



ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JACKSON HOLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026: PROPER 19
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST
FAMILY SUNDAY & BBQ

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

"Für Elise" WoO 59 Ludwig van Beethoven

OPENING HYMN

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hand" vs. 1-5, Lift Every Voice and Sing 217

The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening

(v. 2 – Women, v. 3 – Men)

1. He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the
whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world
in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand.

2. He's got you and me sister, etc. 4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
3. He's got you and me brother, etc. 5. He's got everybody here, etc.

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.**

GATHERING HYMN

“This is the day” (Please join in clapping) Lift Every Voice and Sing 219

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made, we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be glad in it; This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will re-joice and be glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us play. O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

EXODUS 14:19-31

The angel of God that had been leading the camp of Israel now shifted and got behind them. And the Pillar of Cloud that had been in front also shifted to the rear. The Cloud was now between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel. The Cloud enshrouded one camp in darkness and flooded the other with light. The two camps didn't come near each other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and God, with a terrific east wind all night long, made the sea go back. He made the sea dry ground. The seawaters split. The Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground with the waters a wall to the right and to the left. The Egyptians came after them in full pursuit, every horse and chariot and driver of Pharaoh racing into the middle of the sea. It was now the morning watch. God looked down from the Pillar of Fire and Cloud on the Egyptian army and threw them into a panic. He clogged the wheels of their chariots; they were stuck in the mud. The Egyptians said, "Run from Israel! God is fighting on their side and against Egypt!" God said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea and the waters will come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots, over their horsemen." Moses stretched his hand out over the sea: As the day broke and the Egyptians were running, the sea returned to its place as before. God dumped the Egyptians in the middle of the sea. The waters returned, drowning the chariots and riders of Pharaoh's army that had chased after Israel into the sea. Not one of them survived. But the Israelites walked right through the middle of the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall to the right and to the left. God delivered Israel that day from the oppression of the Egyptians. And Israel looked at the Egyptian dead, washed up on the shore of the sea, and realized the tremendous power that God brought against the Egyptians. The people were in reverent awe before God and trusted in God and his servant Moses.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 114

Remaining seated, the Lector and the People say the Psalm responsively

- 1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

ROMANS 14:1-8

Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently. For instance, a person who has been around for a while might well be convinced that he can eat anything on the table, while another, with a different background, might assume he should only be a vegetarian and eat accordingly. But since both are guests at Christ's table, wouldn't it be terribly rude if they fell to criticizing what the other ate or didn't eat? God, after all, invited them both to the table. Do you have any business crossing people off the guest list or interfering with God's welcome? If there are corrections to be made or manners to be learned, God can handle that without your help. Or, say, one person thinks that some days should be set aside as holy and another thinks that each day is pretty much like any other. There are good reasons either way. So, each person is free to follow the convictions of conscience. What's important in all this is that if you keep a holy day, keep it for God's sake; if you eat meat, eat it to the glory of God and thank God for prime rib; if you're a vegetarian, eat vegetables to the glory of God and thank God for broccoli. None of us are permitted to insist on our own way in these matters. It's God we are answerable to—all the way from life to death and everything in between—not each other.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Wede Harer Guzo” (May no harm touch you) Ethiopian Song

The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel



THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:21-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that point Peter got up the nerve to ask, “Master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?” Jesus replied, “Seven! Hardly. Try seventy times seven. “The kingdom of God is like a king who decided to square accounts with his servants. As he got under way, one servant was brought before him who had run up a debt of a hundred thousand dollars. He couldn’t pay up, so the king ordered the man, along with his wife, children, and goods, to be auctioned off at the slave market. “The poor wretch threw himself at the king’s feet and begged, ‘Give me a chance and I’ll pay it all back.’ Touched by his plea, the king let him off, erasing the debt. “The servant was no sooner out of the room when he came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him ten dollars. He seized him by the throat and demanded, ‘Pay up. Now!’ “The poor wretch threw himself down and begged, ‘Give me a chance and I’ll pay it all back.’ But he wouldn’t do it. He had him arrested and put in jail until the debt was paid. When the other servants saw this going on, they were outraged and brought a detailed report to the king. “The king summoned the man and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave your entire debt when you begged me for mercy. Shouldn’t you be compelled to be merciful to your fellow servant who asked for mercy?’ The king was furious and put the screws to the man until he paid back his entire debt. And that’s exactly what my Father in heaven is going to do to each one of you who doesn’t forgive unconditionally anyone who asks for mercy.”

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

THE FAMILY SERMON

Jimmy Bartz

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.

