

# The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024  
8:45 & 11:00am



## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

Est. 1836 | Flat Rock, North Carolina

### **Mission Statement**

*To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in his name.*

## Welcome to St. John in the Wilderness

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time, then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. While we are broken and incomplete in many ways, we find God making us whole through this parish community. Fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or talk to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy to learn more about St. John. It is wonderful to be with you today!

### Reminders for Worship

- Children of all ages are most welcome in our worship services. If parents prefer, nursery care is available for young children in the Parish House across Rutledge Drive.
- Formation for children and adults is held across the street during the 10:00 hour.
- You will find hand sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.
- Please participate in the service by singing and praying with us. At the time of the Peace, please take a few moments to leave your pew and greet others in the name of our Lord.

**Special Summer Eucharist and Reception for Dewitt:** Join us on Sunday, August 25, at 11:00am for a special combined-service Eucharist in the Parish Hall. We invite one and all to join us for a festive and casual time when our two services can come together for worship and fellowship. *There will be no 8:45am service on this date, but we will have formation in the Wilderness Room at 10:05am as usual. Nursery care will be available beginning at 10:00am.*

After the service, we will stay in the Parish Hall for a reception celebrating the ministry of Dewitt Tipton and wishing him well as he begins the next chapter of his life--retirement! *Please bring a plate of finger food to share.* We hope you will join us for this opportunity to witness the joyful abundance in our parish and celebrate Dewitt.

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 & 11:00am

**PRELUDE:** Prèambule

En Prière (sung in French)

Lucy Owen Hoyt, soprano

Louis Vierne

Gabriel Fauré

text by Stéphan Bordèse

As the voice of a child can reach you, O my Father, hear my prayer, on bended knee before You!  
As You have chosen me to teach Your laws on earth,  
I will know how to serve you, noble King of kings, O Light!  
On my lips, Lord, place the salutary truth, in order that he who doubts should with humility revere you!  
Do not abandon me, give me the necessary gentleness, to ease suffering, to relieve sorrow, misery!  
Reveal Yourself to me, my Father, in whom I trust and hope;  
for You I wish to suffer and to die on the Cross, at Calvary!

## Welcome and Announcements

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** No. 420 When in our music God is glorified

*Engelberg*



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, \_\_\_\_\_  
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found \_\_\_\_\_  
3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, \_\_\_\_\_  
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night \_\_\_\_\_  
5 Let ev - ery in - stru-ment be tuned for praise! \_\_\_\_\_



1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, \_\_\_\_\_  
2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, \_\_\_\_\_  
3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, \_\_\_\_\_  
4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? \_\_\_\_\_  
5 Let all re - jice who have a voice to raise! \_\_\_\_\_



1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways \_\_\_\_\_



— Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Acclamation & Response

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

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

*The Celebrant may say*

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

Hymnal S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day**

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

**First Lesson:** 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 111**

*Confitebor tibi*

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! \***

**they are studied by all who delight in them.**

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

**4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

**8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

**10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Second Lesson:** Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the gradual hymn as the music begins and reorient themselves to the Gospel of our Lord as it is processed into the congregation.*

GRADUAL HYMN: No. 446 Praise to the Holiest in the height

*Newman*

1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the  
 2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was  
 3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in  
 4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and  
 5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

1 depth be praise; in all his words most  
 2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am  
 3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -  
 4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his  
 5 depth be praise; in all his words most

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!  
 2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.  
 3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;  
 4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.  
 5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**



**The Gospel:** John 6:51-58

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Ian Williams

*After the sermon, there is a brief moment of silence. When the Celebrant rises, the congregation stands.*

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
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.

## The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life: for the love you have shared with us in your Son Jesus Christ, for our families, friends, and neighbors, for the gift of this parish family, and for all the abundance we know.

*Leader* Lord, in your goodness

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For the Holy Church of God across time and space, that your grace may increase among us as we seek to share Christ with each other and the world.

*Leader* Lord, in your goodness

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who minister in your Church, especially our diocesan bishop, José McLoughlin. And be with all lay and ordained people as they do your work in the world.

*Leader* Lord, in your goodness

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our local community, and for the beautiful Creation that surrounds us; and we ask you to be with our students, teachers, and parents as the school year begins. Bless them in their learning and in their work.

*Leader* Lord, in your goodness

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially for Joseph, our President, and Roy, our Governor. We pray for congress and the courts and for our state and local officials.

*Leader* Lord, in your goodness

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of this land. Grow in us a capacity for gratitude and patience, that we may encounter one another with open hearts and work together for the common good.

*Leader* Lord, in your goodness

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our enemies. Reconcile us to nations and individuals who wish us ill and forgive us for the hurts we cause and the divisions we kindle.

*Leader* Lord, in your goodness

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. We pray for all who are struggling to get by and we ask that you bring healing and hope to those on our parish prayer list; for Dottie, Christopher, Tom and Anna, Gene, Loretta, Betsy, Margaret, John, Charles, Hal, Chuck, Craig, Anne, Mary, Harriet, Lynne, Mason, Stephen, Tawana, Jack, Scotty, Joyce, Judy, Herb and Ginger, Bobby, Robin, Leslie, Patty, Laurie, Glenn, Barbara, and Dick. Are there others?

