



July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Notes

There are offering trays located at each entrance to the sanctuary. If you would like to give, you can put your offering there before worship. You can also give online using this QR code.



If you have a prayer request, there are blue prayer cards in your pew racks that can be put in the trays, as well.

The ^ symbol indicates that you are invited to stand, as you are able.

The hymns can be found on pages 3 and 4 of the bulletin, and the scripture readings are printed on the back.

Please note: This service is being live-streamed and archived through our social media channels. While the video focuses on the worship leaders, participants may also appear in the recordings.

Welcome to St. John's!

No matter who you are, where you come from, what you look like, or what you are wearing, you are welcome here! No matter where you are in your faith, you belong here. All we want is to help you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ! If there is anything we can do to help you feel more at home, please feel free to ask one of the greeters located at the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We are so glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

Welcome & Announcements

Introit "All Creatures of Our God and King" *Kraph*

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: Surely the Lord is in this place;

All: This is the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!

One: You, O Lord, are in the midst of this people.

All: Now, O Lord, we see you face to face.

One: Let us worship the Lord
 this day and every day,
 in this place and every place.

^ Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Prayer of Invocation & Confession (ending with the Lord's Prayer)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness

^ Gloria Patri (#71 in the red hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

^ Affirming Our Faith

From 1 John 4:7-17

Love is from God.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent his only son into the world

so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us

and sent his son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God;

if we love one another, God lives in us,

and God's love is perfected in us.

We have seen and do testify

that the Father sent his Son as the savior of the world.

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God,

and God abides in them.

After the children's time, the children will return to their seats. Sunday School will resume in September.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 25:1-18

Anthem

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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Scripture Reading

Genesis 25:19-34

After the sermon, there will be a brief musical interlude, offering time for reflection.

Sermon

"The Cost of Getting Ahead"

Rev. Beckett

Summer Sermon Series: "Anything but Ordinary"

The Lord's Supper

^ Presentation of Offering & Doxology

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.

^ Prayer of Dedication & Prayers of the People

^ Hymn

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

^ Benediction

After the Postlude, you are encouraged to greet one another (especially people you don't already know!) and come downstairs for a time of refreshments and fellowship. If you see someone standing alone, go talk to them!

^ Postlude

"Praise God, From Who All Blessings Flow"

Healey Willan

Enriching Our Worship of God

Music Director Janet Kaido

Ushers Mark Ntow, Joe Arico

Greeter Nancy Wolfe

Coffee Servers Judy & Chris Mileto

Unison

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us

5. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for - giv-ing oth-ers, take your

ing, O praise ye! Al - le - lu - ia! O broth-er sun with

part, O praise ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and

gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon with sil-ver gleam!

sor-row bear, praise God and on him cast your care!

O praise ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

7. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Refrain

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness
2. For the love of God is great - er than the meas - ure

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's just - ice
of our mind; and the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than li - ber - ty. There is wel - come for the
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sin - ner, there are grac - es for the good! There is mer - cy
sim - ple, we would rest up - on God's word; and our lives would

with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
be il - lu - mined by the pre - sence of the Lord.

Announcements

Congregational Life

July Birthdays

Happy birthday to everyone in our church family who is celebrating a birthday this month! Please wish them a happy birthday in person at church or send them birthday wishes by text, email, or a card in the mail. Join us after worship today for cake in Fellowship Hall to celebrate our July birthdays. If you would like to be included in our birthday lists, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmccconnell@aol.com).

July 1 Meredith Carty

July 4 Nancy Arico

July 4 Mimi Wright

July 5 Bruce Phillips

July 6 Logan Carty

July 9 Bob Miller

July 12 Kris Graham

July 24 Cameron Oliver

July 31 Jason Feldman

St. John's Guitar Club

Guitar club met this past Wednesday, and we are determining the next date soon. Whether you are a beginner, an experienced player, or are just curious, this is open to all levels of ability. We just want to have fun, play together, and learn from each other. For questions, contact Brian Bouvier or John Senior.

