

# -St. John's Lutheran Church

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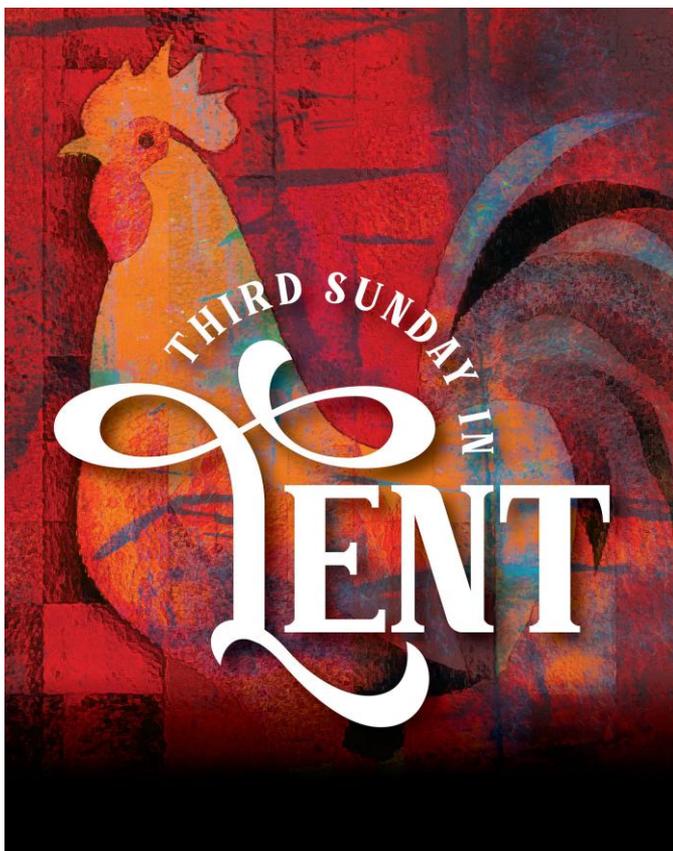
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

**March 8, 2026**

**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 **Third Sunday in Lent**. 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:*

*Bless us, O Lord, with a reverent sense of Your presence so that we may be still and adore You; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

*"These Holy Mysteries"*

*Wilson*

**\*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**

*"Glory Be to Jesus"*

*LBW 95*

**\*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**



☒ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☑ **Lord, have mer - cy.**



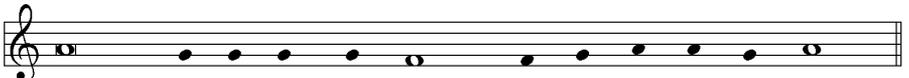
☒ For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☑ **Lord, have mer - cy.**



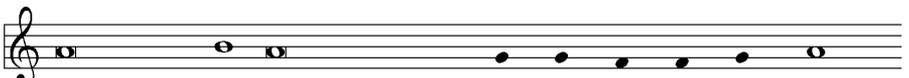
☒ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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,

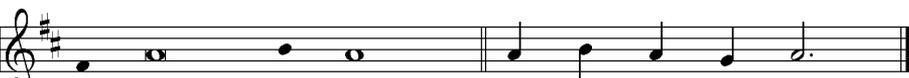


let us pray to the Lord. ☑ **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**



☒ The Lord be with you. ☑ **And al - so with you.**

Eternal Lord, Your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son. Help us to hear Your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of Your redeeming love; 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:

## EXODUS 17:1-7

**A** The First Lesson is from the seventeenth chapter of Exodus.

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**A** Here ends the reading.

## PSALM:

## Psalms 95

Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**<sup>2</sup>Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great king above all gods.

**<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

**<sup>6</sup>Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**<sup>8</sup>Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness,  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.**

<sup>9</sup>They put me to the test,  
though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>**Forty years long I detested that generation and said,  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."**

<sup>11</sup>So I swore in my wrath,  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

## SECOND LESSON:

**Romans 5:1–11**

**A** The Second Lesson is from the fifth chapter of Romans.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

<sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**A** Here ends the reading.

