

St. John's Lutheran Church

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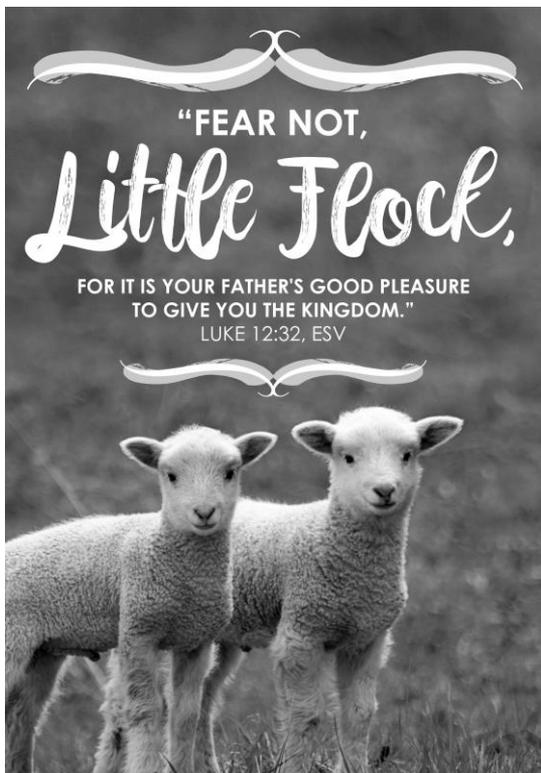
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

August 7, 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 **Ninth 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.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

O God of strength, whose power rules over all creation, come by Your Spirit to strengthen and help us in our times of weakness and to use us for Your service and Your will. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Adagio”
“Bouree”

Williams
Handel

Melanie Rodgers - Violinist

***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**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

LBW 544 vs. 1-6

***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**



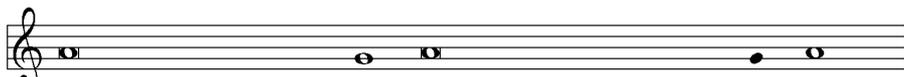
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



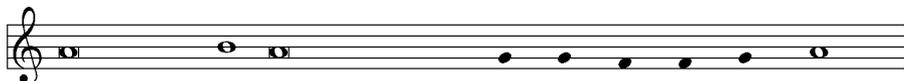
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **Q** A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Q 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.

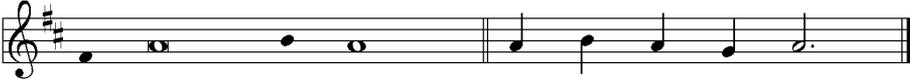


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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 and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6

A The First Lesson is from the fifteenth chapter of Genesis.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."
² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"
³ And

Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir."⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

Psalms 33:12–22

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

**¹³The LORD looks down from heaven,
and beholds all the people in the world.**

¹⁴From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze
on all who dwell on the earth.

**¹⁵He fashions all the hearts of them
and understands all their works.**

¹⁶There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

**¹⁷The horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
for all its strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him,
on those who wait upon his love,

**¹⁹to pluck their lives from death,
and to feed them in time of famine.**

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.

**²¹Indeed, our heart rejoices in him,
for in his holy name we put our trust.**

²²Let your loving kindness, O LORD, be upon us,
as we have put our trust in you.

SECOND LESSON:

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

A The Second Lesson is from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.² For by it the people of old received their commendation.³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.¹¹ By faith Sarah

herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

A Here ends the reading.

***VERSE**



GOSPEL:

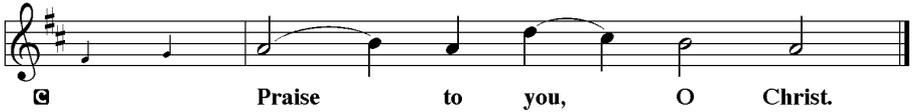
Luke 12:32-40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twelfth chapter.



³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ³⁵ "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

L The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"How Firm a Foundation"* *LBW 507*

SERMON

***NICENE CREED**

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

***THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Thank you, dear Father, for the beauty of earth, sea, and sky. Thank you for blessings without number, and for your great faithfulness. Increase our faith and gratitude and give us joy amidst suffering and comfort in sadness. Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(Other intercessions are offered.)

