

St. John's Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

June 7, 2026

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North America Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in worship this morning as we celebrate the **Second Sunday after Pentecost**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

Creator God, the days of summer are full of life and beauty. Each flower petal is a marvel of Your handiwork. Make our lives also bloom in faith to give You glory and help us always notice that beauty in our own lives and surroundings. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

PRELUDE*"Soliloquy"**arr. Rowley****BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to 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 Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

OPENING HYMN"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**LBW 290*

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*KYRIE



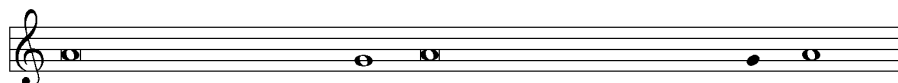
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



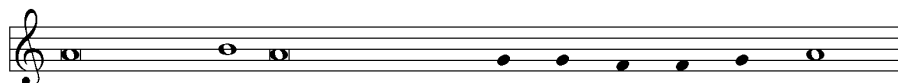
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

☩ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
 free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and
 strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
 hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
 has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the strength of those who hope in You: Be present and hear our prayers; and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without You, give us the help of Your grace, so that in keeping Your commandments we may please You in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON:**Hosea 5:15—6:6**

A The First Lesson is from the fifth and sixth chapters of Hosea.

¹⁵I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1}Come, let us return to the LORD;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:**Psalm 50:7–15**

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.

**⁸I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your offerings are always before me.**

⁹I will take no bull-calf ^l from your stalls,
nor he-goats out of your pens;

**¹⁰for all the beasts of the forest are mine,
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**

¹¹I know every bird in the sky,
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

**¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

**¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

SECOND LESSON:**Romans 4:13–25**

A The Second Lesson is from the fourth chapter of Romans.
St. Paul writes:

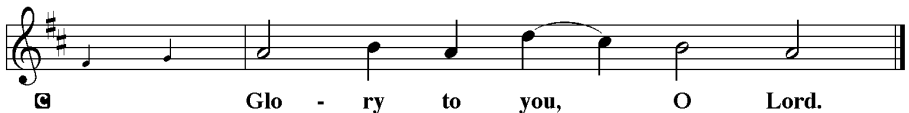
¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

A Here ends the reading.

VERSE****GOSPEL:*Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

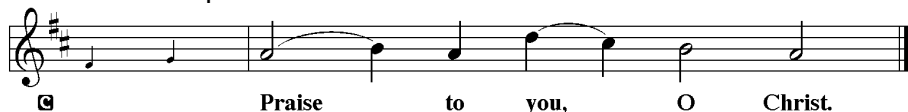


⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" *LBW 324*
SERMON "Mercy Me!"

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM *Page 121*

***THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and one another.

Father, you have created us, blessed us, and forgiven us. You send us to share your forgiveness with fellow sinners. Help us to do that eagerly and well! Give us strength to find our joy and purpose in life by loving you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbor as ourself.

Lord in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*PEACE

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANTHEM

"Still, My Soul, Be Still"

arr. Koerts

Karina Blose, Clarinet

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

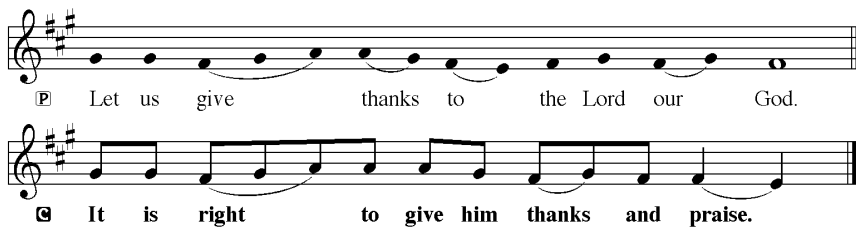
A Let us pray.

A Blessed are You,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



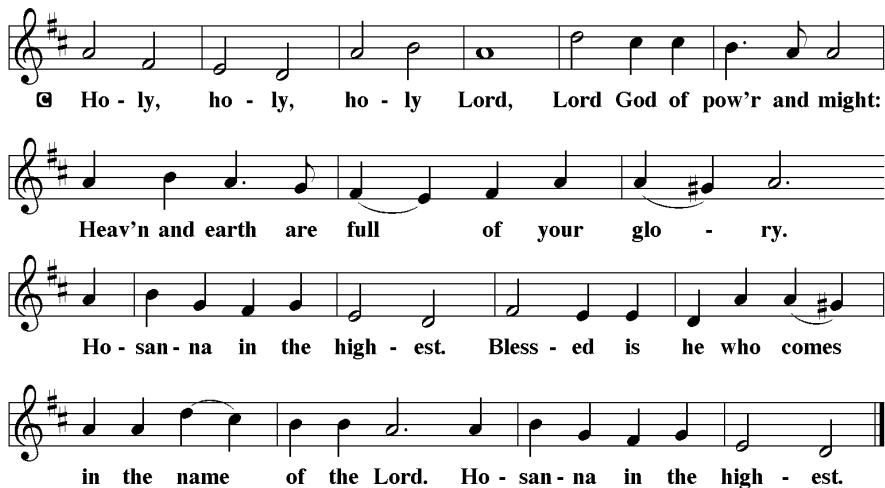
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen

AGNUS DEI



☉ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 212, 214, 222, WOV 709

*COMMUNION

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present
in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.
Please inform the Pastor if you need a gluten-free communion wafer.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

*CANTICLE



☉ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray....Pour out upon us the spirit of Your love, O LORD, and unite the wills of those whom You have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

***BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



A - men

CLOSING HYMN

"Borning Cry"

WOV 770

POSTLUDE

"Finale"

Guilmant

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Everyone is invited for a time of fellowship following worship in the Gathering space.

