

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The most important act of giving
is to first give ourselves to the Lord.
“ . . . they gave themselves first to the Lord” (2 Cor. 8:5)

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’” He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 145:10-19

All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN
DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

✱ As we pray, let us remember the family of Buster Weaver; Michael; Brody; Colissa; Samantha & Tommy; Shelley & Eric; Camp Genesis campers, counselors and staff; the Jerome family; Debbie; Mike & Debbie; Krista; Dan; Martha; Karl; Rosella; Lori; Don; Shoney; HT; John; Robert; Lori; Keira.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF ST. JOHN'S
 Reminder! If you have not done so yet, please fill out and turn in a church survey by July 30th. It takes only a few minutes to answer the survey questions. If you have access to a computer, type in this link that will take you to the survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJBSurvey> Blank surveys that can be completed by hand are located at the ministry table in the parish hall. Have a voice in the future direction of St John's. Thank you.

THE MILITARY VETERANS MINISTRY

meets this Friday in the church kitchen at 10 AM to prepare & transport food, then serve approximately 80 veterans at the US Vets Center.

We welcome all parish members willing to help.

MEMORIAL SERVICE Next Saturday, August 4, at 12:00 noon, we will have a memorial service for Buster Weaver, the son-in-law of our church brother, H.T. West (husband of H.T.'s daughter, Elese.) Mr. Weaver was born on April 29, 1947. He passed away on June 30, 2018. Please keep the family in our prayers.

STACY MILHOAN IS GOING TO HAITI . . . AGAIN!!! School begins soon and the teachers & students are in need of supplies. If you would like to help, there are post-it notes on the window in the Parish Hall next to the office door. Stacy leaves September 3, so the deadline for to bring in supplies is Sunday, September 2. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

THE CURRENT FORWARD DAY BY DAY DEVOTIONAL EXPIRES THE END OF JULY. Please consider recycling your copy by bringing it to church. There is a receptacle for the used devotionals on the shelf in the parish hall. The expired devotionals will be used in blessing bags and large print editions will be taken to Perryville women's prison. Thank you!

THE GARDEN MINISTRY is looking for a mulch specialist to make a compost bin and collect refuse from all sources including the kitchen. The ideal candidate would cleave enthusiastically to creating world class compost for the church garden (and be good with a pitchfork). See Janet Lennon 623-687-7397.

IF YOU NEED PRAYER FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE, a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry can be found in our Library during Communion at both services, for 10 minutes before & after the first service, and for 10 minutes after the second service.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
Fri.	Military Veterans/Meal Prep (K)	10 AM
	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 PM
Sat.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 Noon
	Memorial Service / Buster Weaver	12 Noon
Sun.	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Healing Litany / Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
	Chris Becker Dining Hall	4:10 PM

FOOD PANTRY

canned tuna, canned chicken, Spam, pudding
 snacks, cookies, toothpaste

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please
 Granola bars, snack sized Goldfish, fruit snacks,
 Oreo cookie snacks