## \*VERSE



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL:

**John 4:5–42**

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



☩ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

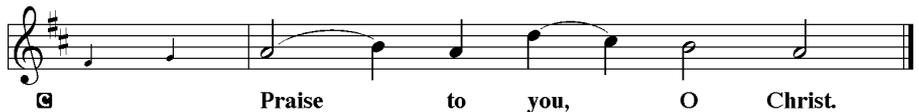
<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup> They went out of the town and were coming to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” <sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**\*HYMN**

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

*LBW 107*

## 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,**

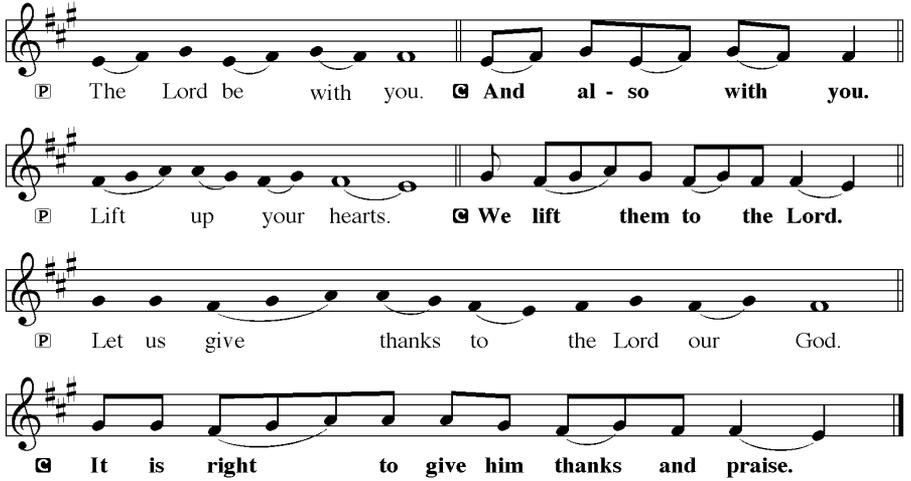
**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

### **\*THE PRAYERS**

Let us lift our hearts and voices to the Lord in prayer, that he would be merciful to his people.



# PREFACE



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

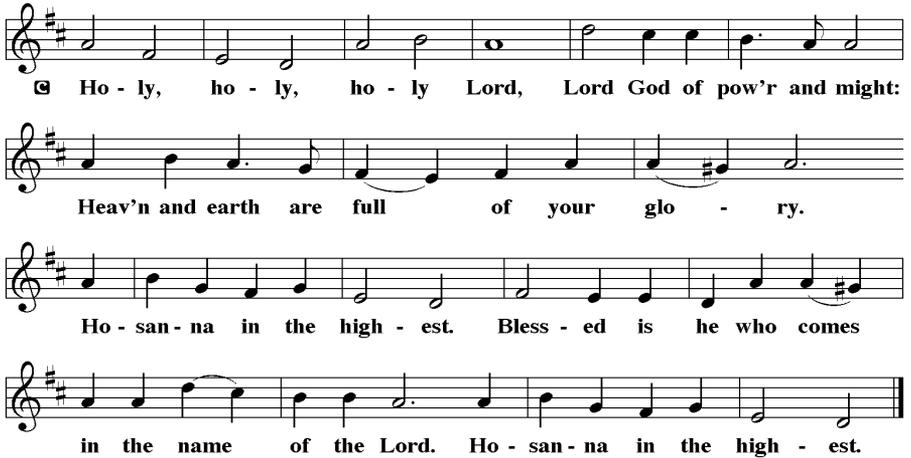
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**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. You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. 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.

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

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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



**C** 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 197, 199, 104, 479 WOV 740*

**\*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.*

*For those that require special dietary restrictions, we now have gluten-free, communion wafers. Please inform the Pastor of your needs.*

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

## \*CANTICLE



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the  
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,  
and will be for - ev - er. A - men

## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.... Almighty God, You gave Your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to His; through the same 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.



**C** A - men

## \*CLOSING HYMN

*"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

LBW 327

## \*DISMISSAL

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*"Adoramus Te"*

arr. Young

## **NALC Disaster Relief** **Basic Kitchen Essentials**

During a disaster we often are left with just the clothes on our backs; losing everything. In the past we have collected cleaning supplies and hygiene kits which help during the initial stage of recovery. The next level of support is helping to replace some of the basic household items. The Fellowship and Social Ministry Committees are reaching out to members to collect these kitchen items during March and April. Kits can be placed at the front of the Sanctuary.

### **Kitchen Kits**

(Pack kits in a 2-gallon plastic storage bag or drawstring backpack)



- ✓ Manual can opener
- ✓ Cookbook
- ✓ Dish cloths
- ✓ Dish towel
- ✓ Hot pad
- ✓ Spatula (turner)
- ✓ Measuring cups
- ✓ Measuring spoons
- ✓ Storage container (2-cup w/lid)
- ✓ Trash bags (a few, mixed sizes)

In addition to the above items, if you so choose, include a useful kitchen item of your choice (i.e., mini cutting board, peeler, tongs, etc.).

Thank you for your support.

## **Sportsman & Brothers Fellowship Dinner**

**Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 5:00pm**

If you have a wild game dish or appetizer, please bring it to share. We encourage your culinary skills.

