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October 2, 2022

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 **Seventeenth 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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 22) OCTOBER 2, 2022

Prayer upon entering God's House:

O Gracious Redeemer, we thank You for the assurance that despite our wanderings, You will not abandon us. As we gather for worship today, fill us anew with Your Spirit and grant us Your peace again. For the glory of Your name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Fantasia on Bryn Calafaria"

arr. Innes

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness.**

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***OPENING HYMN**

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

LBW 383

***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.



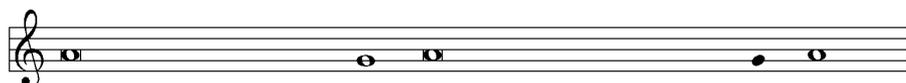
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.

*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal



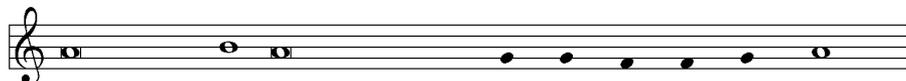
☩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



☩ 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-tory 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-tory 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.

Our Lord Jesus, You have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over You, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge You as Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

A The First Lesson is from the first & second chapters of Habakkuk.

Chapter 1

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous —
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

Chapter 2

I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM

Psalm 37:1-10



Com - mit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD.



Do not fret yourself because of | evildoers;*
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

**²For they shall soon wither | like the grass,*
and like the green grass | fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;*
dwell in the land and feed | on its riches.

**⁴Take delight | in the LORD,*
and he shall give you your | heart's desire. R**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD and put your | trust in him,*
and he will bring | it to pass.

**⁶He will make your righteousness as clear | as the light*
and your just dealing | as the noonday.**

⁷Be still be- | fore the LORD *
and wait patient- | ly for him.

**⁸Do not fret yourself over the | one who prospers,*
the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.**

⁹Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;*
do not fret yourself; it leads on- | ly to evil.

**¹⁰For evildoers shall | be cut off,*
but those who wait upon the LORD
shall pos- | sess the land. R**

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1-14

A The Second Lesson is from the first chapter of Second Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

A Here ends the reading.

*VERSE

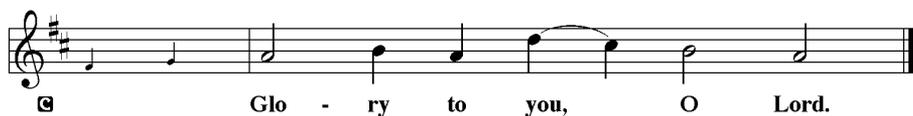


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL

Luke 17:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

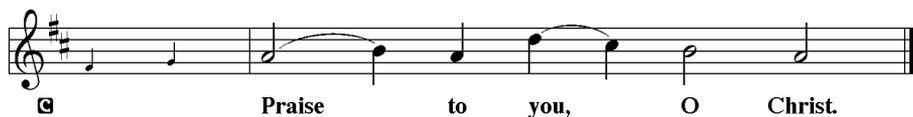


And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

L The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"*

LBW 494

SERMON

***NICENE CREED**

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

A brief silence

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for planting the mustard-seed of faith in us! Please water it with Your Holy Spirit. Make its roots delve deep into Your holy Word and Sacraments. Cause that seed to blossom and come to fruition, nourishing a hungry world with Your son's forgiveness and love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered)

L 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

*"Day by Day"
Debbie Bouch - Oboist*

Scott

***OFFERTORY**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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.

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:



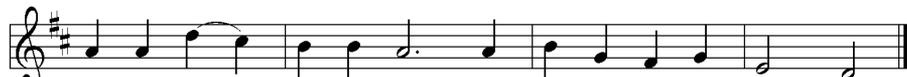
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



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**

**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**

*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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LBW 221

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"And Can It Be"

arr. Innes

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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

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion No Youth Group
Monday 10/3	7:00 p.m.	Property Committee
Tuesday 10/4	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible study (<i>Gathering room</i>)
	7:00 p.m.	First Communion class
Wednesday 10/5	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
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor's Bible study
	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 10/6	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	11:15 a.m.	Women's Bible study (<i>Chapel</i>)
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Saturday 10/8	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sunday 10/9	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
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group



Piano Recital – Sunday, October 23rd @ 3:00pm

A recital featuring the Petrov grand piano generously donated to St. John's Lutheran Church in Kittanning by Carole Cable, a life-long member of the congregation, will take place on Sunday, October 23rd, beginning at 3:00 P.M in the church sanctuary.

This beautiful (and beautiful sounding!) piano was in Carole's home for many years and was used not only for her pleasure and for that of those who heard it, but for the instruction of many who learned the craft of playing from her.