*The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

*Leader* Lord, in your goodness

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died, [*especially \_\_\_\_.*]

*The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Leader* Lord, in your goodness

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant offers a concluding Collect.*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop, when present, or 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

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

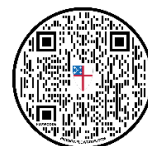
*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. The Celebrant then shares an offertory sentence.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory

*The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table. Online gifts may be made using the QR code to the right.*



**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** 8:45 Complainte  
11:00 Panis Angelicus (sung in Latin)  
Lucy Owen Hoyt, soprano

Louis Vierne  
César Franck

Text by St. Thomas Aquinas

The manna becomes the food for mankind, the bread of heaven gives form to the imagination.  
What a miracle, the Lord becomes food for the needy, the burdened and the lowly.

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. A gluten-free option is available upon request. For further instructions about Holy Communion, see the note to our visitors on the back inside cover of the bulletin.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM:** Take and Eat

Michael Joncas

Text by Michael Joncas

REFRAIN: Take and eat; take and eat; this is my body given up for you.

Take and drink; take and drink; this is my blood given up for you.

I am the Word that spoke and light was made; I am the seed that died to be reborn;

I am the bread that comes from Heav'n above; I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. REFRAIN

I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free;

I am the life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. REFRAIN

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin; I am the gate that guards you night and day;

You are my flock, you know the shepherd's voice; you are my own, your ransom is my blood. REFRAIN

I am the cornerstone that God has laid; a chosen stone and precious in his eyes;

You are God's swelling place, on me you rest; like living stones, a temple for God's praise. REFRAIN

I am the first and last, the Living One; I am the Lord who died that you might live;

I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song; you are my bride, come to the marriage feast. REFRAIN

COMMUNION HYMN: No. 313 Let thy Blood in mercy poured

*Jesu, meine Zuversicht*

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious  
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou  
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound  
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,  
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give  
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now  
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

*Refrain*

of thy bound-less love the to - ken.  
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -  
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.  
 of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.



## **Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors**

*Celebrant* With whom will you share this communion?

*Eucharistic Visitors respond with the names of those to whom they will go.*

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread and one cup.**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*


Let us pray.

*The people stand or kneel for the Post-Communion Prayer.*


*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**


**The Blessing**




1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom  
 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on  
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -  
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -  
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -  
 4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth  
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
 3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.  
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

### The Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Fantaisie

Jean Langlais

**The Prayers of the People** is that part of our liturgy which offers intercessions and thanksgivings to God. **Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People.** As we pray, please remember those who are ill or with other needs: Dottie Dalzell, Christopher Carlson, Tom and Anna Joiner, Gene Banks, Loretta Orentas, Betsy Thagard, Margaret Barker, John Flowers, Charles Cornwell, Hal Reid, Chuck King, Craig Whitham, Anne Vogler, Mary McCarty, Harriet Huiet, Lynne Bruno, Mason Richmond, Stephen Bruno, Tawana Gibbs, Jack Reeves, Scotty Wood, Joyce Beschta, Judy Oldenburg, Herb and Ginger Quarles, Bobby, Robin, Leslie Gagnon, Patty Vint, Laurie Staples, Glenn Layfield, Barbara Kovaz, and Dick Zecher.

**Eucharistic Visitors** share the Body and Blood of Christ with those who receive care from our Visitor Ministry. We thank God for the ministry of Clint Adams, Stephen Askew, Patricia Tanzer Askew, E.R. Haire, Art Mack, Bill Taylor, and Dick Zecher.

**The Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Terry Bettendorf, *by his family, Judi, Elizabeth, Hillary, and Lindsey;* and in loving memory of Christopher Eugene (Gene) Staton, *by Debby Staton, their children and grandchildren.*

**To Our Visitors:** We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive the Sacrament or a blessing. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. To receive Communion, simply come forward to kneel at the altar if you are able. Put one hand in the palm of the other and the Celebrant will share the Body of Christ with you. You may then intinct or drink from the Chalice. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

## THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 18		Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 25
	8:45am	11:00am	11:00am Service in the Parish Hall
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Judy Petersen	Stan Rogan	Mark Delk
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mary Shelton	Susan Rex	Stan Rogan
<b>Ushers</b>	George Grzenda	Bettie Orr	Hilton Swing
	Clint Adams	John Knapp	Ned Curtis
<b>Greeters</b>	Lynne Miller	Carmen & Ned	Charlie Hart
	Judy Petersen	Curtis	Greyson Williams
<b>Cart Drivers</b>	Steve Hutcherson	Tom Savage	Nancy Cooper
<b>Videography</b>	E. Wiescholek	N/A	Tom Griswold
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cathryn Harrell	Laurie Morris	Sandra Jeffery
	BJ McKee	Jann Cooper	Lynne Miller
	Jim Cooper <i>(Brass)</i>		Diane Skelton
			Laurie Morris
			Michael Jeffery <i>(Brass)</i>
<b>Refreshment Time</b>	Luann & Edgar Ham	Anne Vogler Jo Stahle	N/A – <i>Please bring a place of finger food to share at the reception after the service!</i>
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Jan Tanner		Galen Reuther & Claudia Northrup
<b>Opening Gatekeeper</b>	Dick Zecher		Dick Zecher
<b>Closing Gatekeeper</b>	Jim Gibbs		Jim Gibbs



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Worship Services: 8:45 & 11:00am | Office Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm M-F

Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Children: 10:00am

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**Outreach:** Jennifer Shelton

**Personnel:** Margaret Barker

**Stewardship:** Jerry Holt

## VESTRY MEMBERS

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Junior Warden: Will Rodriguez

2024

E.R. Haire, Jr.

Marisa Pharr

Kim Sanders

Clint Adams

2025

Laura Teel

Patrice German

2026

Jim Gibbs

Jill Owen

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Sandy Skelton

## PARISH OFFICERS

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