Mark Your Calendars

June 28	Over 80 Banquet
July 13-17	NALC Youth Camp
July 20-22	NALC- Elementary Camp
Aug 4 – 6	Vacation Bible School: BARNYARD CARNIVAL

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
Monday 6/8	7:00 p.m.	Council
Tuesday 6/9		No Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 6/10	6:30 p.m.	PJ's Bible Study
Saturday 6/13	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sunday 6/14	11:00 a.m.	Worship



Today we welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Arla Maria Greisenegger, daughter of Ashten Farah & Gerald (Gerry) Greisenegger.



Katie's Cupboard Summer Break Stock-Up Challenge

Feed Kids & Promote Play!

BREAKFAST

Cereal, instant oatmeal single pkg breakfast bars, bagels.

LUNCH /DINNER

*Shelf stable microwaveable dinners, tuna/hamburger helper, soups, beanie weenies, SpaghettiOs's, canned ravioli, peanut butter, nut butters, jelly, Vienna sausages, ramen noodle cups, pizza sauce, shelf stable parmesan & easy mac cups.

HEALTHY

Fresh fruit: apples, clementines, bananas, peaches, plums, fresh veggies, fruit cups, raisins, craisins, banana chips, nuts, sunflower & pumpkin seeds, fiber one bars, veggie straws, trail mix no M&Ms, applesauce, dehydrated veggie chips, bottled water, Gatorade & whole grain fig newtons.

SNACKS

Capri sun/ juice boxes, popcorn, pop, otter pops that can be frozen, pretzels, granola bars, vanilla wafers, pudding cups, goldfish, Cheez-its, peanut butter crackers, beef jerky, chips & salsa, fruit snacks, & pop-tarts.

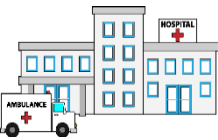
SUMMER SUPPLIES

Sunscreen, first aid ointment, Band-Aids, bug spray toothpaste/toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products

FUN

Bubbles, squirt guns, sidewalk chalk/paint, Old maid & Uno games, frisbee, candy necklaces, jump ropes, outdoor toys, paper & crayons.

Thank you for your support!



Heading into the hospital?

***If you or a member of your family is hospitalized,
please contact the office @ 724-548-2051.***

***Because of confidentiality issues, the hospitals
are not as helpful in notifying us as they once were.***



Electronic Giving is Good for You and the Church

You can now make a contribution to our church through a mobile app!

Scan the QR code for St. John's Lutheran Church: **Options Include:** *Local Expenses, Improvement Fund, Benevolence, Capital Appeal, Evangelism, Sunday School, Youth, World Hunger, Katie's Cupboard and Other.* **When choosing "Other" please indicate which fund you are contributing to.** Thank you for supporting your church.



"Give according to your income,
lest God make your income
according to your giving."



Internet Streaming St. John's Live Broadcast

The St. John's worship service is broadcast live on You Tube each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. as well as 8:30 a.m. service Sundays.

<http://www.youtube.com/@st.johnskittanning2251>

Don't forget to check out your Church Web Site:

www.stjohnskittanning.org

Here you will find: Bulletins, Newsletters, Morning Prayers, Upcoming events and program information, Youth Events including photos from the recent QUAKE trip, and more.



Women's Bible Study

will be canceled for
July and August.

See you again in September.

Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, June 13th at 8:00 a.m.

The men of St. John's will be meeting Saturday morning for breakfast and study. Following the meal will be a brief program concluding by 9:00 a.m.





Grace Acres VBS: BARNYARD CARNIVAL!

Carnival Volunteers needed the week of VBS & helpers needed for daily set-up/tear down the week of August 4th-6th
Decorating and prep in June & July.
See Julie if you would like to help.



Aug 4th-6th
5:30-7:30pm
Kids Pre-K-5th Grade
Sign up at

www.tinyurl.com/stjohnskittanningvbs2026

Throughout the Summer, beginning June 21st we are holding two Sunday morning worship services; 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. There is no reason to miss praising our Lord!



SAVE
THE
DATE!

IN-TENTS

LUTHERAN CHURCH CAMP

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YOUTH: JULY 13-17, 2026

ELEMENTARY: JULY 20-22, 2026

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ACTIVITIES:

- Worship
- Swimming
- Fellowship
- Games
- Learning
- Great food
- Friends
- Flight 93 Memorial



<https://www.facebook.com/intentsNALC/>

Page open!!!



Thanks to the Choirs, musicians, soloists, and others who help to amplify our worship services!! We appreciate your commitment and continued support of the music ministry at St. John's.

Just a reminder for singers, please bring in in your music for filing. THANK YOU!

We are also looking for vocalists and musicians to provide special music during the summer months; can you help?

Rebecca Veith
Organist/Director of Music



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister
Lector
Comm Assistants

Acolytes
Welcome Team
Camera Operator

Charlie Bleakney
Robert John
Susan Barto, Sara Shafer
Sophia & Elijah Holt
Camryn Bowser
The Shafers
Nick Wranich

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry
Secretary
Sexton
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music
Sr. Choir Accompanist

Julie Smith
Angela B. Clever
Robert John
Rebecca Veith
Elizabeth Cramer



The flower chart for 2026 has been posted in the narthex. Please take this opportunity to sign up for the dates that you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. **Flowers are \$70.00.**

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.

*St. John's is a group of sinners
who have been claimed by God
to gather in this place, to worship Him,
to learn about Him, to bask in His love,
to share His love with other people
and to spread that love with the entire world!*

GRACE
happens



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