-St. John's Lutheran Church

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March 12, 2023 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 **Third Sunday in Lent.** 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:

Bless us, O Lord, with a reverent sense of Your presence so that we may be still and adore You; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE "Wondrous Love" arr. Martin

*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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Glory Be to Jesus"

LBW 95

*GRFFTING

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.



Amen

A The First Lesson is from the seventeenth chapter of Exodus.

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM: Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

³For the LORD is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

⁴In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

⁵The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

⁶Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the LORD our maker.

⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

⁸Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me. ⁹They put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

¹⁰Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."

¹¹So I swore in my wrath,

SECOND LESSON:

Romans 5:1-11

A The Second Lesson is from the fifth chapter of Romans.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A Here ends the reading.



GOSPEL: John 4:5–42

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

[&]quot;They shall not enter into my rest."



⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him. "I have no husband." Jesus said to her. "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to vou am he."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into

town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33 So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵ Do you not say. 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

LBW 98

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 lift our hearts and voices to the Lord in prayer, that he would be merciful to his people.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus, your living water. Sometimes we don't realize how thirsty we are. Sometimes what we drink makes us even thirstier. Thank you that Jesus provides what we need most – your goodness, love, forgiveness, and life. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

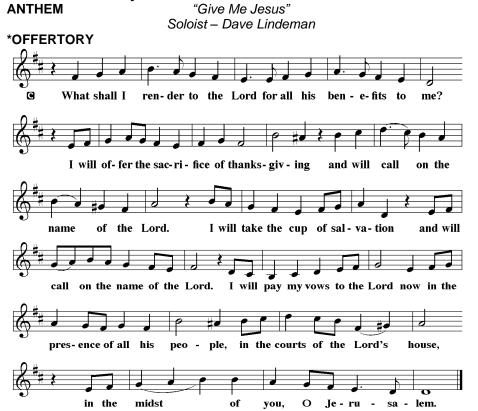
P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*PEACE

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C And also with you.

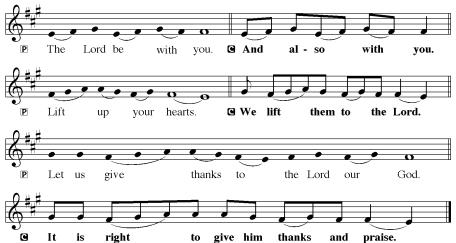


*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray, Merciful Father,

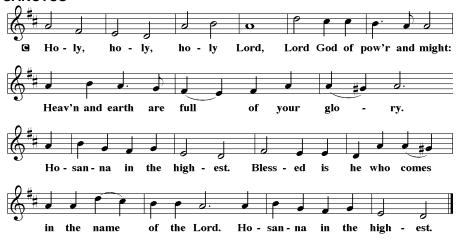
C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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. You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

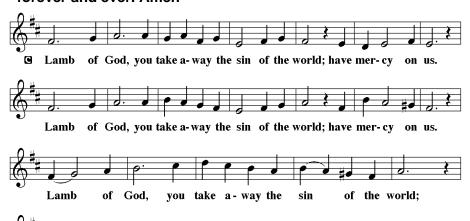
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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



COMMUNION HYMNS *COMMUNION

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peace,

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peace.

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present In the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us. For those that require special dietary restrictions, we now have gluten-free, communion wafers. Please inform the Pastor of your needs.

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C** Amen

*CANTICLE



*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.... Almighty God, You gave Your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to His; through the same 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.



*RECESSIONAL HYMN *DISMISSAL "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

LBW 327

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God. POSTLUDE

"March"

Guilmant

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



Everyone is invited for a time of fellowship following worship in the Gathering space!



Lenten Men's Breakfasts

every Saturday in Lent

THIS WEEK AT ST. IOHN'S

beginning February 25th at 8:00 a.m.

The men of St. John's will be meeting Saturday mornings for breakfast and study. Following the meal will be a brief program finishing at 9:00 a.m.

	THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S		
Sunday 3/12	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	
	12:00 p.m.	Worship & Music meeting	
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group	
Tuesday 3/14	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible study (Chapel)	
•	7:00 p.m.	KMA Lenten Worship @ Grace	
Wednesday 3/15	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour	
-	12:00 p.m.	KMA Lenten Lunch @ Grace	
	6:15 p.m.	Senior Bells	
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor's Bible study	
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir	
Thursday 3/16	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour	
	11:15 a.m.	Women's Bible study (Chapel)	
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism	
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism	
Saturday 3/18	8:00 a.m.	Lenten Men's Breakfast	
Sunday 3/19	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	
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group	



<u>Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers are back!</u> <u>MONDAY evenings @ 6:00 p.m.</u>

in the Social Hall for soup & bread supper with Bible study at 7:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for soup and bread donations. The Bible Study will be "The Indescribable"

Joy of Giving" written by the NALC Stewardship Team.

Wednesday Evening Pastors' Study Adult Catechism @ 7:00 pm

This review is good for those who are preparing to join the congregation as an adult, for adult baptism or for those who just want to brush up on their catechism.

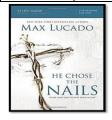
March 15 Lord's Prayer
March 22 The Sacraments
March 29 Worship and the Liturgy

KMA Community Lenten Worship Services Tuesdays @ 7:00 n m

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Date	Speaker	Host Church	
March 14	Rev. Jeremy Andrews	Grace Presbyterian	
March 21	Rev. Ed Walters	St. Paul's Episcopal	
March 28	Rev. Carl Johnson	Cornerstone Assembly of God	

KMA Lenten Luncheons Schedule Wednesdays at Grace Presbyterian @ 12:00 p.m.

