail to receive Communion. If you wish to receive Communion in your pew, please let the usher know and it will be brought to you. When you go forward, an usher will indicate where to kneel at the rail, then hold your hands 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, Voluntary

Smaa Preludier

Carl Nielson





The Postcommunion Prayer

All kneel, as able

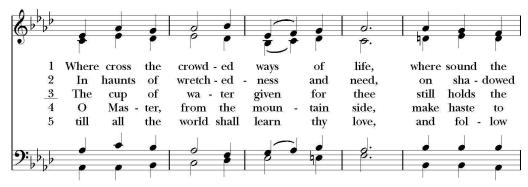
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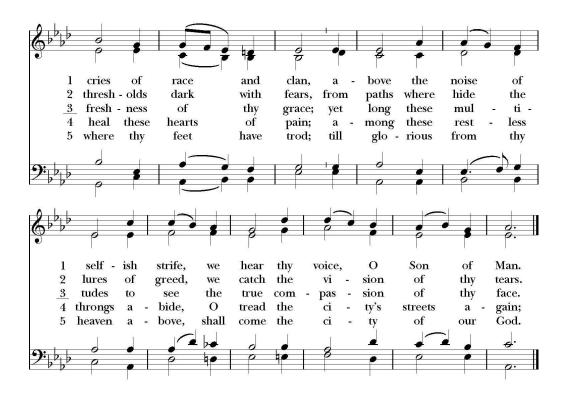
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, 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

Hymn 609, "Where cross the crowded ways of Life"

Tune: Gardiner





Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

Improvisation on Gardiner

H H

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Because the English Dissenting minister Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), author of our opening hymn "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve") wrote all of his hymns to follow and sum up his sermons, his works are strongly biblically based. In this hymn, in addition to "Pressing onward in the Christian race" (Philippians 3:12-14) there are references to Corinthians 9:24; Hebrews 12:1; II Timothy 4:8; and Revelation 4:10. It's good to read over these references before you sing the hymn so that you may find deeper meaning.*

Thomas Mudd (?-1667) was a relatively minor English composer. From a musical family, he was a chorister at Peterborough Cathedral (1619) and organist there (1631-2) and at Lincoln

(1662) and Exeter (1664) cathedrals. He briefly worked at York Minster (1666). Services and anthems in manuscripts ascribed to 'Mudd' may be by him or members of his family.

Carl August Nielsen (1865 - 1931) was a Danish composer, conductor and violinist, widely recognized as his country's most prominent composer. His *Smaa Preludier* (brief pieces) for organ are beautifully crafted short works. He is notable in the organ world as composer of a work entitled "Commotio" which reigned for many years as the longest organ work ever composed.

The Christian City of June, 1903, contained the hymn "Where cross the crowded ways of life" by Frank Mason North (1850-1935). This is probably the earliest Christian hymn of the modern city. North, a Methodist Missionary Society secretary and editor of *Christian City*, wrote the hymn looking down on the busy canyons of New York City. Based on Matthew 22:9 ("Go ye therefore unto the partings of the highways") it is a poignant picture of Christ's concerns for the down-trodden and needy people of every city. *

*From Hymn Notes by Austin Lovelace.

H H

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: Steve Johnson.

Anniversaries this Week: None known.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Job 1:1; 2:1-10, Psalm 26, Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16. 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 Sarah Kendall, at 702-203-6093, 537sarah@gmail.com.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Sept 29	October 6	October 13	October 20
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	R. Huffman	K. Oas	J. Hamilton	R. Huffman
Altar Guild	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	K. Oas	L. Bennett
DOK	J. Miller	L. Fletcher	L. Miller	T. Chernault
Counter	Katie Wilson	Katie Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
AV	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun (9/29) 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.

AA Meeting, Parish Hall, 3 p.m.

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

Tues (10/1) Scouts, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Outreach Meeting, 7 p.m. on Zoom.

Wed (10/2) AA Business Meeting, 5: 30 p.m. Parish Hall. Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Choir Loft.

Thurs (10/3) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.

Daily Bread Service, 10:30 a.m.

Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary. AA Ladies Group, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Fri (10/4) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sun (10/6) 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 Thursdays only. 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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