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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 after Epiphany**. 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:

Father in heaven, from whom alone come life and freedom, deepen our understanding and faith during our worship of You to the end that we may truly follow Your Holy will in our lives. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Contemplation”

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**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

LBW 415

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.



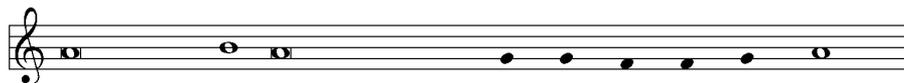
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.



☩ 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.

O God, You know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with Your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON:

JEREMIAH 1:4–10

A The First Lesson is from the first chapter of Jeremiah.

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶ Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷ But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.”

⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,

“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM

PSALM 71:1–6

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be ashamed.

**²In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

**⁴Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,
my confidence since I was young.

**⁶I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.**

SECOND LESSON:

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

A The Second Lesson is from the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part,

¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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 4:21-30

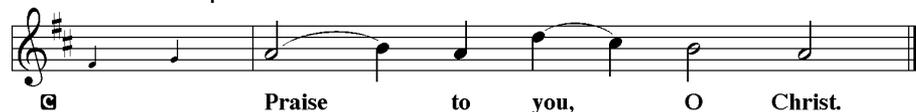
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not

this Joseph's son?" ²³ And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴ And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"

LBW 89

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

"The Gift of Love"

arr. Hopson

*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 draw near to the Light of Christ, offering prayer and supplication on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, sometimes Your holy Word seems stern and convicts us. But in Jesus, You assure us that every Word which proceeds from Your mouth is good. In Him, Your never-failing love is fleshed out for us. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we can thank You for every Word You speak to us. Help us to model, however imperfectly, Your perfect love for Your people.

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**

“Go, My Children with My Blessing”

WOV 721

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Toccata on Hyfrydol”

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	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group - TBA
Monday 1/31	7:00 p.m.	Worship/Music meeting
Wednesday 2/2	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Hour
	5:30 p.m.	Junior Choir/Children’s Chimes
	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 2/3	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday 2/6	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group – TBA



The flower chart for 2022 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. Flowers are \$50.00.

CHILDREN'S HOUR

WEDNESDAY or THURSDAY

9:30-11:00am ages 2 - 5yrs

Join us....for our Fun-and-Faith-Filled, exceptional program that is available for all potty-trained children ages 2 to 5 yrs old. Moms, Grandparents, Caregivers, Babies all welcome! Every week, we present a structured Children's program that blends fun preschool concepts with fun Biblical lessons. The cost is just a donation of \$1.00 per class/NOT required to pay to attend!

Pastor's Study

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

We are looking at the NALC Sacramental Practices statement. This is a good review of what the Small Catechism says about the sacraments, with added commentary/Bible Study.



Looking for Volunteers to contribute to stocking & maintaining of Katie's Cupboard

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.

ADULT
Sunday School

Anyone who wishes to join the **Ladies of the Von Bora Sunday School class** every Sunday @ 9:00 a.m. is welcome. We meet in the Church chapel on the second floor of the Education building. Contact person is Nancy

Pierce and all are welcome!

Shut-in address corrections:

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Grey's Colonial Acres
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Mary Elder
134 Marwood Road
Room 2171
Cabot, PA 16023

Kentucky Disaster Response

We have all seen the terrible devastation from the aftermath of the tornadoes that ravaged Kentucky. Please keep them in prayer as they deal with the destruction.

NALC Disaster Response has sent truckloads of supplies to Kentucky and is on the ground. Pastor Pamela Thorson is preparing House of Prayer in Elizabethtown KY to be the staging area for work teams and disaster supplies.

Our Mission District has sent \$2,000 and truckloads of supplies. Supplies continue to be collected and sent. A Mission Trip is being organized for one of the weeks in May.

St. John's has sent \$600 and supplies, including toys for Christmas. We are collecting Health Kits, Flood Buckets, Gift Cards and donations to be sent.

To send money contributions to the NALC Disaster Relief mark on your envelope or in the Memo line - KY tornadoes

Reminder - 100% goes the tornado response.

St. John's is a drop-off spot for relief items.



Social Ministry Collection for the Kentucky Tornado: Health Kits

Items for health kits are as follows:

- One hand towel: 15 x 25 or 17 x 27
- One washcloth
- One comb
- One metal nail file or nail clipper with file
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- One gallon sized zip lock bag.
- \$1 to purchase toothpaste
- Six band-aids



All items must be new! If you prefer, financial support may be given to be used for the purchase of kit items and/or shipping costs.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister
Lector
Acolyte
Greeters
Camera Operator

Lance Whiteman
Christine Whiteman
Cassidy Smith
Mona & William Bouch
Nick Wranich

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



The flowers on the Altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Esther Choncek on her 80th birthday anniversary by Butch, Chris & Jeff Choncek and families.

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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