

St. John's Lutheran Church

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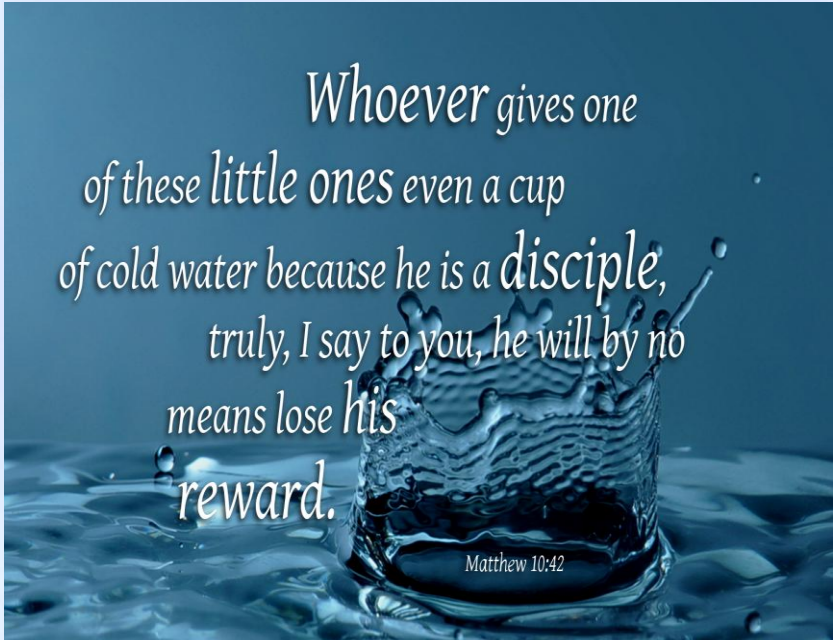
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

June 28, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in worship this morning as we celebrate the **Fifth Sunday of 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:

We bow before You, Lord God, seeking to serve You wherever You place us. Guide our lives in faith to discern Your will. Give us courage to speak and act as instruments of Your love and truth. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Variations on "Kum Ba Yah"

arr. Behnke

***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**

"Give to our God Immortal Praise"

LBW 520

***GREETING**

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.**

☩ 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, You have prepared for those who love You joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for You that, loving You above all things, we may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and

reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 28:5–9

A The First Lesson is from the 28th chapter of Jeremiah.

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷ Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM: Psalm 89:1–4, 15–18

Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**²For I am persuaded that your love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**⁴I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

**¹⁶They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

**¹⁸Truly, the LORD is our ruler;
the Holy One of Israel is our king.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:12–23

A The Second Lesson is from the sixth chapter of Romans.

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as

instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A Here ends the reading.



GOSPEL: Matthew 10:34–42

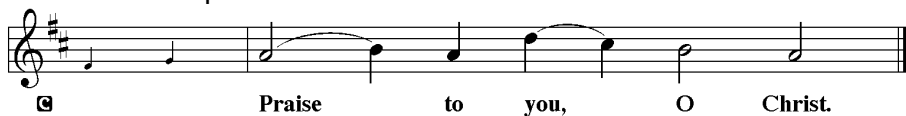
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the tenth chapter.



³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” LBW 448

SERMON

*NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

*THE PRAYERS

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

Father, you pay us the compliment of revealing hard truths to us. You expect us to see the world honestly, and to value your truth above even earthly peace. You speak to us of sin and death, cross bearing and persecution, suffering and service. Give us a double measure of your Spirit as we seek to be disciples of Jesus, because, dear Lord, we’re going to need it!

