

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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**September 28, 2025**

**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 the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Sixteenth 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:*

*Lord, as we join brothers and sisters in praying 'give us this day our daily bread,' help us to feed on Your Word and be clothed in Your righteousness so that whether in this world or the next, we will be at home with You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

*"Mach's mit mir, Gott, nach deiner gut"*

*Walther*

**\*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**

*"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"*

*LBW 250*

**\*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.**

## \*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.



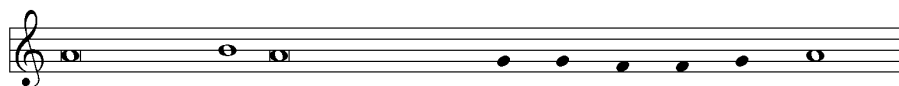
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

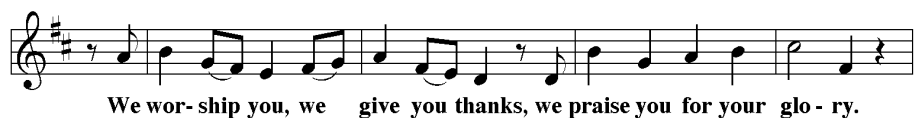


**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

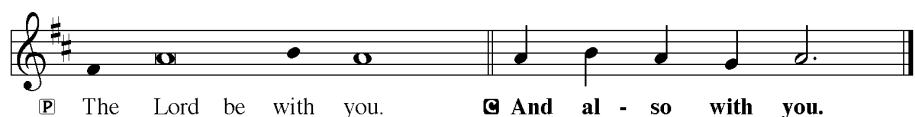
## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



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



### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY



### BELL ANTHEM

*"As the Deer"*  
Senior Bell Choir

Cota

**P** Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, You look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with Your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from You, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## FIRST LESSON:

AMOS 6:1A, 4-7

**A** The First Lesson is from the sixth chapter of Amos.

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,  
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,  
the notable men of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel comes!”

<sup>4</sup> “Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and stretch themselves out on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the midst of the stall,

<sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

<sup>6</sup> who drink wine in bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

<sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,  
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass  
away.”

**A** Here ends the reading.

## PSALM:

PSALM 146

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**<sup>2</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,  
for there is no help in them.**

<sup>3</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

<sup>5</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps his promise forever;

**<sup>6</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to those who hunger.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**<sup>8</sup>the LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger;  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

## SECOND LESSON:

## 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

**A** The Second Lesson is from the sixth chapter of 1 Timothy.

<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. <sup>9</sup> But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

**A** Here ends the reading.

## GENEREOSITY TEMPLE TALK: MY NEED TO GIVE

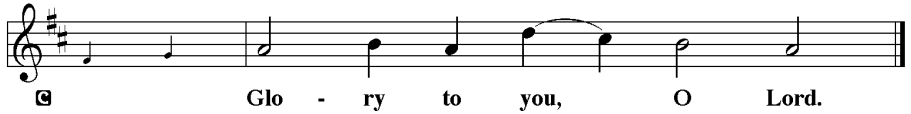
### \*VERSE



**GOSPEL:**

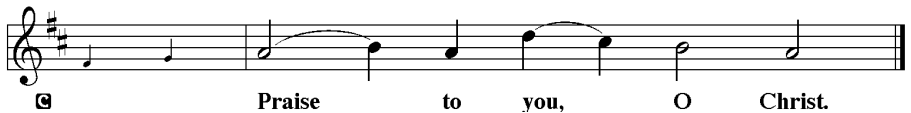
**LUKE 16:19-31**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the sixteenth chapter.



<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.



**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” **LBW 230**

**SERMON** “HELL”

**THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

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**THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM**

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## ANTHEM

"On Eagle's Wings"  
Jonah Petruschke, Cellist

Joncas

### \*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 in the name of Jesus to our heavenly Father for the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence*

Father, thank you for words of warning and wisdom. Sometimes we don't want to hear how faith and finances are connected! Sometimes we think they're about other people, not us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, and defend us with your holy angels, so we can listen to your Word and faithfully do your will.

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**

*"Borning Cry"*

*LBW 770*

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*"Dialogue"*

*Martin*

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



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

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

<b>Today 9/28</b>	8:30 a.m.	Rock of Our Salvation: Communion
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Campfire (all ages); Youth Group follows Both at St. John's
<b>Monday 9/29</b>	6:00 p.m.	Mutual Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Worship/Music
<b>Wednesday 10/1</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	6:15 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:00 a.m.	P.J.'s Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
<b>Sunday 10/5</b>	<b>Generosity Sunday</b>	
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	After church	Celebration Dinner



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## Mark Your Calendars

October 5	Generosity Sunday
October 12	Harvest Home
October 26	Reformation Sunday
November 9	Turkey/Ham
November 27	Community Thanksgiving
December 7	Christmas Concert



## **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."**



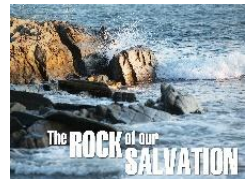
## **October Men's Prayer Breakfast** **Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.**

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.

