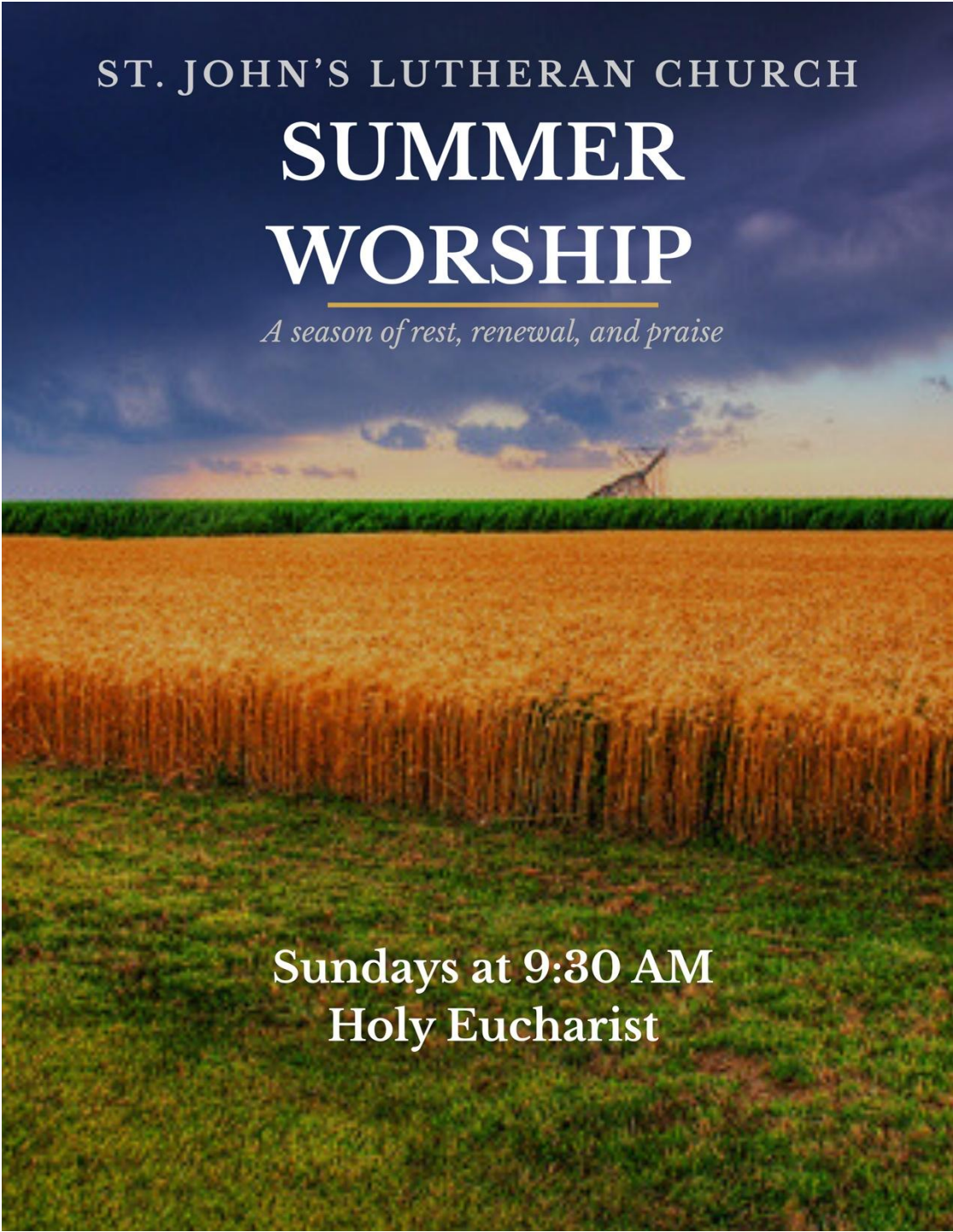




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SUMMER WORSHIP

A season of rest, renewal, and praise

Sundays at 9:30 AM
Holy Eucharist

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We are delighted to have you with us today! To help us keep track of our cherished visitors, we kindly ask that you sign the visitor book located in the Narthex. This small gesture allows us to connect with you and offer any assistance you may need. Additionally, our ushers are more than happy to provide guidance and answer any questions you might have during worship. Whether you're here for the first time or returning, we hope you feel welcomed.



Join us for
Godly Play
Every Sunday at 10:30

Busy bags are in the Narthex for your little ones to enjoy. These bags are thoughtfully prepared to keep children engaged during the service. Additionally, we invite you to explore and make use of the Godly Play area at the back of the Nave, designed to provide a welcoming and enriching environment for our young attendees. We hope these resources help create a meaningful and enjoyable experience for your family.

All are welcome! We share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

PRELUDE

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We kneel or stand.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

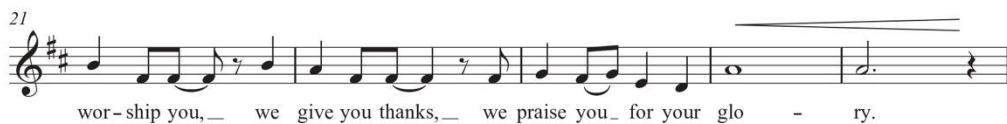
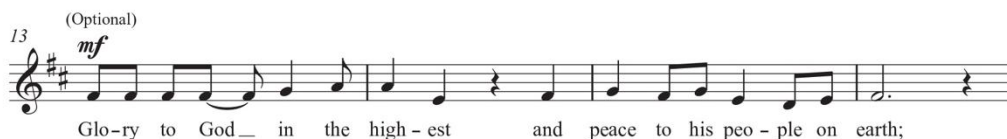
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

