

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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**November 17, 2024**

**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 **Twenty-sixth 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.

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROP 28) NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

*Prayer upon entering God's House:*

*Gracious Lord, pardon us from our disobedience and self-centered will. Bend us to kneel before Your holy presence and obey You so we may conform to “a life worthy of our calling to which we have been called...” Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

*“Lancashire”*

*arr. Helman*

**\*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.



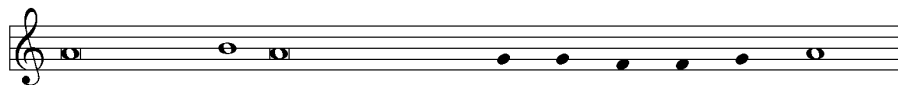
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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** 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.

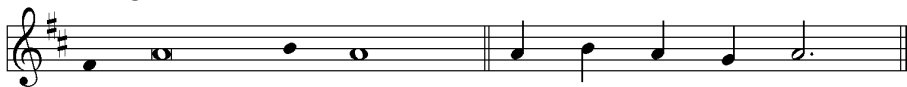


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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.

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of

judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with You forever in the world to come, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**FIRST LESSON:**

**DANIEL 12:1-3**

**A** The First Lesson is from the twelfth chapter of Daniel.

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

**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:**

**HEBREWS 10:11-25**

**A** The Second Lesson is from the tenth chapter of Hebrews.

<sup>11</sup> And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

<sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

<sup>16</sup> “This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts,  
and write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup> then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

**A** Here ends the reading.

**\*VERSE**

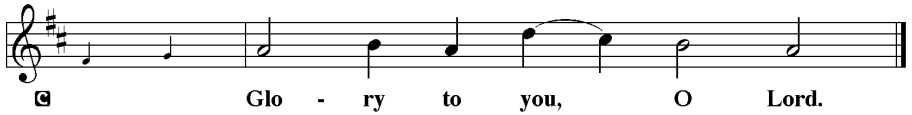
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

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

**\*GOSPEL:**

**MARK 13:1-8**

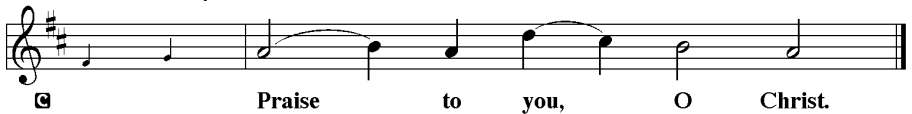
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!"  
<sup>2</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup> And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup> And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pangs.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**\*HYMN**

*"O Christ, Our Hope"*

*LBW 300*

**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

Let us intercede before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the sake of the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence*

Father, we don't want to hear about persecution, judgment, and destruction! Kindle our hearts, fortify our minds, strengthen our spirits, steel our sinews. Unite us to Jesus, so that we stand strong even in the most difficult trials. Give us your Spirit, to desire and do your holy will. 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**

**\*PEACE**

**P** The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**ANTHEM**

*"Beautiful Savior"*

*arr. Christiansen*

**\*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



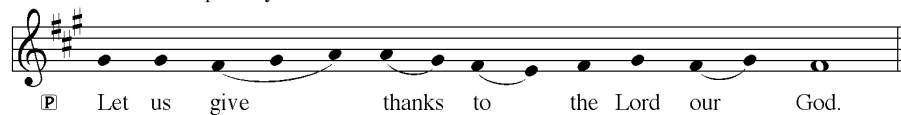
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C** We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, 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.

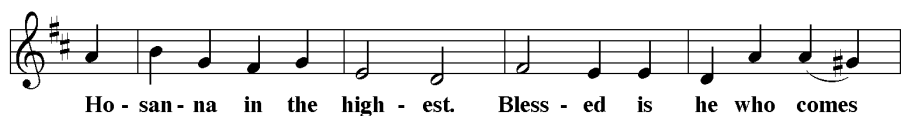
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



### \* 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; 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:

### \* SANCTUS



## 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 HYMNS

*LBW 205, 27, 222, 224*

**\*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.



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

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*"Lead On, O King Eternal!"*

*LBW 495*

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*"March"*

*Nixon*

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



A time of fellowship will be provided each Sunday after worship in the Gathering Space. Please plan to stay after worship to meet and greet fellow members and visitors of St. John's. If you would like to help host a fellowship hour, please see Pastor Johnson.

