

St. John's Lutheran Church

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July 31, 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 **Eighth 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.

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 13) JULY 31, 2022

Prayer upon entering God's House:

God, our rock, the foundation for all life, we praise You for Your presence and seek Your guidance. Show us the way You would have us go, now and every day. We pray in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

PRELUDE

"This is My Father's World"

arr. Bish

***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



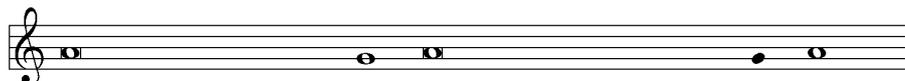
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



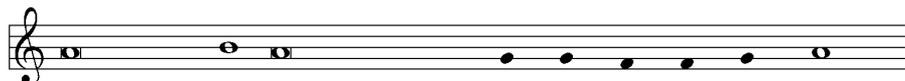
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.



☩ 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,

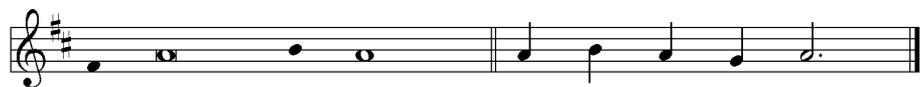


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



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.

Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that He may live in us and we in Him through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23

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

Chapter 1

² Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴ I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

Chapter 2

¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³ For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

PSALM 49:1–11

Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

**²My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

³ I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

**⁴Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**

⁵ the wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods,
and boast of their great riches?

**⁶We can never ransom ourselves,
or deliver to God the price of our life;**

⁷ for the ransom of our life is so great,
that we should never have enough to pay it,

**⁸in order to live forever and ever,
and never see the grave.**

⁹For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

**¹⁰Their graves shall be their homes forever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they call the lands after their own names.**

¹¹Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.

SECOND LESSON: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

A The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of Colossians.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

A Here ends the reading.

***VERSE**



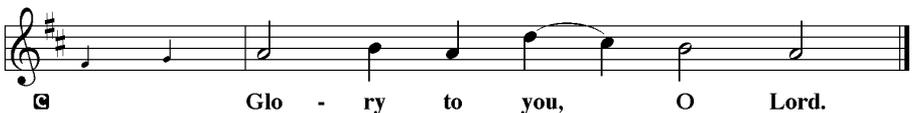
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



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

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:13-21

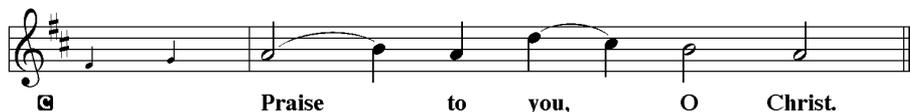
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* *LBW 410*

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

"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

Rowley

Sally Marasco, Autoharp/Vocalist Tim Marasco, Guitar Rebecca Veith, Vocalist

*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 for the Church, the world, and for one another.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, you bless us greatly, even when we think we have very little! You give us life and breath. Each new day gives us a chance to repent, forgive, and share Jesus' love with another person. Help us to thank you for these things, to enjoy them rightly and to share them generously.

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

“When Peace, Like a River”

LBW 346

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Postludium”

Dressler

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



The flower chart for 2022 is posted in the narthex.

There are dates available to sign up for flowers that you would like to place on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. Flowers are \$50.00.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Sunday 8/7	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion

Church Picnic

Next Sunday, August 7, 2022

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Belmont Complex Large Pavilion
Drinks, hamburgers and hot dogs be will be provided. Please bring your own tableware and a covered dish or dessert to

share. Don't forget your swim suit and sunscreen!

Pavilion rental is until the pool closes at 8:00 p.m., so we can stay, swim and enjoy the entire day! Hope to see you there!!!!





YOU MATTER Community Event

YOU ARE INVITED to our 4-Part YOU MATTER Community event to experience and learn Heather Ruesch's message of hope. Heather is a professional speaker for assemblies, retreats, and workshops specializing in reaching teens with a voice of human dignity, mental health, depression, and anxiety.

1st Part: Educators Breakfast: 9am August 13th

Educators, Pastors, Youth Leaders, private or public school board members, & parents, are welcome to meet and greet Heather at her introduction breakfast at St. John's, Kittanning. Heather would LOVE to come to your school to speak hope, help, and bring dignity into the lives of students.

2nd Part: Amphitheater Event: 12-3pm August 13th, at Riverfront Park in Kittanning. ALL AGES, Join us, for the Praise Band, booths from local churches, non-profits and ministries, sharing food, activities, and information. At 1pm, Heather will be speaking to the community, following a Q & A session.

3rd Part: Worship at St. John's 8:30am & 11am, Sunday Aug. 14th.

Heather will be speaking at both worship services.

4th Part: Heather will be speaking at the Dayton Fair on Sunday Aug. 14th.

5:30 pm

This event is co-hosted by St. John's Kittanning, and Resurrection Cooperative Lutheran Ministries.



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!



SEASIDE CARNIVAL VBS

AT ST. JOHN'S KITTANNING PARKING LOT

AUGUST 8TH-10TH

WITH RAIN DATES AUG. 11TH & 12TH.

5:30-7:30PM

Kids PreK- 6th grade

Cost: Free!

Bible Stories of the Sea!
Ocean Games, Sandy Crafts,
Wave after Wave of FUN!

**"SEA" FOAM PARTY
ON THE LAST DAY
OF VBS!
BY FOAM PARTY
PITTSBURGH!**



PLEASE REGISTER AT

<https://tinyurl.com/stjohnskittanningvbs22>

Please note: Due to street safety concerns, parents/guardians are asked to stay with your children for the duration of the evening.

If rain dates are needed Please
keep posted as Weather Updates
will be posted on our church
facebook page
St Johns Kittanning

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Karen Waugaman (E) Deb Bouch (L)
Lectors	Jerah Wranich (E) Rose Montgomery (L)
Comm Assistants	Jerah Wranich & Nancy Pierce (E)
Acolytes	Mitchell Wranich (E) Stella Venesky (L)
Camera Operators	Nick Wranich (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

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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