ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

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May our hearts be open to God and those around us. Please enter into quiet prayer as you prepare for worship and ask that we might recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in and among us.

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Welcome to All

Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:00 a.m.

We are a community of diverse people bound together by a common desire to live out our call to be the Body of Christ.

Guests and Visitors

If you are visiting with us today, welcome!
You are encouraged to sign the welcome card in the pew and place the card in the offertory plate during the offertory or give it to an usher.

Members may use this card to update contact information.

Children of all ages are welcome at the worship service. Children's Chapel and nursery care is also available at the 10:30 service.

This bulletin follows the red book in your pew, The Book of Common Prayer, 1979 (BCP). Please join us after the service in the Parish Hall for coffee and fellowship.

Gluten Free Communion Wafer

If you need a gluten free Communion wafer, there is a small basket as you enter the back of the nave (worship space).

In it you will find a GF sticker that you can wear, or you can simply say "Gluten Free" to the clergy when they approach.

Helpful Hints for Receiving Holy Communion

You may receive the bread into your hand, consume it and then guide the cup to your lips. If you do not wish to receive from the cup, consume the bread and cross your hands over your chest.

If you would not like to receive the bread or wine but would like to come up and receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest when the clergy approach.

Children may receive Communion as there is no minimum age.

If you would like to receive Communion at your pew, please let an usher know and the clergy would be honored to bring it to you.

One-On-One Meetings with Fr. Kirk

Our new Rector wants to get to know you!

Be it over a meal (breakfast, lunch, or dinner), a cup coffee/tea, a quiet visit in the parish office, etc., now is the time to make an appointment. Email him at Kirk@episcopalnorman.org or call the parish office at 405-321-3020.

Usher's Needed!

Being an usher is not gender specific. If you can smile, be welcoming, and walk in a straight line, you have the gifts to be an usher! See Fr. Kirk.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One (p.323)

The Word of God

All stand in body or spirit.

Celebrant: Blessed be God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom,

now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then the Ten Commandments (page 317) may be said, or the following

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, in addition to, or in place of, the preceding, all standing

Celebrant and People:

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King

- O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
- O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
- O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Lector: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Lector: At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void: and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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

Psalm 14

Lector: We will now read Psalm 14 in unison.

Lector and People:

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?

See how they tremble with fear, * because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, * but the Lord is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!* when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Lector: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

THE GOSPEL READING Luke 15:1-10

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Kirk Woodliff, Rector *A period of silence follows the sermon.*

All stand in body or spirit.

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Celebrant: Let us all stand in body or spirit and affirm our faith in God.

Celebrant and People:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Chr ist, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under **Pontius Pilate:** he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,

and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;

who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;

and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP p.328

The Deacon or other person appointed says

Leader: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Leader and People: Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

<u>The Leader continues</u> with petitions from St. John's prayer list.

Following the petitions, the congregation continues

Leader and People:

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. John and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says the following,

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon and People:

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

ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE

All stand in body or spirit.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord

be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

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Watch over thy *child*, 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* heart(s) may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant offers this <u>or other</u> offertory sentence. Celebrant: Let us now make an offering of the Gifts we have been given and make an offering of ourselves to God.

THE OFFERING

During this time, we make an offering to the church for its mission, and it is also a time in which we fully offer ourselves to be Christ in the world around us. If mailing in an offering, please remit to:
St. John's Episcopal Church
235 W. Duffy St., Norman, OK 73069
Or online at St. John's Episcopal Church:
Click on or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera to give secure and "contact free" donations.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand in body or spirit.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.]

In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.

Celebrant and People:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION TO THE PEOPLE

If you are new to receiving Holy Communion, there are some helpful hints on the front page.

Stand in Body or Spirit, or kneel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP Page 339

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Let us pray. Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant offers a blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

or this

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

or the following

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

or this

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing

in the power of the Spirit. *People:* Thanks be to God.

or this

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost

"Alleluia, alleluia"

may be added to any of the dismissals.

The People respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Mark Your Calendar

September 14 - Welcome Home Sunday

September 14 – Quarterly Check-in at 9am and 12pm

September 18 - Knit Night (6:00pm Library)

September 19 - Norman Food Coop Campaign

September 19 - Men's Griller (6:30pm)

September 26 - Women's Chiller

September 28 - Bishop Poulson's Annual Visits

St. John's Regular Weekly Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist

8:00 am & 10:30 am [Livestream: 10:30] Join us for fellowship following both services

Nursery 9:00 am - 12:00 am Children's Sunday School

9:30 am-10:15 am

Tuesdays: Rector's Sabbath

Wednesdays

10:00 am Worship (Eucharist or Morning Prayer) (Chapel of the Beloved Disciple)
Bible Study 10:30
6:00 pm Worship (Eucharist or Evening Prayer)
(Chapel of the Beloved Disciple)

Thursdays

Bible Study (Commons) 9:30-10:30

1st Wednesday of the Month

Memorial Service (Chapel of the Resurrection)

Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 10:00am-2:00pm

Prayers of the People

Those who are Ill or Recovering:

Charlie, Anne, Rick, Madison, Susan, Dave, Celeste, Jerry, Lauren, Timothy, Johnny, Connie, Barb, David, Tommy, Pra-Kash, Shannan, Zack, Lindsay, Steven, Leo, David, Vicki, Betsy, Fr. Jack, Sidney, Amelia, Jonah, Ron

Those who are Homebound or in Nursing Care:

Glenda, Marty, John, Clayton, Randy, Jan, Jack, Jo-An, Sibyl, Nancy, LaVenia, April, Stuart, Jan, Edith, Connie, "GG", Marj

Those who are serving as First Responders and in the Armed Forces:

Johnny, Jack, Brooklynne, Jeanna, Riley, Jordan, Brock, Ben, Samuel, Brandon, Oscar, Stephen, Nathan, Bjorn, Lane, Liam, Lawrence, Shaeffer, Dane, Kate, Noah, Emma, Tyler

Those who are in Need, Sorrow, Adversity, or any other Special Circumstance:

Ahava, Caden, Conly, Olive, Linda, Courtney, Mary and for the victims and families involved in the mass shooting at Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis. We pray for Charlie Kirk, his family, and for all who are the givers and receivers of political violence.

Those who have Died: Charles, David, Stan, Gail, and Marquita