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February 20, 2022

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church in America. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Seventh 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:

O God, let Your Light and Your salvation come to us in all of its fullness and brightness, so that Christ may be seen and heard and touched by us and in us. Amen

PRELUDE

"Psalm Prelude OPUS 32, No. 1"

Howells

***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**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* **LBW 527**

***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.



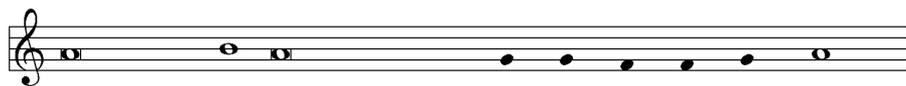
☩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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-to-ry 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-to-ry 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.

God of compassion, keep before us the love You have revealed in Your Son, who prayed even for His enemies; in our words and deeds help us to be like Him through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON:

GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

A The First Lesson is from the forty-fifth chapter of Genesis.

³ And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.'

¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

A Here ends the reading.



PSALM

Psalm 37:1–12, 41-42



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



Do not fret yourself because of ¹ evildoers;*
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.

**²For they shall soon wither ¹ like the grass,*
and like the green grass ¹ fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD ¹ and do good;*
dwell in the land and feed ¹ on its riches.

**⁴Take delight ¹ in the LORD,*
and he shall give you your ¹ heart's desire. R**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD and put your ¹ trust in him,*
and he will bring ¹ it to pass.

**⁶He will make your righteousness as clear ¹ as the light*
and your just dealing ¹ as the noonday.**

⁷Be still be- ¹ fore the LORD *
and wait patient- ¹ ly for him.

**⁸Do not fret yourself over the ¹ one who prospers,*
the one who succeeds in ¹ evil schemes.**

⁹Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone;*
do not fret yourself; it leads on- ¹ ly to evil.

**¹⁰For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off,*
but those who wait upon the LORD
shall pos- ¹ sess the land. R**

¹¹In a little while the wicked shall ¹ be no more;*
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

**¹²But the lowly shall po ¹ ssess the land;*
they will delight in abun ¹ dance of peace.**

⁴¹But the deliverance of the righteous comes ¹ from the LORD;*
he is their stronghold in ¹ time of trouble.

**⁴²The LORD will help them and ¹ rescue them;*
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek re ¹ fuge in him. R**

SECOND LESSON:

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

The Second Lesson is from the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not

come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

A Here ends the reading

***VERSE**

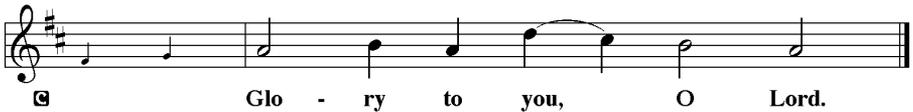


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

Luke 6:27-38

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



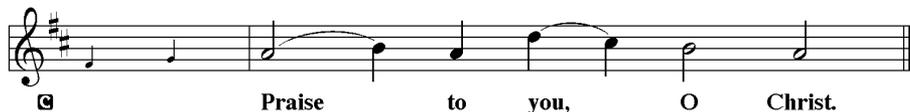
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁷ "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹ And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³² “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN

“Chief of the Sinners Though I Be”

LBW 306

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

A 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

Loving Father, forgiveness is the hardest thing we ever do – but refusing to forgive is worse. Thank you for the forgiveness that you have given us in Jesus. Let it sink in and work deep within us although it is so hard, teach us how to forgive, and to ask for forgiveness. Restore us to yourself, and to those who are separated from us, by their sins or by our own.

A Lord, in your mercy,

C 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

ANTHEM “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” Gabarain
Ken King - Guitar

*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. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your

gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

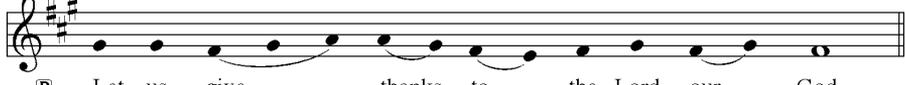
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

*** PREFACE**

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. Sharing our life, He lived among us to reveal Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

LBW 197, 88, 90, WOV 709

***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.*

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.

***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

CLOSING HYMN

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

LBW 126

***DISMISSAL**

- A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Grande Choeur”

Salome

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



St. John’s Habitat Luncheon TODAY!

Social Ministry & Fellowship Committee

will be having a luncheon today, February 20th following worship to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. Please make your donations to benefit Armstrong County Habitat for Humanity by marking your offering envelope “Habitat Luncheon” in the space marked “other” and placing it in the offering plate during worship. Our menu is: pork, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, vegetable, applesauce, cake and beverage. Thank you for your support!

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

The Ash Wednesday Communion Service will be held on March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. This is the beginning of our Lenten journey. Please plan to attend this meaningful service of ashes and Holy Communion as we embark together on our Lenten Disciplines.

The Genevans choir

from Geneva College presents a concert

*“The Word became Flesh
and Dwelt among us”*

at 7:00 p.m.

on Sunday evening, March 6th

at St. John’s Lutheran Church. Admission is free!

A love offering will be received.



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
	Noon	Habitat Luncheon
	12:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday 2/21	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting No Mutual Ministry
Wednesday 2/23	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 2/24	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday 2/27	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



Men's Bounty of the Earth Banquet 2022 SUNDAY -March 20, 2022 5:00pm

Help! We need donations of game in order to serve game at our Bounty of the Earth Men's Banquet. We will also be serving beef for those less adventurous palettes.

St. John's March Meltdown Party

All Ages Winter Blast At the Falcon's Club in Ford City

Friday March 25th 7:00-10:00 pm

Everyone bring an appetizer to share...

music, games, bowling, prizes and more!

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!

Katie's Cupboard needs your help!

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



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 Kentucky Tornado: Health Kits

Items for health kits are as follows:

One hand towel: 15 x 25 or 17 x 27

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.



One washcloth

One comb

Six band-aids

\$1 to purchase toothpaste

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

Pastor's Study

Wednesday, February 23rd @ 7:00 p.m.

We will be 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.

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!

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister
Lector
Comm Assistants
Acolyte
Greeters
Camera Operator
Ushers

Sara Shafer
Eva Shafer
Connie & Anna Choncek
Delaney Smith
Bailey & Jazwinski families
Keith Livengood
Ryan Shafer, Todd Mechling, Brett & Megan Taylor

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.

GRACE
happens



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