**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

October 16, 2011

Sunday Schedule: Holy Eucharist Rite II: 9:30 am

**St John’s Episcopal Church**

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The Ministry of the Word

Processional Hymn (God of Our Fathers)…………………… **# 718**

**#**Opening Acclamation:

*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.*

*Gloria…………………………………………………………………………#* ***S280***

Opening Collect……………………………. bulletin insert

Old Testament Reading……………………. bulletin insert

Psalm………………………………………. bulletin insert

New Testament Reading…………………… bulletin insert

Gradual – Celtic Alleluia

Gospel Reading (all stand)…………………. bulletin insert

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Trainor

*The service continues in the Book of Common Prayer*

*Nicene Creed...............................................................p. 358*

Prayers of the People……………… ………………. p. 387 (Form III)

**Those in need of our Prayers**: For healing:*William, Nancy, Gerry,**Bruce, Adeline, Dorothy, Charlie, Dan.*

Confession and Absolution of Sin…………………...p. 360

The Peace

Offertory Hymn (Seek Ye First) ……………………………… **# 711**

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow……… **#380, v3**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer……Form A: *p. 361*

Sanctus -“Holy, Holy, Holy”…………………………………. **# S130**

Post Communion Hymn: (I am Week but thou Art Strong) Supp. **# 24**

Concluding Prayer:

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Blessing

Recessional Hymn (Open My Eyes)-Supplementary Hymnal**……. # 1**

Announcements and Dismissal

**Visitors:**

St. John’s is a welcoming congregation. We follow the traditional Episcopal worship liturgy, and if you are unfamiliar with it you are in for a blessed delight today! Feel free ask questions of anyone around you. This bulletin refers to the Blue or Black Prayer Book and a Red Hymnal or white hymnal supplement notebook. The weekly scripture readings are found on an insert in your Service Bulletin. We usually sit for instruction, kneel or stand for prayer and stand for when we praise God in music. At the time of Holy Eucharist, everyone is invited to come forward. If you are baptized, then you are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized or choose not to receive, cross your arms over your chest when the priest gets to you and you will receive a blessing.

Sunday school for children of all ages occurs during the beginning parts of the worship service (children will be called to come forward, receive a blessing, and they go into the Church Hall with their teachers near the beginning of the service). Sunday school lessons help the children understand the Scripture lessons for the day. Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall, which is located through the door at the right of the Altar. One restroom is handicap accessible.

Please notify the Vicar on Sunday morning if there is a member who is unable to come to Church and would like to receive Holy Communion in their place of residence. Also, please notify the Vicar or Sr. Warden if someone is in need of a meal after hospitalization (the Casserole Crusade will be contacted).

**Please pray for God’s will to be followed at the annual Diocesan Convention that is coming up this week:** October 21-22: Fond du Lac. Pastor Mary, Ron, and Marlene are your deputation.

Cycle of Prayer for this Sunday: We pray for Diocesan Convention, delegates and clergy.

Pastor Mary will be available for appointments on Wed. Oct. 19th. at St. Johns.

Bishop’s Committee meeting will take place Oct. 23, after worship and coffee in the Parish Hall.

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Vicar’s Message October 16, 2011

**God, the Church, Needs, Generosity, and Thanksgiving**

***He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.*** 2 Corinthians 9: 11-13

As a child, I saw my mother helping out with activities at church, giving to the poor, and putting checks into the basket each week at church. These actions made me curious about why she gave so much of herself to her church, when there were so many other things she could be doing. But I remember how she seemed so happy when she gave of herself generously. This is what Paul is speaking of in the Scripture passage above, that we are blessed richly when we share our time, talent, and treasure.