This recital will highlight the grand piano's versatility as a solo instrument and as accompaniment for instrumental and vocal pieces. Members of the public are invited to attend the recital, after which there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments in the church's social hall and gathering space. The recital is presented as a gift to the public, and no offering will be collected.

Children's hour

will be back 2 days a week!

WEDNESDAY or THURSDAY

9:30-11:00am

ages 2 ½ -5yrs



Sign up Anytime

Cost: \$1 wk Donation

Join us....for our Fun-and-Faith-Filled, exceptional program that is available for all potty-trained children ages 2 ½ to 5 yrs old. Moms, Grandparents, Caregivers, Babies all are welcome! Every week we present a structured Children's program that blends preschool concepts with fun Biblical lessons. Children develop their creativity and imagination with crafts, games, Bible stories, lessons, snacks, and hands-on activities to learn Biblical values and have preschool fun! The cost is just a donation of \$1.00 per class/NOT required to pay to attend!

FALL 2022 begins Wednesday Sept. 14th & Thursday Sept. 15th @ St. John's Lutheran Church 218 N. Jefferson, right next to the Library! Please join us or tell someone that may be interested!!...

Call 724-548-2051 or email: stjohnskittanning@gmail.com



Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, October 4th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Gathering room. Thursday, October 6th @ 11:15 a.m. upstairs in the Chapel. We will be studying "Uninvited" by Lysa Terkeust. All are welcome!



Next Pastor's Study

Wednesday October 5th @ 7:00 pm

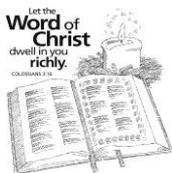
Book of Revelation

The study will follow the book, "Power and Purpose," by Pastor Russell

Lackey who says that we have been asking all the wrong questions and therefore losing our focus on what the book is really trying to say. Come explore this very misunderstood book of the Bible.

This study is for entry level students!

You do not need to know anything about the Bible in order to attend!



Pastor's Sunday School Class Power and Purpose The Book of Revelation for Today

by The Most Holy Reverend Dr. Russell L. Lackey

He writes: "The one consistent mistake I see students make when reading the book of Revelation is that they ask the wrong question..."

"...But what if the question of Revelation isn't how the world will end, but rather, who is the Lord of this world? Suddenly, everything changes..."

You're Invited:

Bible Study on the book of Revelation

Every Sunday in October @ 9:45 a.m.

This is a beginner level Bible Study.

Absolutely no knowledge of the Bible is needed—in fact, it's discouraged (just kidding).



First Communion Classes start on **Tuesday, October 4th** for those entering 3rd grade and above who have not previously gone through first communion classes.

Classes will be held each Tuesday. First Communion for those properly prepared will be on Sunday, November 6, 2022.

Oct 4 – Oct 25 7:00 pm

Students only

November 1 7:00 pm

Parents and students meeting

For more information contact Pastor Johnson



On **Sunday, October 30th** following worship, we will eat, drink and play games! This year it's for everyone from one to one hundred and four. Bring your appetite for Reformation (Octoberfest) food and get ready to frolick the day away. Activities for everyone will abound. **Hot dogs, brats, buns and drinks provided.** A free will offering will be taken to help defray the cost of food. **Be sure to wear RED on Sunday, October 30th!**

New Members will be received on Sunday, October 16th. If you would like to join St. John's, see Pastor Johnson.



Harvest Home Sunday is October 16th

Donations of non-perishable food items or monetary donations are being collected now through October 16th and may be placed in the chancel area of the sanctuary. Monetary donations should be marked on your offering envelopes "**Katie's Cupboard**". All food will be given to Katie's Cupboard. There is GREAT need in our community and this is a wonderful way to share God's love by giving to our cupboard to help our neighbors in need.

Family Fall Potluck



Hosted by the Evangelism team

SUNDAY - October 16th 5:00pm to 8:00pm



Bring your favorite dish to share and drink and join us at the Fleeger meadow for an evening of fellowship! Play in the creek, (bring change of clothes), bring a football, soccer ball or your cornhole set and a chair for by the fire. Table service and meat provided by the Evangelism team.

Please RSVP to the church office @ 724-548-2051 by October 12th.

GPS directions: 253 Pump Station Road, Worthington PA 16262.

If you are taking any directions other than crossing over Main street in Worthington, BEWARE!



October Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday October 8th 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.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister
Lector
Comm Assistants
Acolytes
Welcome team
Camera Operator

Rose Montgomery
Melissa Venesky
Deb & Mollie Bouch, Dave & Janice Smith
Stella Venesky, Emma Graf, Ashlynn & Brenna Zurn
The Bouch family
Keith Livengood

STAFF MEMBERS

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

Julie Smith
Christine Lettrich
Michael Craft
Rebecca Veith
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.