**The flower chart for 2025 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. You may also call the church office. Flowers are \$50.00.



## **CONCERT**

**St John's Lutheran Church**

218 N Jefferson St Kittanning

**December 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

**Presented by the Vocal and Bell Choirs**

Public Welcome ~ Free ~ Refreshments after Concert

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*For 200 years St. John's has been a bright beacon of  
Christ's light and life  
for the world.*

***200 years and the work continues:***

*That all might know  
Christ's Love.*

# Katie's Cupboard Supply List

## Personal Care Items

- Shampoo/conditioner, Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes
- Moisturizer, Pads/tampons, Diapers/wipes, Deodorant,

## Paper Products

- Paper towels, Toilet paper, Kleenex

## Nonperishable Foods

- Peanut butter and jelly in plastic
- Boxed/bagged grains/beans: rice, couscous, quinoa, beans
- Pasta: dry pasta, bagged pasta meals, mac n' cheese
- Pasta sauce in plastic, Cereal: cold and hot
- Peanut butter and other snack crackers
- Applesauce, Dried fruits, Granola bars
- Canned complete meals (Dinty Moore, Lasagna, Spaghetti O's)
- Canned vegetables, Canned fruits
- Dry Goods (coffee, hot chocolate, tea, flour, powdered milk, sugar), Cake mixes, cornbread mixes, muffin/pastry mixes
- Canned meats (SPAM, Vienna sausage, tuna, chicken)

We also welcome cash donations so that the Social Ministry Committee can do the shopping for you. Thank you for your support!

## ***Giving Opportunity in November and December to Empower the Mission and Ministry of St. John's!***

### **Current Account**

Please give prayerful consideration to increasing your giving to the Current Account. At the end of 2023 we were \$91,326.76 behind (offerings verses expenses) in the Current Account. While we have a small running deficit in the Current Account for 2024, our challenge is to end 2024 significantly in the black so that we can begin to make up the deficit which has accumulated over the past 10 years. **Please consider increasing your giving and/or making a significant one time gift over and above your normal offerings.**

*Thank you for your continued commitment to making the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ happen at St. John's.*

### **Creative ways of year end giving to St. John's:**

- It is possible, if you are over 70 1/2, to make a direct payment from your IRA to St. John's. This saves the taxes and the gift is still eligible for a charitable gift deduction.
- Giving stock saves capital gains taxes and the gift is still eligible for a charitable gift deduction.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHNS

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday 11/18</b>	6:00 p.m.	Mutual Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music
<b>Tuesday 11/19</b>	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter Mailing
<b>Wednesday 11/20</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	5:30 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
<b>Thursday 11/21</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
<b>Sunday 11/24</b>	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: Communion
	5:45 p.m.	Youth Group Zoo Trip
	7:00 p.m.	<b>MEET AT THE ZOO AT 5:45</b> Community Thanksgiving Worship at Grace Presbyterian

The **Kittanning Ministerial Association** is sponsoring a **Thanksgiving Worship Service** on Sunday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, Kittanning. Pastor Johnson will be preaching.

*All are welcome!*



*Historical binders can be  
found in the Gathering Space.  
They will be available throughout the year.*



### Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia(s) in our Church for the Christmas Eve Service, please complete this form and return with your payment marked “**Poinsettias**” in the memo line. The Poinsettias are \$8.75 each for 6.5”. To order on line use link.: <http://mt36.org/l6xRKT>. You can also sign up in the Narthex if you wish to pay later. Please contact the office with any questions.

**Orders must be received by December 2, 2024**

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Number of **RED** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **WHITE** \_\_\_\_\_

I wish for the acknowledgment in the bulletin to read as follows:

**PLEASE PRINT, USING FIRST AND LAST NAMES**

IN **MEMORY** OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN **HONOR** OF \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFERING ENVELOPE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check one:* Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Pay Later \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers  
Lectors  
Comm Assistants

Acolytes

Welcome team  
Camera Operator

Kay Thorell  
Richard Thorell  
Emily and Debbie Bouch  
Elijah and Sophia Holt  
Anna & Stella Venesky  
Marlee Smith & Delaney Smith  
Sue Neal and Ella Fennell  
Nick Wranich

## STAFF MEMBERS

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

Julie Smith  
Angela B. Clever  
Colin Toy  
Rebecca Veith  
Elizabeth Cramer



**The flowers on the altar** this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Crooks, by Dean Crooks.

## 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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