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 Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

***PEACE**

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANTHEM

"Majesty"

arr. Michelson

Rebecca Veith, Pianist

***OFFERTORY**



C 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:

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**



☉ 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

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***COMMUNION**

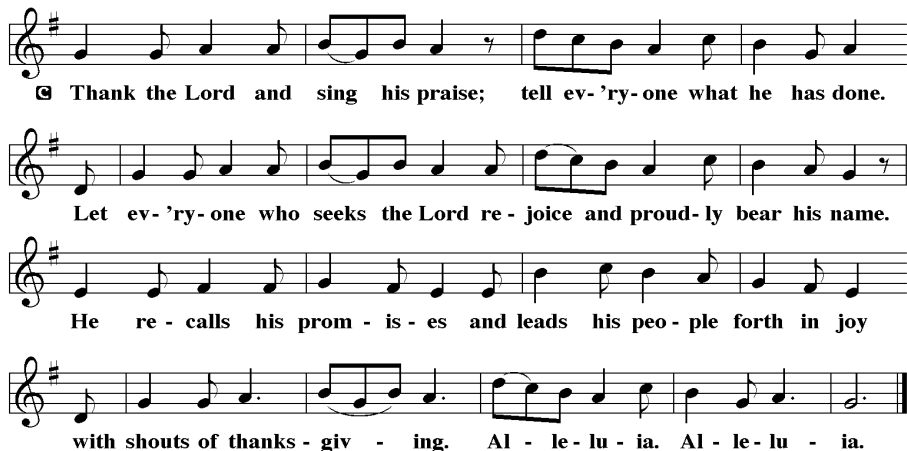
*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present
In the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.
Gluten-Free Communion Wafers are available, please inform the Pastor of your needs.*

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 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" LBW 200

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

Belier

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

Jesus loves you

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	Noon	Over 80 Luncheon
Wednesday 7/1	6:30 p.m.	PJ's Bible Study
Sunday 7/5	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion

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

Patriotic Celebration

July 5th, 2026

St. John's Lutheran Church

WHY? TO PRAY FOR THE NEXT 250

Patriotic Festive Worship

Patriotic Festive Music

PATRIOTIC SERMON

**"True Patriots:
How to Love Your Country"**

Wear Red, White and Blue

GRACE ACRES
VBS
 BARNYARD
 CARNIVAL

★ **AUGUST 4TH-6TH**
 ★ 5:30-7:30PM ★
 AT ST JOHNS KITTANNING

AGES PRE-K- 5TH GRADE!
 PARENTS TO STAY WITH KIDS 6 AND YOUNGER

Call
 ★ **724-548-2051** ★
 for details

★ **SIGN UP AT** ★
www.tinyurl.com/stjohnskittanningvbs2026

**FUN!
 FAITH!
 FRIENDS!**

**GAMES!
 MUSIC!
 PRIZES!**



**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
Tractors Wanted! For "Touch a Truck" Night for VBS,
 Please see Julie, if you'd like to bring a tractor. August 5th



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



Speakers: Heather & Pastor Matt Ruesch



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Page open!!!

**God Loves you
so very much!**

***Congratulations to our members who
celebrate their First Holy Communion today:***

Quinten James Bailey

Maryann Elizabeth Goldstrom

Allison Paige Ignatz

Elodie Fawn Round





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 YouTube each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. as well as 8:30 a.m. service Sundays.

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



**St. John's Congregation is honoring their
over 80 members!**

**You are invited to enjoy a luncheon
after 11:00 a.m. worship**

**TODAY, Sunday, June 28, 2026,
in the Social Hall**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers

Nancy Pierce (E)

Deb Bouch (L)

Lectors

Becky Swanson (E)

Emily Bouch (L)

Comm Assistants

John & Becky Swanson (E)

Mollie & Bill Bouch (L)

Acolytes

TBD (E)

Callie Adkins (L)

Camera Operators

Nick Wranich (E)

Keith Livengood (L)

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry

Julie Smith

Secretary

Angela B. Clever

Sexton

Robert John

Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music

Rebecca Veith

Sr. Choir Accompanist

Elizabeth Cramer



The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Emil Debnar given by Rose Debnar and family.

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



at
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