## The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Proper 16C August 24, 2025



St. John's Episcopal Church Crawfordsville, IN



## Welcome

The Rev. Jason Fortner

## The Word of God

Please stand as you are able at the bell.

**Processional Hymn** 

Hymnal 8

Morning has broken

## **Opening Acclamation**

Presider

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.



## The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

#### The Lessons

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

## **First Reading**

*Reader* A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 71:1-6

The Psalm is read as directed by the lector.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \*
let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*
incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*

you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God, \*
my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; \*
my praise shall be always of you.

## **Second Reading**

*Reader* A reading from Hebrews.

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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People Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn** 

Hymnal 688

A mighty fortress is our God

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel Luke 13:10-17

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**A brief silence may follow.

The Rev. Jason Fortner



## The Prayers of the People

In peace and faith, let us offer our prayers saying, "Christ, have mercy."

For justice, equity, and peace in all the world, and that all humankind may know their Creator and know they are loved, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Jennifer our Bishop, and for all priests and deacons that they may follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, let us pray. **Christ, have mercy.** 

For all Episcopalians in Indiana that we might discern how best to share God's boundless love in this state, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For all the People of God that they may follow where Christ has led, let us pray. **Christ, have mercy.** 

For those serving in all levels of government, for the leaders of all nations, and for all in authority that they may have hearts to protect and care for all people, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For the healing of the good earth and for the equitable and wise use of her resources, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For those in Crawfordsville and Montgomery County who are in need of employment, food, safety, and justice, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For those we know and love who need healing in body, mind, or spirit, especially Brittany Weathers, Shelbi Fortner, Larry Bennett, Brittany Green, Sherry Murillo, Jack, Les, Lauren, Frank, Don, Ann, Cynthia, Char, Tim, Cathy, Eve, Jim, Tina, Joe, Linda, Ed, Nora, Frank, Jerry, Steve, Rob, George, Marcie, Amber, Sharon, and refugees and immigrants everywhere, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For all the departed that they may have eternal rest and peace, let us pray. **Christ, have mercy.** 

In thanksgiving for all the saints of God who have gone before us, that we might learn from their examples and join with them in prayer and praising Our Lord, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

#### Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins to God. Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

## **Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

## Please stand as you are able.

#### The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 96:8

## The Holy Eucharist

Our altar is the Table of our loving God, a table set to nourish all of creation through the love of Jesus Christ. You, who are a beloved part of that creation, are most welcome, indeed invited to partake! It is our tradition to gather around the altar to receive. If you wish to receive the Body of Christ in the bread, please place one hand on top of the other, palms up. If you wish to receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice, please take a sip when it is offered. If you would prefer a blessing rather than Communion or would like to abstain from the bread or the wine, please cross your hands over your chest.

Offertory Music Offertory on Land of Rest Krouse

Offertory Hymn Hymnal 380 verse 3 Old 100<sup>th</sup>

Please stand as you are able.

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.

## Enriching Our Worship 1

## **Eucharistic Prayer 2**

Please remain standing as you are able.

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### The Presider continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:





Please remain standing or kneel as you are able and inclined.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."



As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed Mary, Blessed John, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.



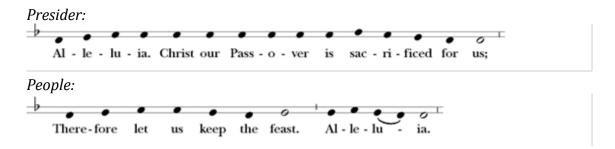
## People and Presider

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.



#### The Invitation

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The Blessing

The Presider blesses the people with these or similar words.

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen**.

**Recessional Hymn** Hymnal 521 Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might

## The Dismissal

The Presider dismisses the People.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Trumpet Voluntary in D Lind

## **Serving Today**

**Presider:** The Rev. Jason Fortner

**Music:** Jerilyn Yerkes

	Aug. 24, 2025		Aug. 31, 2025	
	9:30am		9:30am	
Lector	Sue Fain		Susan Albrecht	
LEM	Betty Culley	Dan Booher	Katharine Morrison	Aaron Morrison
Crucifer	John Culley		Steve Charles	
Greeters	John Bender	Judy Wynne	Kitty Haffner	Kari Brock
Childcare			Jessica Short	
Altar Guild	Meegan Reidy	Betty Culley	K. Morrison	Sheila Evans
Counters	Cindy Smith	Nancy Bennett	John Roberts	Jim Gary
Coffee	Meegan Reidy		Meegan Reidy	
Clean Up	K. Morrison		K. Morrison	

The altar flowers today are given by Nancy Bennett to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the St John's August Anniversaries Crew: the Bennetts, the Fains and the Olanders.



## ST. JOHN'S UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fr. Jason will be at a conference in Salt Lake City from Aug. 25-30. Please contact our Sr. Warden, Christopher Short or our Jr. Warden, Peggy Lohorn if you have a pastoral need. They will connect you with a priest.
- St. John's needs a **Parish Administrator** to work in the office 12 to 16 hours a week. If you know of someone outside the parish who would be interested, please have them email Fr. Jason.
- We will help with the **Food Finders Mobile Food Pantry** on Sep. 5 at 9:30am. Reach out to Deb Vaught with questions and to sign up to help.
- We will host a joint worship service with our friends from FCC and WAPC on August 31 at 9:30am. Childcare will be available. We will hold a special food collection for FISH in conjunction with this service. Bring all you can!
- **Episcopal Women's Ministries Fall Retreat** Sep. 26-28 at Waycross. Info and registration at bit.ly/ewmfall2025.
- Plan ahead! The **Indy Dio Youth Retreat** will be a Waycross Nov. 21-23! All youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Register at indydio.org/youth.
- St. John's collects weekly donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items to donate to the FISH Food Pantry and to stock our own Free Food Pantry. Bring what you can as you're able.
- Come join us for Bible Study every Tuesday morning at 9am in the church library and Tuesday evening at 5:30pm at Wellbrooke located at 517 Concord Road in Crawfordsville. Contact Dan Booher with questions.

## St. John's Vestry

	2026	2027	2028		
	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Peggy Lohorn, Jr. Warden	Ellen Ball		
	Sam Hildebrand	John Roberts, clerk	Kari Brock		
Katharine Morrison		Frank Sorrentino	Christopher Short, Sr. Warden		
	John Culley, Treasurer, Ex-Officio				

## St. John's Episcopal Church, Crawfordsville, Indiana

**Mission:** St. John's Episcopal Church is called by the love of Christ to welcome and witness to our community.

**Vision**: As a place of welcome and care for all, we want our community to know that:

- · We listen to the needs and concerns of our neighbors and each other.
- · We foster connections with varied and diverse groups in our community.
- · We care for those who are vulnerable and marginalized.
- · We serve others by challenging unjust systems.

We nurture rich spiritual practices for people of all ages, develop leadership within our church through education, communal prayer, and worship, and act on this knowledge and love by serving together.

As stewards of creation, we embrace and encourage sustainable practices in our community and ensure that our property supports our vision.

We are faithful stewards of all the gifts that God has given to us in order to sustain the ministries to which God has called us.



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