Wednesday Men's Day Lunch

Our first Wednesday Men's Day Lunch was this past week, and it was a lot of fun! The next one will be on **Wednesday, July 8 at Noon**. Men of all ages are invited to bring their lunch to the church and eat together in Fellowship Hall! No RSVP needed, and there's no agenda; just an informal time of food and fellowship together. Come a little late or leave early if you need to. If you have any questions, just ask Pastor Patrick.

Service

Coffee Drive for Great Valley Food Cupboard

We are accepting ground coffee or Keurig cups (decaf and caffeinated) for the Great Valley Food Cupboard. A collection box will be in Fellowship Hall.

Children & Youth

Scan the QR code to subscribe to our Children & Youth Newsletter:



Vacation Bible School 2026

OPERATION RESTORATION: Mending God's World

Join us August 3-7 from 9 a.m. to Noon at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon for VBS! We will gather for music, Bible study, games, crafts, and FUN. Registration for students and volunteers is open now. You can register through May 30 using the link in the weekly email through. We are looking for volunteers to help with shepherding, station leading, and more! We have a volunteer position for everyone, even those who can only come one day. For more information, contact Pastor Ridgley!

Youth Bible Study will not be meeting for the summer and will resume in the Fall!

Did you get a text from Pastor Ridgley this week?

Next year, children and youth parents will receive text messages about upcoming event RSVPs and links to our newsletter. If you prefer to receive/not receive these texts, please let her know or respond STOP to the text.

Faith Formation

Women's Book Study – 2 Opportunities

The Sunday book group will be taking the summer off. They will resume with a new book study in September. Contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) for more information.

The Monday group meets at 10:00 a.m., both in person and on Zoom (use the church Zoom link found on the website under Resources). They will be starting the book *From Widows to Warriors: Women's Stories from the Old Testament* by Lynn Japinga on July 6th. Copies are available in the church office. If you would like to find out more, Contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net) for more info.

Men's Group

The Wednesday morning men's group is taking a break for the summer and will resume in the fall. Until then, come to one of our Wednesday Men's Day lunches!

Interested in Joining St. John's?

We would love for you to become a part of our St. John's family! You can indicate your interest in the Roll of Fellowship Pad or contact one of our pastors at patrick.marshall@stjohnsdevon.com or rbeckett@stjohnsdevon.com. Patrick or Ridgley will get in touch with you to set up time for coffee to discuss your interests.

This Week in the Church Office

**Pastor Patrick will be back in the office on July 7.
Pastor Ridgley will be out of the office July 8 through
July 15 and will return Thursday, July 16.**

Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email must be sent to Annie by Noon on Wednesday.

Friday is Pastor Patrick and Pastor Ridgley's sabbath day, and the church office is closed on Saturday. If you email or call on those days, you will not get a response until they are back in the office.

If you have a pastoral emergency pertaining to a death, hospitalization, or crisis situation when the office is closed, please call 484-604-0499

Pastor Ridgley Rides to End Alzheimer's

Next weekend, Pastor Ridgley will be cycling 260 miles across the state of South Carolina with over 500+ cyclists to raise money to put an end to this terrible disease that affects so many that we love. Please keep them in your prayers next weekend (July 10-12) as they make the trek to Charleston! They're hoping to raise \$1.5 Million this year! If you have a loved one that you would like Ridgley to ride in honor (or memory) of, please email her by Wednesday so she can put their name on her "I Ride For" Bib! If you'd like to learn more, contact Pastor Ridgley.

Ministry Need:

We are need volunteers to help our nursery worker on Sundays this Summer! We have people in the nursery who can pick up kids and handle any physical parts of nursery work, but we need an adult to sit in the rocking chair and engage with our kids to help fulfill our child protection policy requirements! If we cannot have two adults int the nursery we cannot provide nursery care, which is the most hospitable thing we can do for our young families (and visitors!) **We are especially in need of a volunteer on Sunday, July 12 & July 19.** Please contact Pastor Ridgley or click the link in the weekly newsletter if you can help!

