

Welcome to

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Committed to living a faith journey that is
sacred, intentional, compassionate and inclusive*



Morning Prayer The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 14

August 11, 2024 ☩ 9:30 am

The Rev. Betsy McElroy, Rector
Worship: Sundays 9:30 a.m.
Church Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday
1055 S. Lower Sacramento Road, Lodi, California 95242
stjohnslodi@sbcglobal.net † www.stjohnsoflodi.org † 209.369.3381 (voice)

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist!

This bulletin will guide you through the liturgy (worship service). The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and The Hymnal 1982 are used throughout this service.

We are a school for transformation, as we seek to become a more diverse community of people, a kaleidoscope of different lifestyles, ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds, sexual orientations, financial circumstances and more. We invite all who seek God and wish to explore being part of a Christian congregation to our table and into our fellowship. We welcome those seeking a safe place for the expression of personal spiritual practices, ideas, politics, questions, doubts -- and faith. We also confess that as a community we are not perfected in love. However, we seek to become more fully loving and to accept all who wish to join this journey.

St. John's wishes to acknowledge and honor the Yokut and Miwok people[s] upon whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the resilience and strength of all our indigenous siblings around the world.

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Jan & Amanda, in loving memory of Joe Cariati

If you would like to donate flowers, please contact the church office at 369-3381.

Those Who Serve Today

Rector: The Rev. Betsy McElroy

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson

Preacher: Andee Zetterbaum

Choir Director: Steven Weikle

Pianist/Organist: Michael Tompkins

Eucharistic Minister: Beth Elwood

Lectors: Christina Soria & Hennie Van Konynenburg

Camera Acolyte: Margaret Meyers

Crucifer: Cheryl Nix

Ushers: Debby Weberski & Greg Soligan

Sound: James Bassett

Altar Guild: Peggy Moos & Dee Mayfield

Vestry Open/Close (Announcements): Debby Weberski/Christina Soria

Designer Guild: Kathy Girard & Barbara Warburton

Nursery Care: None until further notice

Sunday School: Ruth Diekman

Coffee Hour: Christina & Joey Soria

Counters: Sharon Farnsworth & Corky Kuykendall

Copyright: All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-706573A

Welcome:

The Rev. Deacon Tom Hampson

Prelude

Thy Kingdom Come

by Will Stockton

(All Rights Reserved. ASCAP Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-706573-A)

Entrance Hymn (*Stand as able.*) Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven Hymnal 410

Opening Sentence:

Deacon: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. (*Psalm 43:3*)

Confession

BCP p. 79

The Presider says,

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us pause in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All together

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Presider says

BCP p. 80

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

Invitatory *(All Stand)*

BCP p. 80

Deacon: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider and people,

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever, Amen. Alleluia.

Deacon: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7 All together*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

People: **Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 34:1-8 *Please be seated*

Christina Soria

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *

his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; *

let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *

let us exalt his Name together.

- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

A Reading from 1 Kings

Christina Soria

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. (*1 Kings 19:4-8*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9 *All Stand and say together*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Hennie Van Konynenburg

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians *All are seated.*

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 4:25-5:2*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16 *All Stand and say together*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from The Gospel According to John Hennie Van Konynenburg

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." (Mark 6:35,41-51)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Andee Zetterbaum

Silence

The Apostles Creed *(All together)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Deacon **The Lord be with you.**

People **And also with you.**

Deacon **Let us pray.**

**All: 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 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.**

Suffrages A

Beth Elwood

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

BCP p. 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect For Social Justice

BCP p. 823

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Travelers *(all together)*

BCP p. 831

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, in particular Rev. Betsy and Canon Anna, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries Blessings *All together,*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

BCP p. 376

Anthem

Bread of the world, in mercy broken

Hymnal 301

Collection will be taken during Anthem

Doxology *(as gifts and pledges are brought forward)*

Hymnal 380, verse 3

Prayers of the People *Form VI* Beth Elwood

BCP p. 388

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop Elect, and David our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving *Deacon and People*

BCP p. 101

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP p. 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two are three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence *Presider*

BCP p. 102

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Closing Hymn

Praise the Lord through every nation

Hymnal 484

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Ein is Not, ach Herr

by J.S. Bach

(One Thing's Needful, Lord, this Only, Teach Me)

(Public Domain. All Rights Reserved. ASCAP Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-706573-A)

You can also give through GIVELIFY app. If you go to our website: www.stjohnsoflodi.org On the right side of the page you can click on GIVELIFY. Put in Episcopal church of St. John the Baptist and indicate the amount of your gift and what is for, i.e. pledge, rector/ deacon discretionary, other, etc.). Givelify App is available at: [the "App Store"](#) or ["Google Play"](#) Or scan this code:



Announcements

August 5 - 23, Rev. Betsy will be attending the Tutu Travel Seminar with Canon Anna for her continuing education.

