



ST. JOHN'S RICHMOND

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(Evening Prayer Service, based on 1962 Book of Common Prayer)

WELCOME!

Dear Friends: It is very important to gather together week by week (and for many of us, once during the week, too!). St. Peter in his letter commands those who have been forgiven and cleansed by God to "love one another earnestly from a pure heart." This sounds like a wonderful thing, if it happens!

Sometimes churches don't reflect this, but where the word of God is faithfully taught, God can transform and empower us by his Holy Spirit to make progress in loving one another! So, St. John's is kind of like an incubator or a laboratory where we are being equipped to love earnestly, aligned with the kind of love Jesus Christ demonstrated.

A wonderful opportunity to exercising earnest love is next Sunday October 4th. Plan to join us at 4:30pm for a hot dog (or smokie) BBQ. SJR will provide the hot dogs and buns and condiments; please bring along a salad or side dish to share. We will meet in the Hall. People will start arriving at around 4pm if you are able to help set up.

Warmly, Sean

TODAY'S SERVICE DETAILS

Lyrics and liturgy are on-screen & online.



BIBLE READINGS: Amanda Yu

Isaiah 40:1-8

Psalms 119:89-105

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

CHILDREN (K-grade 6) begin in the service. After the Children's Focus, their class will meet upstairs for approximately one hour. On Communion Sundays, they will rejoin the adult service in time to receive Holy Communion.

YOUTH (grades 7-12) meet each Sunday, except for the first Sunday of the month, when they remain for the whole Holy Communion service.

PRAYERS: Gail Munich

NOTICES

SJR Hot Dog BBQ: Next Sunday, Oct. 4th, 4:30pm. Come & enjoy fellowship around a meal & conversation! SJR will provide hot dogs, buns, and condiments. Please bring a salad or side-dish to share.

Autumn Sermon Series: 1 Peter: 'Life Away from Home' continues until Advent. Community Groups will track with the sermon series. Information and study questions are available on our website.

Conversations In the Nave: Join us each Sunday this autumn for a post-service discussion of the sermon topic - the preacher will be available, and discussion led by an SJR leader.

Community Groups: Information can be found on our website. Please speak with Chris Wright or Ven. Sean Love for more info on joining a group.

Coffee Fellowship Time: After the service, held in the Foyer and outside patio. Please stay and enjoy food, drink and conversation!

Coffee Ministry service team: Help is needed to serve with Coffee Ministry, as well as coordinate.

SJR Seminars: 'Justice and our Responsibility as Christians' is our Fall lecture series theme. Thurs. Oct 8th, 6pm (potluck dinner to start): Brian McConaghy, founder of Ratanak, will share. Please sign up via the SJR email.

Confirmation: Sun. Nov. 1st Bishop Mike will be joining us for a special Confirmation and Lay Reader Licensing service. Please talk to Ven. Sean about preparation for confirmation.

Artizo Meet The Apprentices Evening: Mon. Nov. 9 at UBC Golf Course. More info in the SJR email!

OFFERING

We are very grateful for the financial support we receive from our church family! Please use the offering plate or give online, using the code. If you are visiting SJR, please simply be our guest.



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WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

OPENING HYMN *(All lyrics will be screen-shared)*

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore them who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PARDON *(said by the Leader)*

O Lord, we beseech you, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto you; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by your merciful pardon may be absolved; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE *(Sung)*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

(Standing)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Praise ye the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

SONGS

FIRST BIBLE READING *(Bible Readings are found on Page 1)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

PSALM OR CANTICLE *(found on Page 1)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

SECOND BIBLE READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 Apostles' Creed is a historic profession of faith in the faithfulness of God, and locates us in a community of faith stretching back to the early Church. It is a theological summary of apostolic doctrine, originating before the 4th century and ratified by the 7th.

SERMON

OFFERING SONG and PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

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 them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY & any additional **COLLECTS** *(all Collects will be screen-shared)*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of your servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by your most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN

CLOSING SENTENCE

Love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God. **Amen.**

By his living and abiding word, God has given us new birth into a holy family. As we thirst for the word, we will strive to love one another.

In fact, sincere love for each other is actually the **purpose** of having our souls purified (being washed by obeying the gospel).

Two Imperatives Based on a Divine Indicative:

(1) Love One Another

Philadelphia

Agape

Ektenos (earnestly)

Where does the power come from? The imperishable seed, the word of life.

What does it demonstrate? Exiled together, loving energetically, an attractive contrast.

(2) Long For the Word

as you put away...crave

Psalm 34:8 "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him!"

The good news: The Word of Life; Power to Change