**17th Sunday after Pentecost**

Oct. 9, 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 (Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise)…… **# 423**

**#**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:*Nancy, Gerry,**Bruce, Adeline, Dorothy, Charlie, Dan*

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

The Peace

Offertory Hymn (What a Friend We Have In Jesus)Supp……**# 4**

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: Sweet Hour of Prayer – Supp.……..**# 8**

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 Blessed Assurance- Supplementary H……. **# 13**

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. Coffee is served in the Church Hall after the worship service, please join us.

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

**Diocesan Upcoming Dates (see Diocesan Website for details)** [**www.episcopalfonddulac.org**](http://www.episcopalfonddulac.org)

October 21-22: Diocesan Convention, Fond du Lac (please pray)

Cycle of Prayer for this Sunday: We pray for All Saints Appleton, Patrick Twomey, Rector, Anne Lang Deacon

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**VICAR’S MESSAGE for OCT 9, 2011**

**We believe what we pray**

What does it mean to be an Episcopalian? We will be exploring this question in a series of short teachings starting next week. It is important to know about what we believe and why. First, to be an Episcopalian means to be a Christian (a follower of Christ Jesus). We are Christians first and foremost. Secondly, it means that you are a member of the Episcopal Church of America, which is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

The Episcopal/Anglican tradition is the via media between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism (sometimes called “reformed Catholicism”). Both the Word of God (Bible) and the Sacrament (Holy Eucharist) are important. Historically, Episcopal Churches had Morning Prayer on Sundays (without Eucharist) one to three times each month – as the Morning Prayer liturgy is an important part of our history.

The Episcopal/Anglican tradition makes a close association with what the Church believes and what the Church prays = “*lex orandi lex credendi*,” “the law of prayer is the law of belief.” In other words, we believe what we pray. So, in our tradition, the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) (the black books with the cross on the cover in the pews) is a unifying feature in all Episcopal Churches. The BCP can make you feel at home in a church, no matter where you travel! In this wonderful book, first developed in the year 1549 by Thomas Cranmer, are captured the liturgies of the Church, prayers, the Catechism, the schedule of readings, feast days, psalms, and historical documents. So, look in the BCP if you want to know what we believe! And begin to write down questions you have about your Episcopal faith, and bring them to ask at the upcoming Sunday teachings after church!

In His love,

*Pastor Mary+*

***Announcements***

TODAY during coffee hour, there will be a brief explanation by your Convention Delegates and Vicar of the junctioning issue that will come to a vote at the upcoming Diocesan Convention. Your input is needed to ensure your deputation represents you when they vote. (see also insert)

**TODAY: All in the community are invited to bring pets and meet at 2 PM on the Church lawn for a short liturgy, hymn, and blessings of each animal** (pets). Refreshments for all afterwards. Each pet receives a special certificate, medal, and snack (homemade biscuit).

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

Reminder to bring one or more items of **non-perishable food** EVERY SUNDAY for the Shawano Food Pantry.

BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAYS at 11:00: Discussion about the Gospel according to Mark. All are welcome to join in anytime.

WORSHIP SERVICE ON WEDNESDAYS 12:00-12:30: Noonday Prayer begins at 12:00 noon in the Chapel.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH BUNCH at 12:30: Bring a sack lunch and we will sit around and enjoy good conversation together in the Hall.

UPCOMING ST. JOHN’S EVENTS:

November 27: Thanksgiving Community Meal after church

December 25: 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 IN OCTOBER (**Next Sunday)** during coffee time in the Hall on “What it means to be an Episcopalian,” This is the 1st in a series of 5,

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| **Topics for "What does it mean to be an Episcopalian" short teachings on:** | **Date** |
| 1. Our Anglican Roots  | Oct. 16 |
| 2. The Middle Way  | Oct 30 |
| 3. What we pray is what we believe: The Prayer Book | Nov 6 |
| 4. The Two Great Sacraments | Nov 13 |
| 5. The 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 below 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 calendar for Church activities is available on the bulletin board.

***Those serving next week*** Oct16, are: Chalice Bearer, Marlene Brown, Altar Guild, Marlene Brown, Reader John Myers, Prayers, Art Freiberg, Greeters, Luke & Kristi Onesti, Coffee John & Linda Myers.

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; Margie Pieper, 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 volunteers:

Altar Guild

Acolyte

Greeter/Usher

Parish Visitors

Casserole Crusade (cook a meal for someone just out of the hospital)

Photo Directory Coordinator Prayer Shawl makers