**MENU:** We will be serving your game dish as well as Bison Meatloaf, baked Halibut, baked potatoes and green beans!

### **The non-game menu is Smoked Brisket**

**“Men’s Banquet” by March 8, 2026**

\$8.00/each    Ages 12 and under free.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Number 12 and under: \_\_\_\_\_

\*food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid: \_\_\_\_\_



## Monday Bible Study in Lent

Pastor Johnson will be leading a Bible Study on the book of Mark each **Monday at 7:00 p.m.** in Lent beginning on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a very basic Bible Study designed for beginners.  
*Come journey through Mark!*

## Pastor's Sunday School Class:

### Adult Sunday School

Pastor Johnson's class will be studying the book of Acts of the Apostles. Come journey with Apostolic Zeal!



## Wednesday Evening Pastors' Study:

### Adult Catechism, 7:00 pm

This review is good for those who are preparing to join the congregation as an adult, for adult baptism or for those who just want to brush up on their catechism.



**Catechism**

- March 11<sup>th</sup> Lord's Prayer
- March 18<sup>th</sup> The Sacraments, Confession
- March 25<sup>th</sup> Lutheran History/Theology/Liturgy



## Lenten Men's Prayer Breakfasts

**Saturday, March 14 & 21 at 8:00 a.m.**

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

## KMA Community Lenten Worship Services

**Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm**

Mar 10	Ktg Church of God	Pastor Andrew Laddusaw
Mar. 17	Living Water	Pastor Johnson
Mar. 24	St. Luke's U.C.C.	Major Brent Carlson

## KMA Lenten Luncheons Schedule

**Wednesdays @ 12:00 p.m.**

Mar 11	St. Mary's Catholic	Father Eric Dinga
Mar 18	First Baptist	Rev. Jeffrey Smith
Mar 25	First Methodist / Hope Center	Rev. Ross Perrine

## Easter Flowers



Flowers may be purchased to place in the church for Easter. Please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or mail it to St. John's Lutheran Church, 218 N. Jefferson Street, Kittanning PA. Please include payment; if check, make out to *St. John's Lutheran Church* with the designation "*Easter flowers*" in the memo line. **Orders must be placed by March 23.**

The cost of the flowers is as follows:

_____ Lilies	\$12.00
_____ Tulips	\$9.00
_____ Daffodils	\$9.00

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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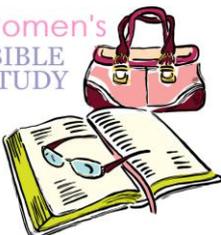
In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my flower(s) after Easter Worship.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please take my flower(s) to a shut-in.

Women's  
BIBLE  
STUDY



**Women's Tuesday Bible Study  
canceled for March 10<sup>th</sup>  
Will resume April 14<sup>th</sup> .**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<b>Sunday 3/8</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
<b>Monday 3/9</b>	7:00 p.m.	PJ's Study (Book of Mark)
<b>Tuesday 3/10</b>	7:00 p.m.	KMA Worship (Ktg Church of God)
<b>Wednesday 3/11</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	Noon	KMA Luncheon
	6:15 p.m.	Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
<b>Thursday 3/12</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
<b>Friday 3/13</b>	2:45 p.m.	Youth Group
<b>Saturday 3/14</b>	8:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	CPR Certification
<b>Sunday 3/15</b>	8:30 a.m.	Rock of Our Salvation
	10:00 a.m.	Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	5:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Dinner

Daylight savings time: Turn your clocks ahead.

## Free CPR Certification at St. John's Church March 14, 2026



We're excited to share that **Run With Heart Foundation** will be hosting a **FREE CPR Certification** class right here at our church on **Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 9:00 AM** — open to everyone and **completely free of charge**.

This hands-on class will include **CPR certification and training on the use of an AED, just like the new one here at our church. If you certified at the church two years ago – you are due for recertification.**

Following the CPR certification, there will be an **optional First Aid class** for those who would like to continue their training.

• **First Aid Class:** \$40 per person

**Checks Payable to:** Run with Heart Foundation

Thanks,

*Tabitha Bowser*

Executive Director

Run With Heart Foundation

**SIGN UP**  
in the  
**Narthex**

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers  
Lectors  
Comm Assistants  
Acolyte  
Welcome Teams  
Camera Operator

Mollie Bouch  
Colvin Adkins  
Susan Neal, Karina Blöse  
Baylee Kozlosky  
Debbie & Jack Griffin  
Bill Bouch

## STAFF MEMBERS

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

Julie Smith  
Angela B. Clever  
Patrick Pastor  
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. You may also call the church office. **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.

*For 200 years St. John's has been a bright beacon  
of Christ's light and life for the world.  
200 years and the work continues:  
That all might know Christ's Love.*

**GRACE**  
*happens*



at  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
Kittanning, PA