Date	Luncheon Providers	Speaker	
March 15	St. Paul's Episcopal	Rev. Brandon Cooper	
March 22	St. Mary our Lady of Guadalupe	Father Ron Maquinana	
March 29	First Baptist	Rev. Tim Lewis	



Women's Lenten Bible Study

Beginning Tuesday, March 7th at 6:00pm and Thursday, March 9th at 11:15am in the Chapel. You can order the study book on Amazon or the church has copies also.

<u>Palm Sunday – Evangelism Lenten Outreach</u>

Matthew 25:36 When I was naked you clothed me.

In any and all seasons many folks go without, or only have one item of clothing against the elements. A collection of jackets, sweaters and coats (any season) will be gathered on Sunday, March 26th or Palm Sunday service on April 2nd. (Please donate items in good repair (*remember you are giving them to Jesus.*) We will share these items with the following organizations: *Bethesda Children's & Youth Home, Mechling-Shakely Veterans Center and HAVIN*.

The Palm Sunday message is great as we welcome our King.

A cloak was a symbol of authority in Roman times. By spreading their cloaks, the people "laid down their authority" for Jesus's path and acknowledged him as King and Savior. Matthew 21:8 - A massive crowd spread their cloaks and garments in the way: others cut down branches from the trees to prepare His way. Any questions, please contact Rick & Juanita John or Tammy Fleeger.

St. Johns Brothers Fellowship Dinner

Sunday, March 26, 2023 @ 1:00p.m.

Am I my brother's Keeper?" No. He was his brother's brother. Zoos have keepers, Bees have keepers. Prisons have keepers. Only FAMILIES have brothers—Ruth Bell Graham *Gen.4:9

Come relax with your brothers and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship building games! (No competition here~ *wink *wink) and time spent with men, young and old. Join us for a life-size pong skill-based game, corn hole sets, life-size Jenga and a large Yardzee-Yahtzee.

If you have a wild game dish or appetizer, please bring along to share; we encourage your culinary skills to share with others and remember this is not a competition! *wink wink*.

The non-game side menu is a "Pie Fest": Shepherd's Pie, Chicken Pot Pie, Pizza Pie and of course *Pie for dessert*.

Return this flier in the offering plate in an envelope marked: "Men's Banquet" by March 19, 2023. Cost: \$8.00/each Ages 12 and under free.



Name:	
Number of Adults:	
Number of 12 and under: _	
*Food allergies:	

Easter Flowers



Flowers may be purchased to place in the church for Easter. Please fill out this form, enclose payment and place it in the offering plate or mail it to St. John's Lutheran Church, 218 N. Jefferson Street, Kittanning PA. Please include payment; if check, make out to *St. John's Lutheran Church* with the designation "Easter flowers" in the memo line. Orders must be placed by March 27th.

The cost of the flowers is as follows:

	_Lilies	\$9.00
	_Tulips	\$9.00
	_Daffodils	\$9.00
Given by: n Honor of:		
Given by:	I will take my flower(s) after East	er Worship.
Please take my flower(s) to a shut-in.		



Instead of giving something UP during Lent, please consider

KATIE'S CUPBOARD!

REVERSE LENT CALENDAR giving something away!

		March 17	Granola Bars
February 22	Chicken Noodle Soup	March 19	Shelf Stable Juice
February 23	Peanut Butter	March 20	Peanut Butter
February 24	Bar Soap	March 21	Syrup
February 25	Boxed Potatoes	March 22	Pancake Mix
February 26	Shelf Stable Juice	March 23	Mixed Vegetables
February 27	Grape Jelly	March 24	Soup
February 28	Tuna Helper	March 25	Box of Cereal
March 1	Macaroni/Cheese	March 26	Flour
March 2	Canned Fruit	March 27	Canned Beef Stew
March 3	Canned Tomatoes	March 28	Shampoo
March 4	Alfredo Sauce	March 29	Your favorite food
March 5	Feminine Products	March 30	Kleenex
March 6	Monetary Donation	March 31	Muffin Mix
March 7	Canned Meat	April 1	Canned Fruit
March 8	Baked Beans	April 2	Flour
March 9	Box of crackers	April 3	Laundry Detergent
March 10	Rice	April 4	Feminine Products
March 11	Flour	April 5	Cleaning Products
March 12	Pasta	April 6	Canned Chicken
March 13	Spaghetti Sauce	April 7	Hand Soap
March 14	Cereal	April 8	Deodorant
March 15	Canned Meat		
March 16	Tomato Soup	THANKS FOR	BLESSING OUR
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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers

John Swanson(E)

Kay Thorell(L)

Lectors Jerah Wranich(E)

Richard Thorell(L)

Communion Assistants Amber Zurn, Jill Wranich(E)

Connie & Anna Choncek(L)

Acolytes Gracie Hodak(E)

Callie Adkins(L)

Welcome Teams Tammy Fleeger, Marve Gaiser(E)

Jack & Deb Griffin(L)

Camera Operators

Nick Wranich(E)

Robert John(L)

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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 celebration of Jessica Bailey's birthday from her 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.



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