## **Rock of our Salvation Worship**

8:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>



## **Harvest Home: Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

Join us after church as we continue the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration honoring today our music ministry history.

# ANNOUNCEMENT:

## *Schedule Change*

### Women's Bible Study . . .

. . . will return at the King's restaurant on **Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at noon**. Any questions, please contact Rose Montgomery at [rosatrix38@comcast.net](mailto:rosatrix38@comcast.net). All are welcome!

### Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am

Fellowship Committee has planned a "clean, sanitize organize" the kitchen day.

Join us if you are able for some fun, good old elbow grease working, cleaning, stacking, inventorying and planning. Lunch served. Please let Tammy Fleeger 724/664-1773 know if you can volunteer and join us a few hours.



### Sunday, October 26th after church REFORMATION FROLIC

The Fellowship Committee along with area churches are again hosting lunch. St Johns is providing Brats, kraut, hotdogs, buns, mashed potato. AND the ever so yummy CINNAMON APPLESAUCE.



### UPCOMING EVENT Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> **Turkey/Ham Dinner**

Save the date for some awesome ham and side dishes to benefit the local Thanksgiving Turkey Fund !



### 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](http://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.





# October Student Stuff

## Saturday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>:

Pumpkin Spiced Ispirare

10-11am, Student Bible Study!

## Sunday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>: No Youth Group

## Friday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>: Grades 9-12 only:

No-School; Habitat Work Day, 12:30-3:00pm

Food Included for all who sign up to help!

## Sunday Oct 12<sup>th</sup>: After 11am Church Youth **Grades 6-8 ONLY!** 12-1:15pm

Service Project, Lunch

## Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>: Campfire All Ages,

6-7pm Youth Group 7-8pm

## Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup>: Help w/ Spark, 6:15-7:30pm

## Thursday October 23: Help with Trunk or Treat!

Any time after school until 6:30pm

## Sunday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>: NO YOUTH GROUP



## *Katie's Cupboard*

As we approach Fall and Winter, rising inflation and shrinking dollars, your gracious gifts are providing in a way greater than you can imagine. Your weekly donations of food and offering make


such an impact.

Are you aware of any groups looking for a service project? Please remind them that Katie's is a great opportunity. St Johns would be happy to accept their donations or service time to support our community with their help!

If you would care to volunteer, have great ideas for further this ministry, or can offer suggestions, please contact any member of council, Amber Zurn 724/902-9471 or Tammy Fleeger 724/664-1773.




Hello fall



**THURSDAY OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
**ST. JOHN'S KITTANNING!**  
**5:00-6:30PM**  
**CARS NEEDED!!**  
Adults and Families:  
Bring Your Car!  
Donate Candy!  
Decorations available, if you need!

**KIDS 12 AND UNDER**  
Trunk or Treat FUN!!!  
PRIZES, GAMES AND TREATS!



**CANDY**  
**Donations**  
**NEEDED**



# welcome

## to our church family

Today we welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:



Isabella Faelynn Farrell  
Rhonda Kay Hedding  
Baylee May Kozlosky  
Chaunie Renee Wright  
Dawson William Wright



Today we welcome into the Church:

Holly Marie Bowser  
Brandy Jo Taylor  
Rhonda McKenzie Troup

*Everyone is invited for a time of fellowship following 11:00 worship in the Gathering space in honor of our new members.*





**GENEROSITY SUNDAY,  
OCT. 5, 2025  
RESERVATIONS DUE  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

*You are cordially invited to a  
Catered Luncheon  
following the 11AM Worship.  
Enjoy a meal provided by  
St. John's in celebration of the  
“In the Beginning—Generosity” Sunday.*

I/We will be present for worship and the Celebration Luncheon on  
Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No

The number of people attending from my household will be  
\_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Faithfully spreading the Gospel in Armstrong County  
and throughout the world  
for over 200 years*

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Julie Smith (E) Karen Waugaman (L)
Lectors	Jill Wranich (E) Rose Montgomery (L)
Comm Assistants	Jill & Nick Wranich (E)
Acolytes	Brody Hodak (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	TBD
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer

## 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 EACH OTHER, AND TO SPREAD  
THAT LOVE WITH THE WORLD.*

**GRACE**  
*happens*



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