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Christopher Bancroft
Cindy Bartz
Stuart Bradley
Jasper Crane
Jake Dandridge
Teddy DePree
Peter Goettler
Patrick King
Jack Knobe
Doyen McIntosh
Annie Newcomb
Jayne Ottman
Fred Peightal
John Pennell
George Pope
Merril Pope
Robyn Reed
Stewart Sullivan
Rob Weed

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES
Linda & Butch Williams
Julie & Bob McLaurin
Lurette & Mike Keegan
Robbi Farrow & Brad Abrams
Jude & Chris Mooney
Lenore & David Nichols
Meagan & Adamo Vullo

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.



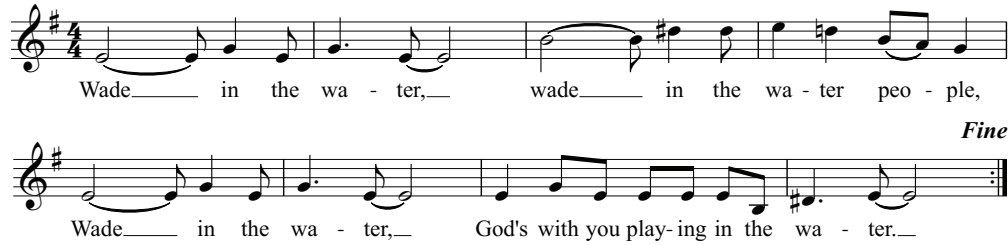
THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

“Wade in the Water”

Please join in singing the refrain with the choir

Refrain:



Wade_____ in the wa - ter,___ wade_____ in the wa - ter peo - ple,

Wade_____ in the wa - ter,___ God's with you play-ing in the wa - ter.____

Fine

See that host all dressed in white, God's with you playing in the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite, God's with you playing in the water.

Refrain

See that band all dressed in red, God's with you playing in the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led, God's with you playing in the water.

Refrain

Look over yonder, what do you see? God's with you playing in the water.
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me, God's with you playing in the water.

Refrain

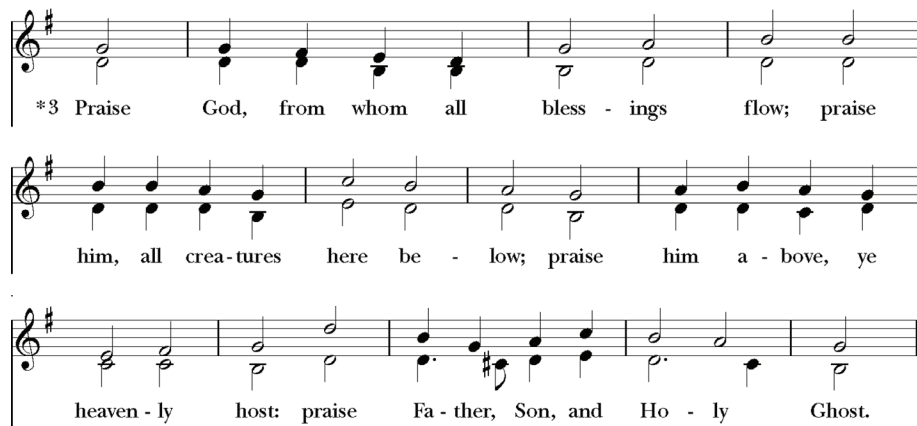
If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's with you playing in the water.
Just follow me down to the Jordan's stream, God's with you playing in the water.

Refrain

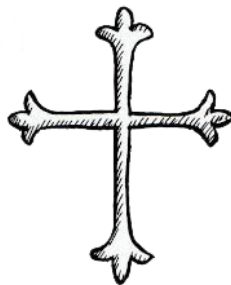
PRESENTATION HYMN

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

The People stand as able



*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly 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:

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” from A Community Mass; Richard Proulx, Hymnal S125

The Celebrant and the People sing together

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 kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues

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."

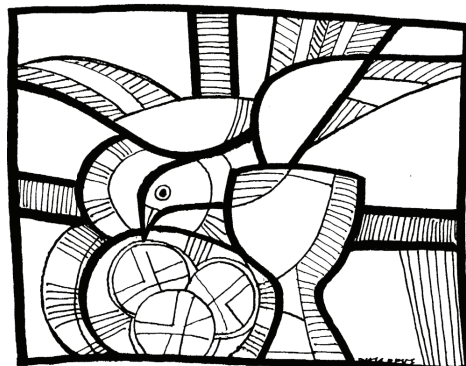
After supper he took the cup of wine. When he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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.**

