

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

**June 26, 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 **Third 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:*

*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**

*"Prelude on Hornbury"*

Rowley

**\*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**

*"He Leadeth Me"*

LBW 501

**\*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.**

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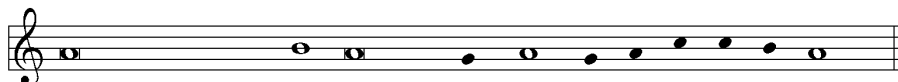
\*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal

## \*KYRIE



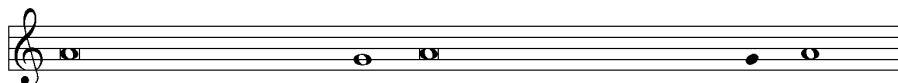
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



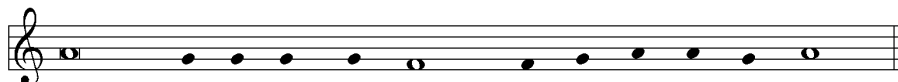
**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



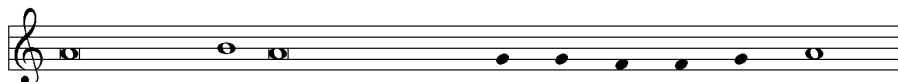
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** 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. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

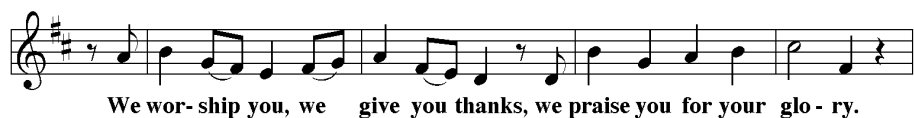


**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

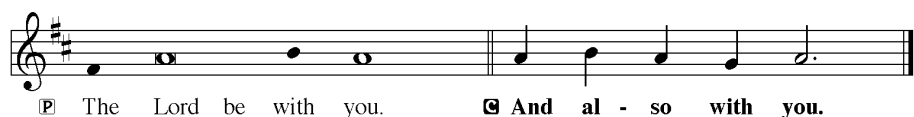
## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



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



### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY



**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.

**Amen**

**FIRST LESSON:****1 KINGS 19:15–21**

**A** The First Lesson is from the nineteenth chapter of First Kings.

<sup>15</sup> And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup> And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

<sup>19</sup> So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup> And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup> And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

**A** Here ends the reading.

**PSALM:****PSALM 16**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in You;  
I have said to the LORD, “You are my LORD, my good above all other.”

**<sup>2</sup>All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**<sup>4</sup>Their libations of blood I will not offer,  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

**<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**SECOND LESSON:**

**GALATIANS 5:1, 13–25**

A The Second Lesson is from the fifth chapter of Galatians.

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

A Here ends the reading.

**\*VERSE**

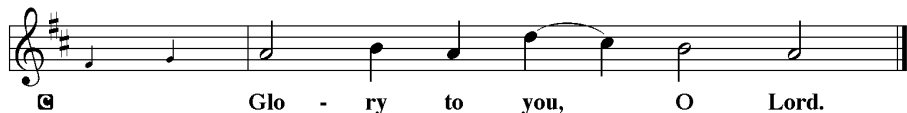
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

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

**GOSPEL:**

**LUKE 9:51–62**

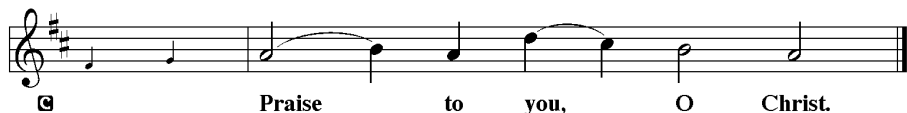
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the ninth chapter.



