

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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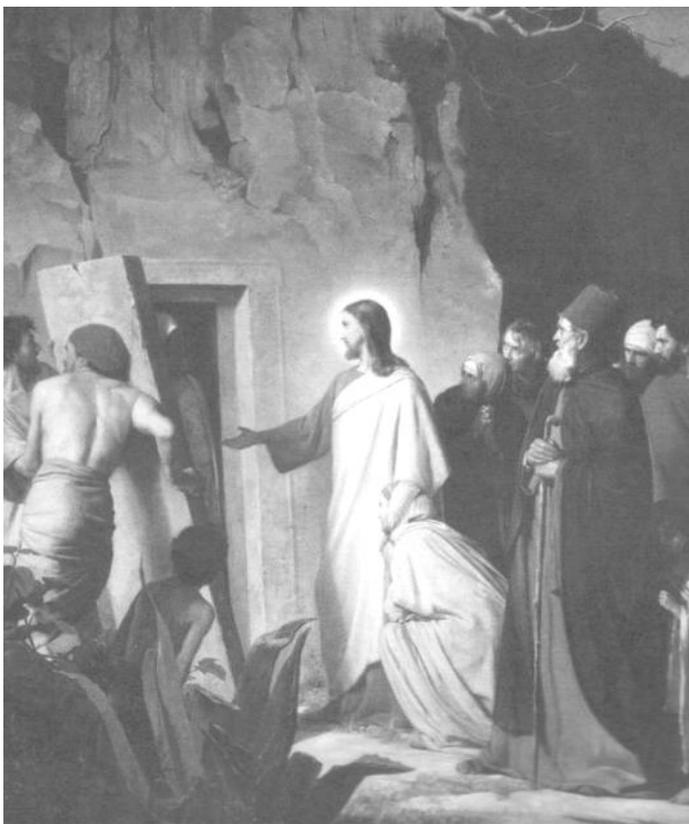
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

**November 7, 2021**

**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 **All Saints Day**. 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:*

*Gracious God, we pray that You will draw us all nearer to You. Strengthen the devotion of those who are falling away and inspire anew all those whose doubts burden them. In the matchless name of Jesus. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

*"The Joy of the Redeemed"*

*Dickinson*

**\*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**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*"For All the Saints"*

*LBW 174*

*Women vs. 4, Men vs. 5*

**\*GREETING**

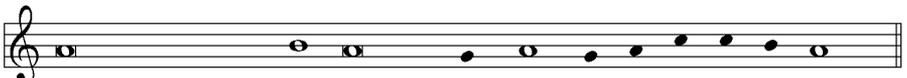
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**



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



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



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



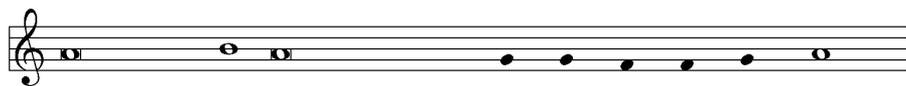
☩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow Your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**AMEN**

**JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM** "Soon and Very Soon" *Crouch*

**FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 25:6-9**

The First Lesson is from the twenty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain

the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him,  
that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

**A** Here ends the reading.

**PSALM:**

**PSALM 24**



They shall re - ceive a bless - ing from the God of their sal - va - tion.

The earth is the LORD 's and all | that is in it,\*  
the world and all who | dwell therein.

**<sup>2</sup>For it is he who founded it up - | on the seas\*  
and made it firm upon the rivers | of the deep. R**

<sup>3</sup> "Who can ascend the hill | of the LORD \*  
and who can stand in his | holy place?"

**<sup>4</sup>"Those who have clean hands and | a pure heart,\*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what | is a fraud.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive a blessing | from the LORD \*  
and a just reward from the God of | their salvation."

**<sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of | those who seek him,\*  
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob. R**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever - | lasting doors;\*  
and the King of glory | shall come in.

**<sup>8</sup> "Who is this | King of glory?"\*  
"The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, might - | y in battle."**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever - | lasting doors;\*  
and the King of glory | shall come in.

**<sup>10</sup>"Who is he, this | King of glory?"\***

**"The LORD of hosts, he is the | King of glory." R**

**SECOND LESSON:****REVELATION 21:1-6**

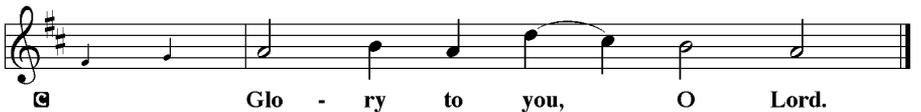
The Second Lesson is from the twenty-first chapter of Revelation. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

**A** Here ends the reading.

**\*VERSE****GOSPEL:****JOHN 11:32-44**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

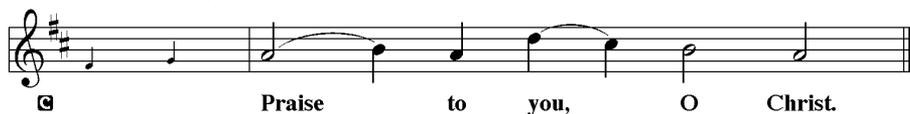


<sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See

how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"For All Your Saints, O Lord"*

LBW 176

## 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*

Thank you, dear Lord for all the saints. Thank you that, in Jesus, you have wiped away all their tears and taken away all their shame. Thank you for promising this to us, too. 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**

**SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM**

*"Shall We Gather at the River"*

Lowry

**\*OFFERTORY**



**C** 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.

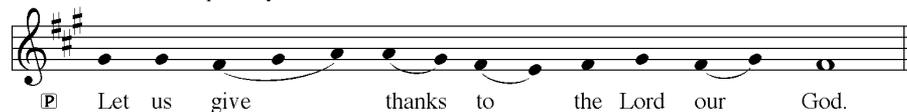
**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray.