We are in a culture full of people who are frustrated because their lives are not fulfilling enough. You and I, as part of the St. John’s community, are very fortunate to be part of such a wonderful church where we can experience the “***overflowing with many thanksgivings to God***,” when we share of ourselves. In two weeks, on October 30, each of us will have an opportunity to submit our pledge to St. John’s for the coming year (The amount of money we pledge is confidential, and will only be known to ourselves, God, and our treasurer Sue Sazama). Each year when my husband Jim and I prepare to submit our pledge, we pray for God’s guidance about how we are to be better stewards of God’s gifts to us. We look forward to this time to review our goals for the coming year. Christian stewardship is all about our faithful management of all that God gives us. What we offer back to God will be used by Him to transform us spiritually and to reach out to others with Christ’s amazing love. I pray that you will take this opportunity to reflect on your blessings, and be blessed.

In Christ’s love,

*Pastor Mary+*

***Announcements***

BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAYS at 11:00: Discussion about the Gospel according to Mark. All are welcome to join in anytime. Bring a sack lunch and we will break bread after services.

WORSHIP SERVICE AT NOON ON WEDNESDAY: Holy Eucharist Rite II 12:00 – 12:30 in the Chapel. Take the time out of your day!

LUNCH BUNCH: 12:30-1:00 Wednesdays. Bring your lunch (or just yourself) and look forward to wonderfully fun conversation in the Hall.

Please update your contact information on the sheet in the Parish Hall. We are publishing a new directory soon. Email addresses are needed.

UPCOMING MONTHLY ST. JOHN’S EVENTS OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY:

November 27: Thanksgiving Community Meal after church

December 18: Children’s Pageant – acting out of the Christmas story

BRING A CAN OF FOOD TO CHURCH: Bring non-perishable food items; the need is great. Donated items are taken to the local Food Pantry.

**CLASS STARTING TODAY:** This week during coffee time in the Hall on “What it means to be an Episcopalian.” Led by Fr. Jim Trainor.

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| **Topic for "What does it mean to be an Episcopalian"**  | **Date** |
| 1. Our Anglican Roots  | Oct. 16 |
| 2. The Middle Way  | Oct 30 |
| 3. A Walk Through the Prayer Book | Nov 6 |
| 4. The Two Great Sacraments | Nov 13 |
| 5. Anglican Communion | Dec 6 |

WANT TO VOLUNTEER FOR A MINISTRY?: There are many ways you can become involved at St. John’s! Get involved. See list on Ministry page in this bulletin for ministries needing volunteers.

**The month of November, signup** sheet for serving in various ministries is posted in the Hall: you are free to make any changes. If you cannot make your particular day, just try and get a replacement. There are extra copies for you to take home on the table in the hall.

The October and November calendars for the Church’s activities is available on the bulletin board.

***Those serving next week*** Oct. 23 are: Chalice Bearer, John Myers, Altar Guild, Kay Stezenski, Reader Esther Schutt, Prayers, Greeters, Lonnie & Jerry Cibulka, Coffee Luke & Kristi Onesti.

St John’s Ministries

Vicar- Pastor Mary Trainor, 715 252-4816

Secretary- Kay Stezenski

Organist – Ted Myers

Bishop’s Committee:Senior Warden--Ron Stezenski; Jr. Warden-John Myers; Marlene Brown; Wendy Hafner; Luke Onesti, Bernie Spolar; Treasurer- Sue Sazama; Clerk - Esther Schutt

Ministry Chairs:

Altar Guild- Marlene Brown

Acolytes- Ron Stezenski

Buildings and Grounds- John Myers, Luke Onesti

Flowers- Wendy Hafner

Kitchen-LuAnn Zander-

Mission and Outreach-Margie Pieper

Music Advisor – Linda Myers

Newcomers – Marlene Brown

Prayer Chain – Marlene Brown

Special Events – Wendy Hafner, Marlene Brown

Stewardship-John Myers

Sunday School--Wendy Hafner

Sunshine: Greeting Cards- Bernie Spolar

Casserole Crusade – Mary Freiberg

Prayer Shawl- Kay Stezenski

Additional Ministries needing a volunteer to become the chairperson:

Outreach and Missions

Children’s Fun Bag coordinator

Greeter/Usher

**Additional Volunteers needed for the following ministries in particular:**

Acolytes Casserole Crusade

Newcomers Prayer Shawls

“Essentials Pantry” coordinator Photo Directory Coordinator