



SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026: PROPER 9  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST  
TENT CHURCH & FAMILY SERVICE

## WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

## CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN'S

Children's Chapel is offered for ages ten and under during the Gospel and Sermon, with infant and toddler care in the nursery. We enjoy a family worship service and Children's Sermon on the second Sunday of the month.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRELUDE

"Misty Night Blues" Martha Mier

### OPENING HYMN

"My country, 'tis of thee" vs. 1, 4, The Hymnal 717

*The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening*

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,  
from ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;  
long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

*People*

**And blessed be God's playground, now and forever. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray. O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 11:16-19,25-30

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

“How can I account for this generation? The people have been like spoiled children whining to their parents, ‘We wanted to skip rope, and you were always too tired; we wanted to talk, but you were always too busy.’ John came fasting and they called him crazy. I came feasting and they called me a boozier, a friend of the misfits. Opinion polls don’t count for much, do they? The proof of the pudding is in the eating.” Abruptly Jesus broke into prayer: “Thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You’ve concealed your ways from sophisticates and know-it-alls, but spelled them out clearly to ordinary people. Yes, Father, that’s the way you like to work.” Jesus resumed talking to the people, but now tenderly. “The Father has given me all these things to do and say. This is a unique Father-Son operation, coming out of Father and Son intimacies and knowledge. No one knows the Son the way the Father does, nor the Father the way the Son does. But I’m not keeping it to myself; I’m ready to go over it line by line with anyone willing to listen. “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON CONVERSATION

Mary, Brian, Travis & Jimmy

*The People may be seated*

*A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively, standing or kneeling*

God of laughter and light, God of mountains and rivers, God of children and wild creatures, you created this world not merely to be used but to be loved, not merely to be endured but to be enjoyed. As summer unfolds around us, teach us again the holy practice of delight.

Come out and play

**We are God’s beloved children.**

For your holy Church throughout the world. Where we have become anxious, make us trusting. Where we have become rigid, make us curious. Where we have become burdened, make us joyful. May we remember the words of Jesus: “Unless you become like little children, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Come out and play

**We are God’s beloved children.**

For the nations of the world. For places wounded by war, fear, division, and despair. Grant wisdom to leaders, courage to peacemakers, and hope to those who have forgotten joy. May every child have space to laugh, dream, and flourish.

Come out and play

**We are God’s beloved children.**

For this valley, for Grand Teton and Yellowstone, for rivers rushing with snowmelt, for elk crossing ancient migration routes, for bears emerging from dens, for osprey and trout, for fireweed blooming after fire. May we learn from creation’s endless dance of renewal.

Come out and play

**We are God’s beloved children.**

#### ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church of  
South America

#### PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Santa Maria Magdalena,  
Favorito, Cuba  
AMOS Health & Hope,  
Nicaragua

#### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Andrew's, Basin

#### SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Charlie Ezzell  
Lt. Commander Wolf Klotz  
Lt. Stephen MacLeod  
2 Lt. Ben Phocas

#### IN NEED OF COMFORT

Arnie  
Ken Asel  
Betty  
Brad Boner  
Stan Burch  
Meghan & Paul Davis  
Pattie Dunn  
Ernie Ferguson  
Penny Gilbert  
Joyce Good  
Gorman & McEvoy Families  
Kiley Hatfield  
Bruce Hawtin  
Allison Hughes  
John Huyler  
William Holbrook  
Annie Kaiser  
Mandy Loper  
Robyn Lundsford  
Emma M.  
Paige MacLeod  
Kip & Lin MacMillan  
Mader Family  
Heidi Mason  
Dawn McGarvey  
Ruth Moran  
Tim Oakley  
Shannon Owens & Family  
Peyton  
Marvene Reagan  
Jim Ross  
Luca Saufley & Family  
Nanci Steveson  
Ed & Martha Strange  
Karen Van Norman  
J.C. Whitfield

#### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Gil Adams  
Virginia Adams  
Carol Andrews  
Sage DePree  
Jeff Gilbert  
Chris Jaubert  
Mike Keegan  
Harry Konkel  
Mary Hayes  
Caroline Murphy  
AJ Sanders  
Bev Scott  
Harriet Smith  
Bobby Strawbridge  
Susan Watts

#### CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Suzanne & George Harris  
Leslie & Jim Walter

For children everywhere. For those who teach us wonder. For those who ask questions adults have forgotten to ask. For those whose imaginations still stretch toward heaven. May we receive their wisdom with humility.

Come out and play

**We are God's beloved children.**

For all who are weary. For those carrying illness, grief, loneliness, depression, or fear. We remember especially those on our parish prayer list.

May your Spirit gently restore their hearts, bringing moments of laughter amid sorrow and companions for the journey.