**A** Blessed are You,

**C** O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave 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**

**C: 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 203, 175, 406, 530, 200*

**\*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**



**C** 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.



**C** A - men

**CLOSING HYMN**

*"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

*LBW 221*

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*"Psalm Tune Postlude on Martyrs"*

*Grace*

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

## Pastor's Study

**Wednesdays, November 10, 17 & 24 @ 7:00 p.m.**

We will begin by 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.



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Today is **All Saints' Sunday**, when we remember our members who have gone from the Church militant to the Church Triumphant during the past year.

This is a very meaningful and important festival of the church, which dates back to the third century. As we celebrate All Saints' Sunday, let us remember each of the following members and their lives:

*Lorna Lash*

*Patricia Gray*

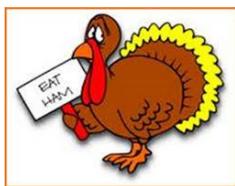
*Mary Miller*

*William Rush*

*Gertrud Carr*

*Mary Baker*

*Ryan Cruzter*



## **Annual Thrivent "Turkey"**

**Luncheon TODAY, November 7, 2021**

### **Following Worship!**

Annual "Turkey" luncheon, version 2 – **NOT ham, NOT turkey** but a **PASTA BAR!** will be held on today following worship. After serving pork 3 events in a row, the Fellowship committee members are stretching their wings! (get it wings/turkey/chicken). We will be serving various pasta with choices of red sauce, meat sauce and Alfredo. Grilled chicken is also available for the Alfredo version if requested. A free-will offering will be taken and all proceeds will go to the Armstrong County Community Action Agency for the purchase of Thanksgiving turkey dinners for those in need within our community.

If you cannot come to the luncheon, but would like to participate by making a donation, please place your donation in the offering during worship. Because the Thrivent Action Team is sponsoring this dinner, every penny raised by the dinner will go to the Community Action Agency Turkey Fund. Thank you for your support!

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHNS

<b>Today</b>	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	10:40 a.m.	Fast 5 Minute Sight Singing Session
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Thrivent Luncheon
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
<b>Monday 11/8</b>	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
<b>Tuesday 11/9</b>	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
<b>Wednesday 11/10</b>	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
<b>Thursday 11/11</b>		<b>Veteran's Day – Thank a Vet!</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	11:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study @ King's
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
<b>Sunday 11/14</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of Our Salvation
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	10:40 a.m.	Fast 5 Minute Sight Singing Session
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group

## NOVEMBER YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

**Sunday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>:** Youth Group 6:30-8pm

**Sunday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>:** Youth Group 6:30-8pm

**Tuesday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>:** Faith Kidz, Thanks A Lot 6-7pm

**Friday Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>:** Escape the Lock In, beginning at 8pm-5am

**Sunday Nov. 21:** 9:45am: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Begins!

**Sunday Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>:** No Youth Group, due to lock in

**Sunday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>:** No Youth Group, Happy Thanksgiving!



**Christmas Pageant  
Rehearsal Begins...  
Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup>  
during Sunday School  
at 9:45am-10:40am**

We will add more if necessary.  
This year we are performing...  
**12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS!**

**CHILDREN'S HOUR**  
**WEDNESDAY or THURSDAY**

9:30-11:00am      ages 2 -5yrs

Sign up Anytime      Cost: \$1 wk Donation

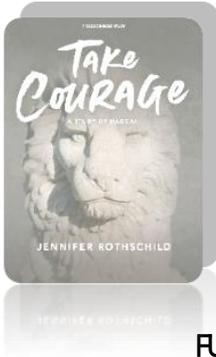
Join us...for our Fun-and-Faith-Filled, exceptional program that is available for all potty-trained children ages 2 to 5 yrs old. Moms, Grandparents, Caregivers, Babies all welcome! Every week, we present a structured Children's program that blends fun preschool concepts with fun Biblical lessons. The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

**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. Classes begin on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. Contact person is Nancy Pierce and all are welcome!

*Looking for Volunteers to coordinate the 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.



## **St. John's Women's Ministry**

We have 2 different times available for our bible study.

- Tuesdays, November 9, 16, 23 at 6pm OR
- Thursdays, November 11 & 18 after Children's Hour at 11:15am
- Please note: Times may slightly vary and will be announced weekly.

STUDY SNACKS DISCUSSION VIDEOS  
FUN FELLOWSHIP \*ZOOMAVAILABLE EVENTS & MORE



The **Kittanning Ministerial Association** is sponsoring a **Thanksgiving Worship Service** on Sunday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's church with Rev. Jonathan Rosnick preaching.

## *St. John's Lutheran Church Annual Christmas Concert*

*Featuring:*

*The Vocal Choirs and The Bell Choirs*

*Under the direction of Rebecca Veith*

*Accompanist Elizabeth Cramer*



*Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.*

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister  
Lector  
Comm Assistants  
Acolyte  
Greeters  
Camera Operator

Rose Montgomery  
Gene Hughes  
Gene Hughes, Deb Bouch  
Lucas Bowser  
Smith family  
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 our parents David & Florence Mechling and Bernard & Stella Richards from Roger & Cheryl Mechling.

**The flowers on the chancel** this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Emma Kirkpatrick's sixth birthday by her grandparents, Denny & Patty Kirkpatrick.

**The rosebud on the altar** is presented to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Jensen Alice Lambert to Ian & Alycia Lambert. Grandparents are Ken & Margherita King.

## 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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