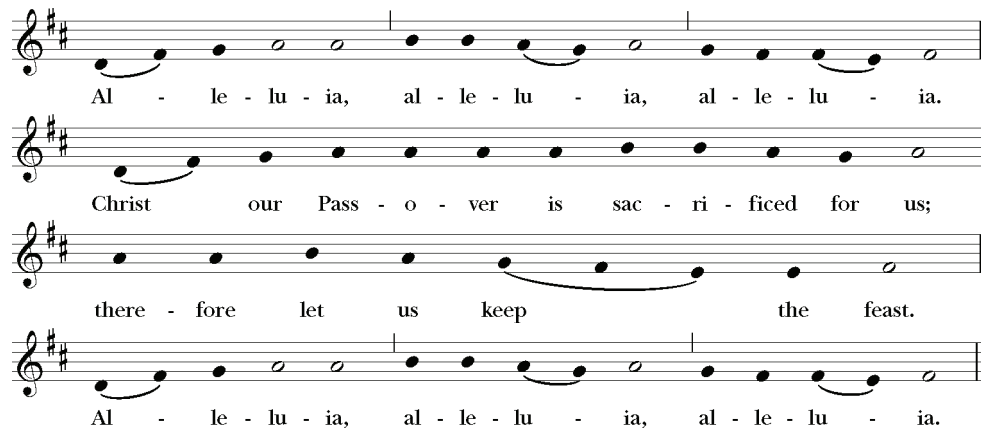
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Celebrant **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
& People **hallowed be thy Name,**
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who 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

“Christ our Passover” from New Plainsong; David Hurd, The Hymnal S154,



Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

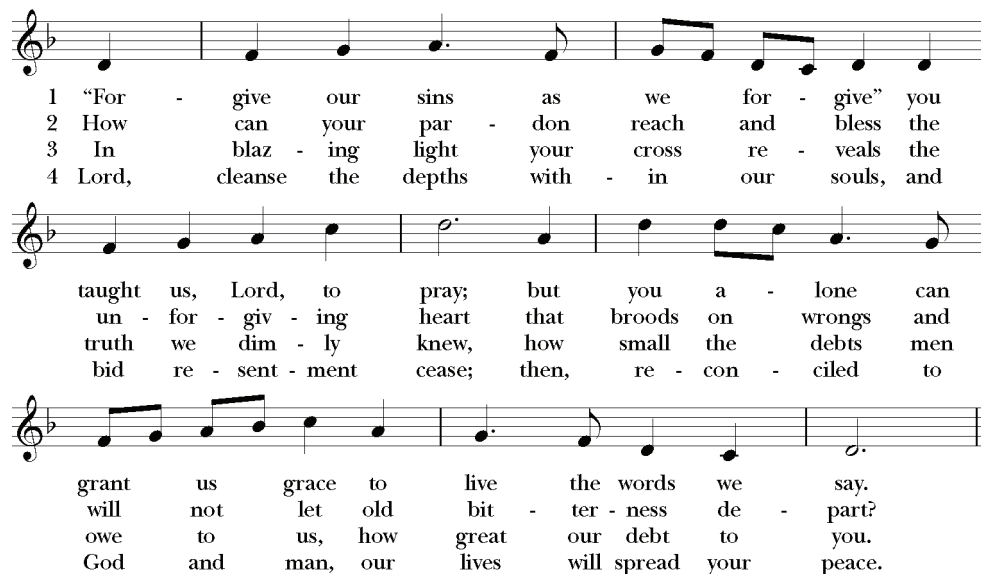
All are welcome to receive communion in this parish. If it's your first time to receive communion or the first time in this church, the most important thing to know is it's impossible to do it wrong! We're glad you're joining us. You may kneel or stand as you approach the communion rail. Place your hands 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 in the Columbarium to the left of the main altar during Communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The People are invited to sing

“Forgive our sins as we forgive” vs. 1-4, The Hymnal 674



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel or stand as able

Celebrant

Let us play.

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

“We are playing in the light of God”

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "We are play - ing in the light of God, we are play - ing in the light of God. We are play - ing in the light of God, we are play - ing in the light of God. We are play - ing Oo we are play - ing in the light of God. We are play - ing Oo we are play - ing in the light of God." The melody features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and a final double bar line.

THE DISMISSAL

As the procession passes through St. Joseph's Chapel, you are invited to follow out to the lawn for the Dismissal

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Invention 14 in B-flat” BWV 785, Johann Sebastian Bach

***We invite you to join us for our final summer BBQ out the back doors
and onto the lawn after the service.***



The Flower Team provides altar flowers for the church on Sundays and when a parishioner dedicates flowers to a loved one. The ministry shares these arrangements with those on our In Need of Comfort list. If you would like to donate flowers in honor or remembrance of someone, contact Haley at haley@stjohnsjackson.org, call 307-733-2603 or use the sign up sheet in Hansen Hall.



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