GLORIA



Chorus



26 *f*

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God_ in the high - est,

30

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God,_ glo-ry to God_ in the high - est,

34 *mf*

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son_____ of the___ Fa - ther,

38

Lord God,___ Lamb of God, you take a - way the___ sin of the

41 *mp*

world. Have mer - cy on us; You are seat - ed at___ the right

45

hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive___ our prayer._____

Chorus
CONGREGATION

49 *f*

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God_ in the high - est,

53 (Optional)

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God,_ glo-ry to God_ in the high - est. For

57 *mf*

you a - lone_ are the Ho - ly One,_ You a - lone_____ are the___ Lord;

61

You a - lone_ are the Most_ High,_ Je - sus_ Christ. With the

65

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Final Chorus

CONGREGATION

70

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God,_ glo-ry to God_ in the high - est, Glo - ry,

75

glo-ry to God,_ glo-ry to God_ in the high - est. A - men.

molto rit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Let us pray. . . .

We sit.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

FOUND IN THE INSERT

PSALM

Said responsively by verse.

FOUND IN THE INSERT

SECOND LESSON

FOUND IN THE INSERT

We stand.

GOSPEL

FOUND IN THE INSERT

We sit.

SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

FOUND IN THE INSERT

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.* *Or, He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

We kneel or sit for the prayers.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each intercession ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We sit.

GREETINGS



MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by the St. John's Summer Choir

We stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It starts with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. After a double bar line, it continues with a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly, ho - ly,' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It starts with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. After a double bar line, it continues with a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. The lyrics 'ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your' are written below the notes. The notation includes dynamic markings: 'mp' (mezzo-piano) above the first staff and 'cresc. poco a poco' (crescendo poco a poco) above the second staff. The first staff also has '(Org.)' written below the first note.

8 *mf* *più f* *mf*
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -

11 *più f* *attacca*
 san - na. ho - san - na in the high - est.

14 *mp*
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

16 *p* *mf*
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, ho -

19 *più f* *mf*
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -

21 *più f* *rit.*
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.



1 Our Fa-ther in heav-en, we hal-low your Name! Most
2 Our dai-ly bread give us, ful-fill ev-ery need; grant
3 Then, from all temp-ta-tion, come lead us a-way; from
ho-ly and glo-ri-ous, ev-er the same! Es-
food for both spir-it and bod-y, we plead. As
on-slaught of e-vil, de-liv-er, we pray! For
tab-lish your king-dom, your pur-pose ful-fill. On
we for-give oth-ers, our debts please for-give; with
yours is the king-dom, the glo-ry and power in
earth as in heav-en, may all do your will!
all re-con-ciled and at peace may we live.
past and in fu-ture, this day and this hour!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available if requested.

We sit.

LAMB OF GOD

(Org.) *mp*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, Lamb of

4 *p poco*

God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Have mer-cy on us, have

7 *mp p*

mer-cy on us, have_ mer - cy. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

10 *p*

sin of the world, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have

13 *poco mp p*

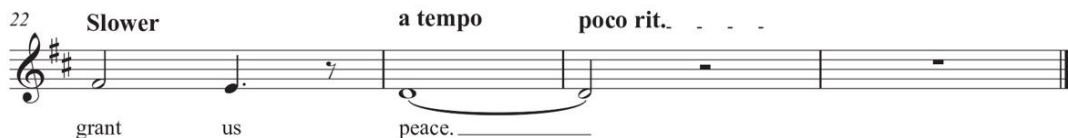
mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have_ mer - cy. Lamb of

16 *mp*

God, you take a-way the sin of the world, Lamb of God, you take a-way the

19 *rit.*

sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace,



MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

FOUND IN INSERT

We stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, **almighty God**, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEPTEMBER 13

Rally Sunday

Return to 2 services

5:00pm Evensong

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26 | 9:30am

Hymn of the Day: Gather Us In ELW 532

Communion Hymn: In Thee Is Gladness ELW 867

Closing Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory ELW 705

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

I Kings 3:5-12

A reading from I Kings

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.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:129-136

129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
130 When your word goes forth it gives light;
*
it gives understanding to the simple.
131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your
Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
135 Let your countenance shine upon your
servant *
and teach me your statutes.
136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

A reading from Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

The holy gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant	The Rev Martha McCreight
Organist	Nathan K. Lively-Greyling
Worship Assistant	Michele Effren
Reader	Michele Effren
Communion Assistant	Susan Ylitalo
Usher	
Altar Committee	Sheila Koch
Counters	Cheryl & Joe Milukas, Michele Taylor, Shirley Schulz
Fellowship Time	Karen & Sue Brandt
Little Free Pantry	

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 29

12:00 noon Weekly Eucharist - Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 2

9:30 am Worship

Wednesday, August 5

12:00 noon Weekly Eucharist - Chapel

Altar flowers are given by Andrea Budner in honor of Nathan.

God, you have leant us Nathan Lively-Greyling for 9 years. We have been blessed through his extensive talent as organist, music director, and leading our youth ministry; all while working closely with Pastor as Cantor on other congregation needs. Continued blessings to you and best wishes in your new position at Christ Church in Bronxville. You will be missed. Until we meet again...God Bless Us All.

GIVING AT ST. JOHN'S

As summer takes us to new places, our faith travels with us! A gentle reminder - whether you're enjoying a vacation with family or exploring somewhere new, your continued generosity keeps St. John's strong and our ministry thriving.

Did you know you can give anytime, anywhere? Online giving via our Vanco portal makes it easy to stay connected to God's work here at home — even when you're miles away. Not on Vanco? a check mailed to the church office works just as well! Or, use this QR code.



Every gift, large or small, is a seed of faithfulness that blooms in our community.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7

Thank you for your faithful partnership in ministry. May God richly bless your summer adventures!