<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. <sup>53</sup> But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> And they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Our Father, by Whose Name"*

*LBW 357*

## 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**

**ANTHEM**

"When Love is Found"

arr. Hopson

Duet – Charlesetta Bleakney &amp; Rose Montgomery

**\*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**

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

*A brief silence*

Dear Father, thank you for promising to keep a faithful remnant to do your will. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we may live fruitful lives. In all things, help us to glorify you and nourish those who are starving for your good Word. 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**

*“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*

*LBW 503*

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*“Postlude”*

*Smart*

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S**

<b>Today</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of Our Salvation
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Over 80 Luncheon
<b>Monday 6/27</b>	9:00 a.m.	Day Camp
	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music meeting
<b>Tuesday 6/28</b>	9:00 a.m.	Day Camp
<b>Wednesday 6/29</b>	9:00 a.m.	Day Camp
	7:00 p.m.	Columbarium meeting
<b>Thursday 6/30</b>	9:00 a.m.	Day Camp
<b>Friday 7/1</b>	9:00 a.m.	Day Camp
<b>Sunday 7/3</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of Our Salvation
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion

*Today 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 26, 2022  
in the Social Hall!*



**Solid Rock Day Camp is accepting donations of food  
and snack items for camp this week at St. John’s.**

**Please contact Julie if you can help!**

**Thank you for your support!**

**North American  
Lutheran Church  
Day Camp**



**Solid Rock  
Day Camp**

**June 27-July 1, 2022  
St. John's Lutheran Church,  
Kittanning**

**Join us for a week of Fun, Games, Crafts, Bible-Centered Lessons,  
Nature Discovery, a special field trip and More!  
Led by a great Group of students from the Carolina's Mission District  
Coming to Western Pa to lead an awesome week!  
Who's invited: All Kids entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**When: June 27 – July 1**

**Time: M-F 9am-3pm**

**Lunch: FREE lunch included for all kids**

**Cost: Actual rate is \$80 per camper, however, St. John's Kittanning &  
Resurrection Lutheran Cooperative Ministry is underwriting  
some of the cost per camper.**

**Your Rate: Non-Member \$50**

**Member of NALC Congregations: \$25**

**Sibling discount of \$15/ registration**

**Registration is Limited to 35 students**

**Please let your Pastor or Youth Leader know if YOUR child would like to  
attend!**

**We will email you the registration and medical forms needed.**

**If you have ANY questions/concerns,**

**please call Julie Smith at St. John's**

**at 724-548-2051 or email [smithjulie33@yahoo.com](mailto:smithjulie33@yahoo.com)**



Our Church Camp: In-Tents Lutheran Church Camp is quickly approaching. Over the past few years, the camp has put together kits that go to help the NALC Disaster Response. When the campers go to put together these kits, the In-Tents Camp covers the cost of

buying all the different materials that are needed for each kit. This year Mary Bates, the head of NALC Disaster Response, asked us to make Health Kits since they are still in desperate need of them. Last year the campers made 75 health kits, costing \$1400 for the supplies. This year's goal is to double the number of kits that we did last year, 150 kits, costing approximately \$2500, about \$17 a kit. In order to do this, we need your help. We need help with the funds in order to buy all the supplies for the kids to assemble the kits. If you would like to donate money towards the campers making the health kits, please mark your envelope Camp Health Kits.

### **Katie's Cupboard**



More than 38 million people-including 12 million children-in the U.S. experience food insecurity, leaving families to make hard choices between paying bills or buying groceries. Together, let's help everyone get enough to eat.

#### **Suggested food pantry items:**

- Canned tuna, ham or chicken
- Beef stew, chili or hearty soups
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Canned fruit
- Pasta sauce, Macaroni and cheese
- Cereals
- Toiletries
- Paper products

Donations to Katie's Cupboard can be left in the church parlor or in the outside cupboard at any time. Also, St. Johns accepts your donations of monetary gifts to buy items to stock the cupboard. We are also looking for Volunteers to coordinate the stocking & maintaining of Katie's Cupboard. For more information, please contact Tammy Fleeger @ 724-664-1773. Thank you for your support!

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers

Nancy Pierce (E)

Deb Bouch (L)

Lectors

Marlee Smith (E)

Emily Bouch (L)

Comm Assistants

Robert John, Cassidy Smith (E)

Acolytes

Mitchell Wranich (E)

Noelle Smoyer (L)

Greeters

The John family (E)

The Young family (L)

Camera Operators

Robert John (E)

Bill Bouch (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 celebration of the 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary of Charlesetta and Robert Bleakney.

## 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*



at

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Kittanning, PA**