Come out and play

**We are God's beloved children.**

For this congregation. As we gather this summer beneath cathedral skies and mountain peaks, help us remember that faith is more than obligation. It is participation. It is wonder. It is joining the great dance of creation. As Sarah laughed at the birth of Isaac, as David danced before the Ark, as the disciples were astonished by the rushing wind of Pentecost, may we discover again the joy of being alive in your presence. We offer our delight for those celebrating birthdays this week, and for those celebrating anniversaries.

Come out and play

**We are God's beloved children.**

We pray for those who have died. Trusting the vision revealed to John; help us to see that one day every tear will be wiped away, death shall be no more, and all creation will join in the song of heaven. Until that day, keep us faithful, hopeful, and joyful.

Come out and play

**We are God's beloved children.**

God of delight, whose Wisdom rejoiced before the foundations of the world, whose Son welcomed children, and whose Spirit came like wind and fire, renew in us the gift of holy joy. Free us from fear, restore our sense of wonder, and teach us again how to live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*The People stand as able*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The People sit. The Revelations Newsletter is available for more information on what is happening around the parish.*



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace” vs. 1-5, Lift Every Voice and Sing 181

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
2. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; ‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
5. When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we’d first begun.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

“From all that dwell below the skies” vs. 3, The Hymnal 380

*The People stand as 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.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: COME OUT & PLAY

*The People stand as able*

*Celebrant* 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, Creator of heaven and earth. Before there were mountains, before rivers carved their paths through valleys, before stars burned in the darkness, your Wisdom delighted in your presence and rejoiced in the world you were creating. You spoke, and galaxies danced into being. You breathed, and life awakened. You called creation good. Again and again, you called it good. You made humanity in your image, not merely to survive, but to wonder, to create, to love, to play, and to share in the joyful stewardship of your world. When we forget our belovedness, when fear replaces wonder, and striving replaces delight, you do not abandon us. Through prophets and poets, through wilderness and wisdom, through animals and children at play, you call us home.

In Jesus, your Word made flesh, we see the fullness of human life. He welcomed children. He attended weddings. He shared meals with friends. He told stories about seeds and birds and lilies. He revealed a kingdom where joy is stronger than fear and love is stronger than death.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, with elk bugling in autumn meadows, with rivers rushing from mountain snow, with every creature beneath heaven, who forever sing:

*Celebrant* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**  
*& People* **Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God, in your infinite love you made us for yourself. And when we had wandered, you sought us. When we were lost, you found us. When we forgot how to live, you showed us the way.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread. When he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine. 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*                    **Christ has died.**  
& *People*                    **Christ is risen.**  
                                     **Christ comes again and again.**

We celebrate our relationship with you, offering you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the food and drink of new and unending life. Sanctify us, too, that we may faithfully receive this sacrament, and be renewed as your joyful people at play. Teach us again how to marvel. Teach us again how to laugh. Teach us again how to trust. Make us like children who know they are loved.

Send us into the world to play our part in your great story, to tend the earth, to welcome the stranger, to seek justice, to practice mercy, and to delight in the gift of being alive. Bring us at last into that heavenly dinner table where every tear is wiped away, where creation is restored, where death is no more, and where all things join in the eternal joy of your kingdom. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Celebrant*                    **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
& *People*                    **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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept*

*Celebrant*                    Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People*                    **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**  
*Celebrant*                    The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to receive communion in this parish. If it's your first time to receive communion or the first time in this church, the most important thing to know is it's impossible to do it wrong! We're glad you're joining us. You may kneel or stand as you approach the communion rail. Place your hands together and clergy will place the wafer in your palm. You may eat the bread and receive communion as bread alone. You may dip the bread in the wine chalice (there's a fancy word for this—intinction) or you may drink from the chalice. In that act of receiving communion, we remember the life and teachings of Jesus, along with his death and resurrection, AND it's something we do TOGETHER in order to remember we are all connected—communing with one another through this life and what's to come.*

*A member of St. John's Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer at the picnic table during Communion.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*The People are invited to sing*

“I heard the voice of Jesus say” vs. 1-3

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me, and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down Your head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down, and drink, and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, And all your day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk Till trav’ling days are done.

“How Great Thou Art” vs. 1-4, Lift Every Voice and Sing 60

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed!

*Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *Refrain*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall  
bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. *Refrain*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*The People kneel or stand as able*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**God of joy and wonder, you have fed us with the bread of life and refreshed us with the wine of gladness. Send us now into this playground of creation, filled with the knowledge that we are all your beloved children. Make us light in spirit, open in heart, quick to laugh, ready to love, and eager to play our part in the healing of your world. Restore in us a childlike joy and wonder, that we may receive each day as a gift, and play nicely with those around us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people*

May God fill your days with joy, your hearts with wonder, and your lives with love and laughter. Go out and play in God’s good creation. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

“O beautiful for spacious skies” vs. 1, 2, The Hymnal 719

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

## THE DISMISSAL

*As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal*

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

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” William Steffe

*We invite you to join us for “Recess” & a BBQ on the lawn after the service.*



### THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

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