Monday, August 12 - 4:15 pm, Salvation Army Dinner Service, Hope Harbor

Tuesday, August 13

10:00 am, Staff Meeting, Church Office

4:15 pm, Salvation Army Dinner Service, Hope Harbor

6:00 pm, Monthly Vestry Meeting, Hospitality Room

Wednesday, August 14 - 12:00 noon, Noon-Day Prayer, Historical Chapel

Sunday, August 18

9:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

Join us every Wednesday at 12 Noon for Noon-Day Prayer in the Chapel.

Calling all gardeners: If you would like to tend a plot behind the church, contact our head of Buildings and Grounds, Aleathea Langone at 209-366-3410. Weather permitting, she plans to be at the church on Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 and would love to have company.

Volunteers Needed! For coffee hour, sound persons, ushers, and acolytes. Please see Penny if you would like to be trained or help us out in any way.

In Quest of Questions - If Jesus walked into St. John's next Sunday, what would you like to ask him? We are inviting folks with questions to join in a conversation, sharing their questions and tentative answers. What have you been wondering about? New members and veterans are all welcome. Sessions will be facilitated by Rev. Betsy and Deacon Tom, but the questions will be provided by the participants. Interested? Sign up at the Ministry Table. We'll be in contact to schedule the first session. Join us!



**THE SURVEY IS OPEN.
WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**



Scan QR code for English Version

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EspDiocSanJoaq>



**The Search for the
6th Bishop of the
Episcopal Diocese
of San Joaquin**

As we begin the process of looking for our next Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin, we are entering a time of discernment where we listen to God’s call on our lives and our community. Part of this discernment is looking at where we are at this place in time and where we would like to put energy in the future. Your 15-minutes to complete the Survey is time well spent as your responses will help us to best determine who is a good fit to lead us on our path as our next Bishop. Information gathered through the Survey will also be the foundation of the Diocesan Profile that is created to inform potential candidates during our Bishop Search.

The Survey needs to be taken in one sitting and takes approximately 15-20 minutes.
Your response is anonymous.
The survey is open until August 29.

**For Bishop Search updates & info, go to
www.diosanjoaquin.org/bishop-search**

Hello Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin! - It is time for our “Landscape” Diocesan Survey launch. Please find the link and QR code below to take the survey. Both English and Spanish versions are available. The Survey needs to be taken in one sitting and takes approximately 15-20 minutes. This is time well spent because your responses will help us determine where energy is focused in the future and to allow us to best determine who is a good fit to lead us on our path as our next Bishop Diocesan. We want to hear from as many people in our EDSJ as possible. Only those within the Diocese should complete this Survey. This Survey will be open until Thursday, August 29. We are grateful for your feedback and time. **Let’s make this information gathering successful as we determine God’s plan for our diocese.** If you have any questions, please reach out to Standing Committee member Cindy Smith at cindy@kerncomputer.com . Sharing the journey, Your Standing Committee

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EspDiocSanJoaq>



The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist
Presents...



Saturday, August 24, 2024

12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

Tickets are \$20.00 per person which includes:

12:00 noon: Doors Open

12:00 noon to 1:00 pm: Luncheon

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm: 10 Bingo Games
2 Bingo Cards

Space is limited, reservations are suggested

Please RSVP by calling

Mary Ellen at 209-369-4240 or

St. John's Church at 209-369-3381 or

Sign Up at the Ministry Table at Church

1055 S. Lower Sacramento Road

Lodi, Ca 95242

Dates for the retreat are August 27-29 at ECCO

A yellow poster with red floral and leaf patterns. At the top, it says "Reflection - Prayer" and "Discernment - Formation". The main title is "LATINO MINISTRIES RETREAT" in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, it says "Join us to dream and plan what we are 'Called to be...' as a Diocese, responding to the population in our landscape and their needs." At the bottom, it says "Register here: bit.ly/EDSJlatino2024".

Reflection - Prayer
Discernment - Formation

LATINO MINISTRIES RETREAT

Join us to dream and plan what we are "Called to be..." as a Diocese, responding to the population in our landscape and their needs.

Register here:
bit.ly/EDSJlatino2024

A white poster with a pattern of orange tacos and black musical notes. The text is centered and reads: "St. John's Episcopal Choir Kick-Off", "Wednesday, August 28", "Rehearsal 5 p.m.", "Cena de Tacos", "St. John's Social Hall", "6:15 p.m.", "\$10.00", "RSVP: barbarakrengel@gmail.com".

St. John's Episcopal
Choir Kick-Off

Wednesday, August 28
Rehearsal
5 p.m.

Cena de Tacos
St. John's Social Hall
6:15 p.m.
\$10.00

RSVP:
barbarakrengel@gmail.com