

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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**May 8, 2022**

**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 the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**. 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:*

*Eternal and living God, who has established Your Church on earth as the body of Christ, guide and direct each of us in faithfully following You in the spirit of unity, love, and thankfulness. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

## PRELUDE

*"Meditation"**Grace***\*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** *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

*LBW 481*

**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



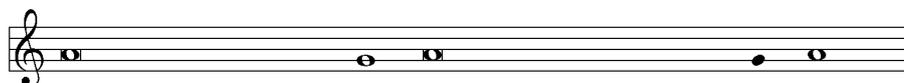
♩ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ♪ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



♪ Lord, have mer - cy.



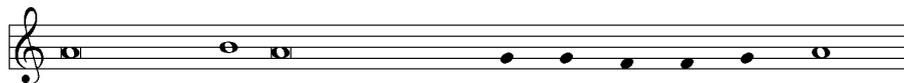
♩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



♪ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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

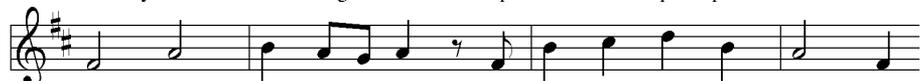


♩ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ♪ A - men

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY



Ⓐ The Lord be with you. Ⓑ And al-so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

God of all power, You called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; 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:**

**Acts 9:36–43**

**A** The First Lesson is from the ninth chapter of Acts.

<sup>36</sup> Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. <sup>42</sup> And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

**A** Here ends the reading.

**PSALM:**

**Psalms 23**

The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

**<sup>2</sup>He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.**

**He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**<sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul**

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**SECOND LESSON:**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

**A** The Second Lesson is from the seventh chapter of Revelation.

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**A** Here ends the reading.

**\*VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

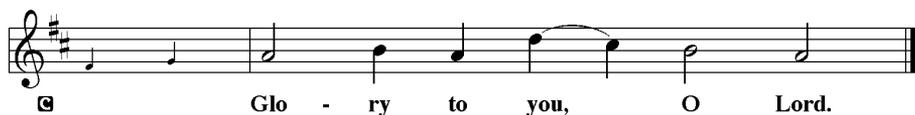


You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL:**

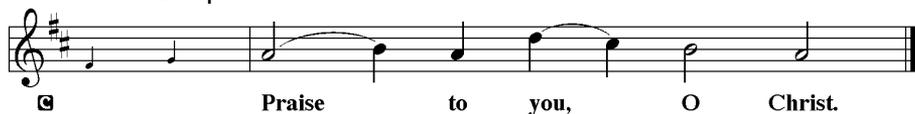
**John 10:22-30**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter.



<sup>22</sup> At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

\*HYMN

*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

LBW 456

## SERMON

### \*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living 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

**\*OFFERTORY**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
 joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

**\*THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence*

Lord Jesus, you alone are worthy! You are worthy of blessing and honor, glory, and praise. Give us grace to praise your greatness, to bless your name, and to live lives worthy of you, our Shepherd and Savior. 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

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**\*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.



**\*CLOSING HYMN**      *"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"*      **LBW 453**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**      *"Toccata"*      **Young**

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*A Nursery/Cry Room is available on the second floor of the Education Building for those who may need it.*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

**Today**      8:30 a.m.      Worship: Rock of our Salvation  
                  9:45 a.m.      Sunday School  
                  10:00 a.m.      Senior Choir  
                  11:00 a.m.      Worship  
                  *No Youth Group – Happy Mother's Day!*

**Monday 5/9**      7:00 p.m.      Council meeting

**Wednesday 5/11**      9:30 a.m.      Children's Hour  
                                  5:30 p.m.      Junior Choir  
                                  6:00 p.m.      New Bells  
                                  6:30 p.m.      Senior Bells  
                                  8:00 p.m.      Senior Choir

**Thursday 5/12**      9:30 a.m.      Children's Hour  
                                  12:00 p.m.      Women's Bible Study @ King's  
                                  2:45 p.m.      Catechism  
                                  7:00 p.m.      Catechism

**Sunday 5/15**      9:45 a.m.      Sunday School  
                                  10:00 a.m.      Senior Choir  
                                                       Worship: Communion  
                                  12:00 p.m.      Congregational meeting  
                                                       *No Youth Group*

**Mark the Dates:**

**Next Sunday, May 15th**, Congregational Meeting to vote on approving the gift of the Baby Grand Piano and modifying the pews accordingly.

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Celebration of Pastor Johnson's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination.

# Katie's Cupboard needs your help!

Open - no questions asked, **Katie's Cupboard** fills gaps in services provided by organizations with operating hours and/or requiring paperwork/documentation. **It also encourages community and love for neighbor.** Join us in supporting Katie's Cupboard project in two ways. Purchase items when grocery shopping and place inside the cupboard. Volunteer to work on the "keep it stocked committee" to find ways to sustain this outreach through the congregation and community!



Altar Flowers

**The flower chart for 2022 is 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. The price of altar flowers is \$50.00. Thank you!





## Pentecost Flowers

If you would like to order geraniums to be placed in the church for Pentecost on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or mail it to St. John's Lutheran Church at 218 N. Jefferson Street., Kittanning. Checks should be made out to *St. John's Lutheran Church* with "Pentecost flowers" in the memo line. Flowers are \$5.00 each. **Deadline for ordering is Friday, May 27th.**

(Please indicate below the number of flowers desired)

Red Geraniums \_\_\_\_\_ White Geraniums \_\_\_\_\_

In **Memory** of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In **Honor** of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

I will take my flower with me today: \_\_\_\_\_

Please take my flower to a shut-in: \_\_\_\_\_

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers

John Swanson (E)

Lectors

Rose Montgomery (L)

Cassidy Smith (E)

Comm Assistants

Todd Mechling (L)

Acolytes

Jill & Nick Wranich (E)

Brody Hodak (E)

Greeters

Nesta Adkins (L)

Donna Livengood (E)

Camera Operators

The Griffins (L)

Robert John (E)

Keith Livengood (L)

## STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry

Julie Smith

Secretary

Christine Lettrich

Sexton

Michael Craft

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 honor of our daughters, Sara and Rachel and in loving memory of our mothers, Florence and Stella by Roger and Cheryl Mechling.

**The flowers on the altar** this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert W. Hankey by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## 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.

**GRACE**  
*happens*



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