L 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

“Reverie”

Debussy

Melanie Rodgers - Violinist

***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.

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



♩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

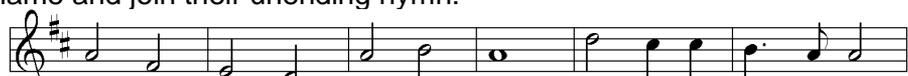


♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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....We give You thanks almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of 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

RECESSIONAL HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise" LBW 544 vs. 7-11

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Joy Medley" Melanie Rodgers -Violinist arr. Rodgers

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	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of Our Salvation
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Church picnic @ Belmont
Monday 8/8	5:30 p.m.	VBS 5:30-7:30
Tuesday 8/9	5:30 p.m.	VBS 5:30-7:30
Wednesday 8/10	5:30 p.m.	VBS 5:30-7:30
Thursday 8/11	5:30 p.m.	Rain date for VBS
Friday 8/12	5:30 p.m.	Rain date for VBS
Saturday 8/13	9:00 a.m.	Welcome breakfast – Heather Ruesch
		You Matter Event Speaker
	12:00 p.m.	You Matter Community Event – Riverfront Amphitheater 12-3
Sunday 8/14	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of Our Salvation
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Church Picnic TODAY 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, 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 at the Dayton Fair on Sunday Aug. 14th - 5:30 pm
Event is co-hosted by St. John's Kittanning & Resurrection Cooperative Lutheran Ministries.



SEASIDE CARNIVAL VBS

AT ST. JOHN'S KITTANNING PARKING LOT

AUGUST 8TH-10TH

WITH RAIN DATES AUG. 11TH & 12TH.

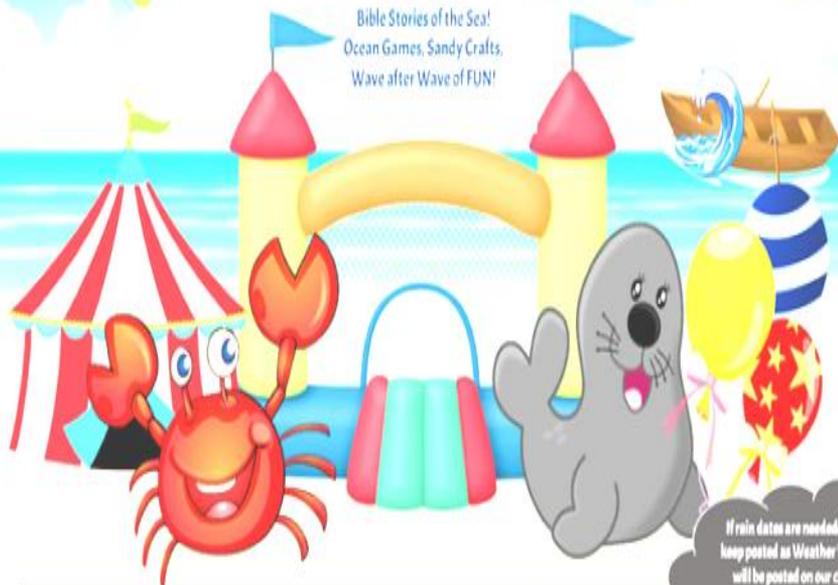
5:30-7:30PM

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

VBS Prep, Decorating, Set up and Clean Up!

And of course, we will need help setting up for VBS, August 3 – 7 and during the day on August 8 – 10. See Julie for times. Thank you!



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 donations and helping this ministry to meet the needs of our community!



A Summer Ministry Project

Give a Child the Opportunity to Succeed in School

Why school supplies? To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference in keeping up in class. Public school is free, but few supplies are given to the students. The much-needed supplies, may be more than some parents can afford. These supplies will have a HUGE impact on many children's education and love of learning. Please place your donated items in the box in the church narthex or the box in the new narthex (Gathering area) by the youth table. Thank you for your help!

All of us can collect school supplies! For each School Kit:

- **Four 70-sheet notebooks:** of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- **One 30-centimeter ruler:** or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **One pencil sharpener**
- **One blunt scissors** (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- **Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers;** secure together with a rubber band
- **Five black or blue ballpoint pens** (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- **One box of 16 or 24 crayons**
- **One 2½" eraser**
- **One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag** approximately 14" X 17" **with shoulder straps or a standard backpack.**

All items should be new and in good condition.

Watch sales papers, many items are on sale now for "Back to School".

Last year we collected 86 backpacks that were distributed. The challenge is before us!

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Nancy Pierce(E) Charlesetta Bleakney(L)
Lectors	Julie Smith(E) Charlesetta Bleakney(L)
Comm Assistants	TBA(E) TBA(L)
Acolytes	Brody Hodak(E) TBA(L)
Camera Operators	Robert John(E) Keith Livengood(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



The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Raymond H. Law from wife Cindy and family.

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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