Giving

If you would like to support the life and ministry of St. John's, you can scan this QR code to give online.



Financial Update

As of May 31, year-to-date operating income from all sources totaled \$365,962, above budget by \$81,755, due largely to some people already giving their full pledges for the year. That always slightly inflates the financial picture in the first part of the year, but will average out over the coming months.

Expenses year-to-date are \$302,615, under budget by \$12,676.

Income minus Expenses yielded a surplus of \$63,358. Thank you for all the ways that you make the life and ministry of our church family possible!

Looking Ahead...

Sunday, July 19 - We will welcome Erik Friend with Caritas, one of our mission partners, in worship and he will share the work they are doing in Cuernavaca, Mexico!

Sunday, August 16- Our Senior High youth will be in Montreat, NC for their annual Montreat Youth Conference! They will lead worship on August 16 sharing about what they learned!

Sunday, September 20 - Save the date for our Fall Kickoff! We will gather for our first Sunday School class of the year followed by a meal together as a church family after worship.

Share the Love!

St. John's is trying to increase their online presence for the community at large to learn more about us! Please consider sharing your experience as a member of this church family (or even a visitor!) by reviewing us on Google or on Facebook.! If you need help, click the links in the weekly email to show you how to do it step by step or contact Pastor Ridgley.

Scan this QR code to subscribe to our weekly email update:



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This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR Code for the complete church calendar:



Sunday, July 5

9:30 am Worship & Communion

Monday, July 6

10:00 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)

Tuesday, July 7

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, July 9

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, July 11

9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, July 12

8:15 am Trustee's Meeting (Kean Room)

9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Women's Fellowship Meeting (Sunday School Room)

St. John's Mission Statement

Reflecting God's unconditional love to all!

Core Values

Faith

We seek to grow in our faith and to recognize God's presence in our lives through scripture, worship, music, fellowship, study, and prayer.

Love

All people are welcome here. We are a caring, inclusive, intergenerational community, following Jesus Christ's example to love everyone, to be with one another in difficult times, and to share in each other's joys.

Service

We are passionate about helping those in need within our church family, in our local communities, across the country, and throughout the world. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are generous with our time, talents, and resources to bring hope to others in tangible, transformative ways.

Vision Statement

A spiritual home for the community where...

- everyone is welcomed with open hearts, showing each other grace in a complicated world
- people find belonging as they are known, valued, and loved
- together, we grow in our knowledge and love of God
- Jesus inspires us to serve others with compassion

Today's Scripture Reading

Genesis 25: 1-34

¹Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah. ²She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. ³Jokshan was the father of Sheba and Dedan. The sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. ⁴The sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. ⁵Abraham gave all he had to Isaac. ⁶But to the sons of his concubines Abraham gave gifts, while he was still living, and he sent them away from his son Isaac, eastwards to the east country.

⁷This is the length of Abraham's life, one hundred and seventy-five years. ⁸Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. ⁹His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre, ¹⁰the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with his wife Sarah. ¹¹After the death of Abraham God blessed his son Isaac. And Isaac settled at Beer-lahai-roi.

¹²These are the descendants of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's slave-girl, bore to Abraham. ¹³These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, named in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the firstborn of Ishmael; and Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, ¹⁴Mishma, Dumah, Massa, ¹⁵Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.

¹⁶These are the sons of Ishmael and these are their names, by their villages and by their encampments, twelve princes according to their tribes. ¹⁷(This is the length of the life of Ishmael, one hundred and thirty-seven years; he breathed his last and died, and was gathered to his people.) ¹⁸They settled from Havilah to Shur, which is opposite Egypt in the direction of Assyria; he settled down alongside all his people.

¹⁹These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean.

²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her,

'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.'

²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' ³²Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' ³³Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Notes
