

St. John's Lutheran Church

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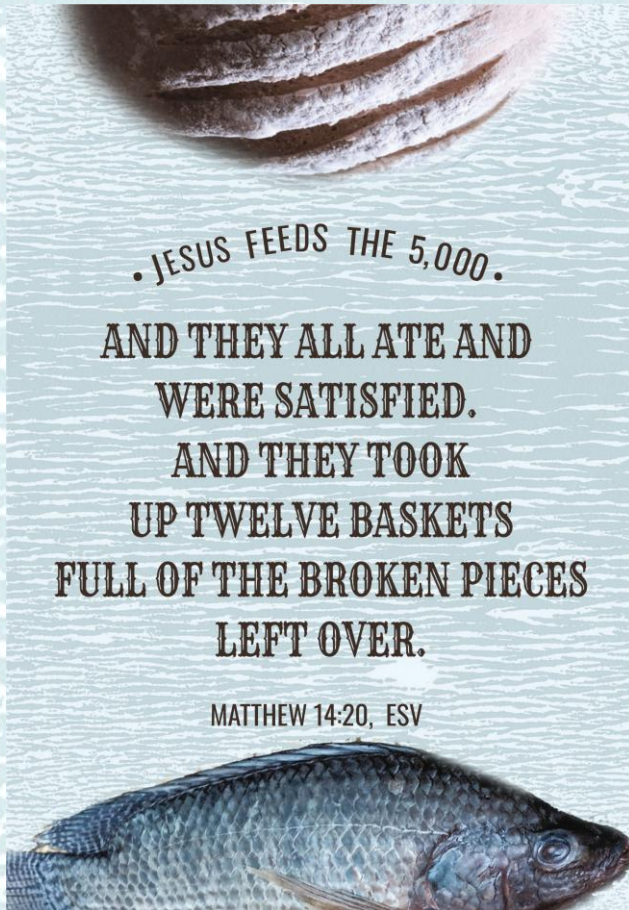
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

August 2, 2026

8:30 & 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 worship this morning as we celebrate the **Tenth Sunday of 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:

All-seeing, all-knowing, O merciful God, thank you for the opportunity to worship You this day. We offer up not only our bodies and minds, but also our souls and our spirits to You in the name of Jesus. Empower us to continue to serve You as believers and followers in Your Name. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE*"Partita"**Bach****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"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"**LBW 423****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



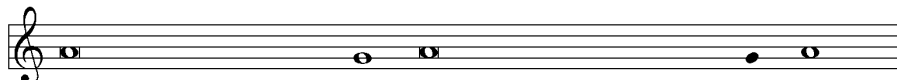
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



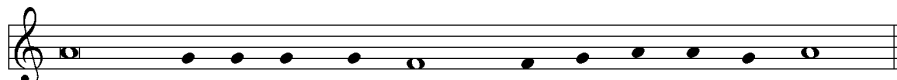
Ⓐ For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



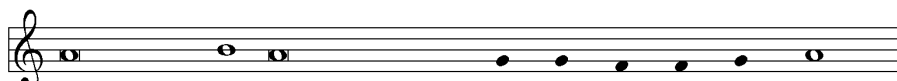
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that He may live in us and we in Him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 55:1-5

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

“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

PSALM 145:8-9, 15-22

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**⁹The LORD is loving to everyone
and His compassion is over all His works.**

¹⁵The LORD upholds all those who fall;
He lifts up those who are bowed down.

**¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon You, O LORD,
and You give them their food in due season.**

¹⁷You open wide Your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

**¹⁸The LORD is righteous in all His ways
and loving in all His works.**

¹⁹The LORD is near to those who call upon Him,
to all who call upon Him faithfully.

**²⁰He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;
He hears their cry and helps them.**

²¹The LORD preserves all those who love Him,
but He destroys all the wicked.

**²²My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND LESSON:

ROMANS 9:1-5

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

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

A Here ends the reading.

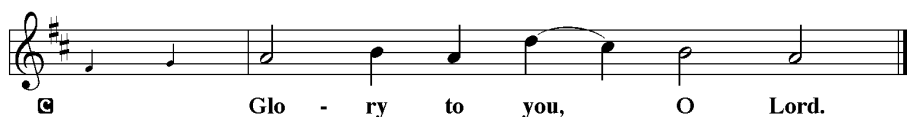
*VERSE



*GOSPEL

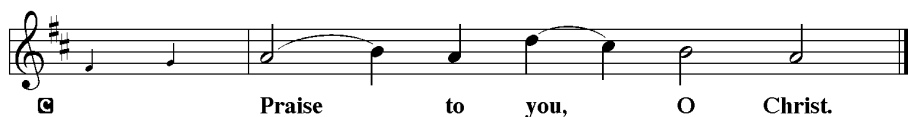
MATTHEW 14:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.



¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"The Church of Christ in Every Age"* **LBW 433**

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 for the Church, the world, and for one another.

Heavenly Father, thank you for daily bread that nourishes soul and body. Thank you for the Bread of Life, Jesus, your Son. Give us this bread always and help us share with those who are famished.

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 Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*PEACE

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C And also with you.

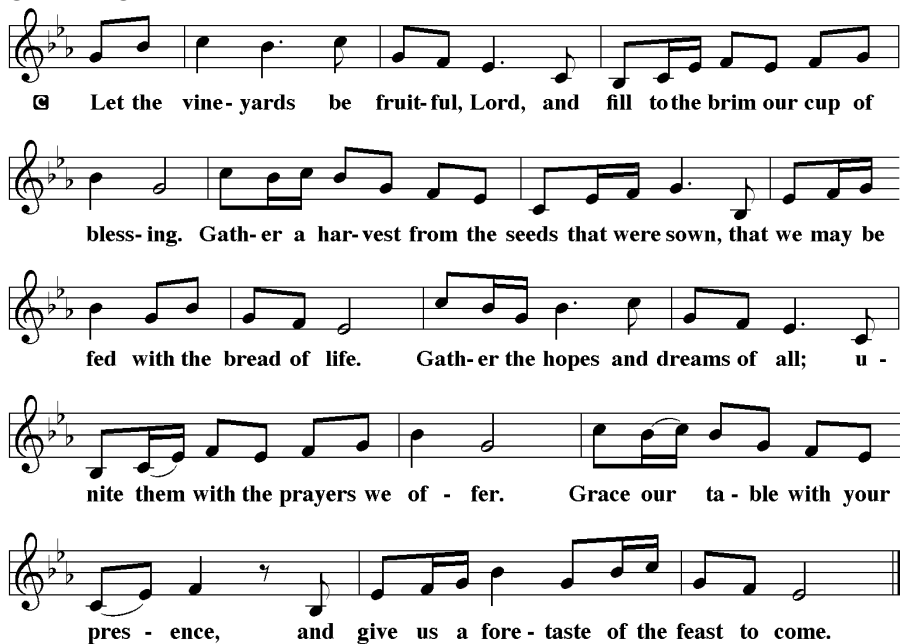
ANTHEM

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Krug

*Charlesetta Bleakney, Karina Blose, Gene Huges, Robert John,
Rose Montgomery, Karen Waugaman & Rebecca Veith*

*OFFERTORY



C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. 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.

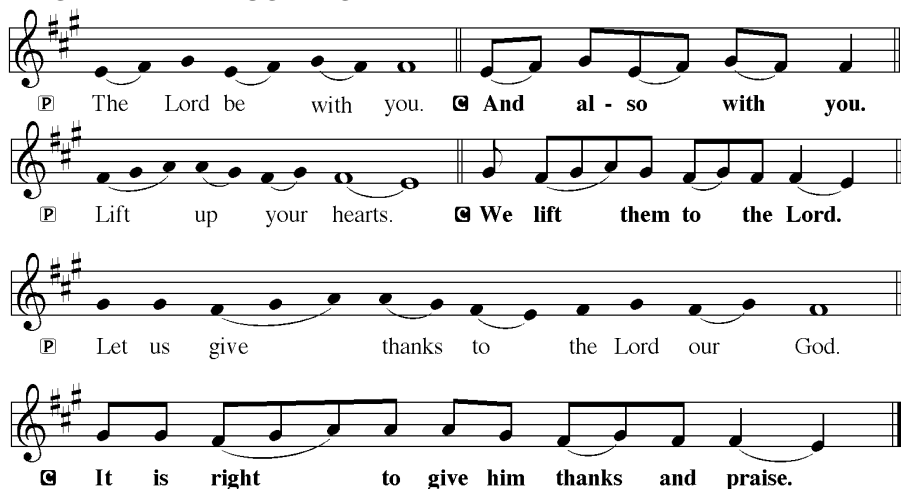
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

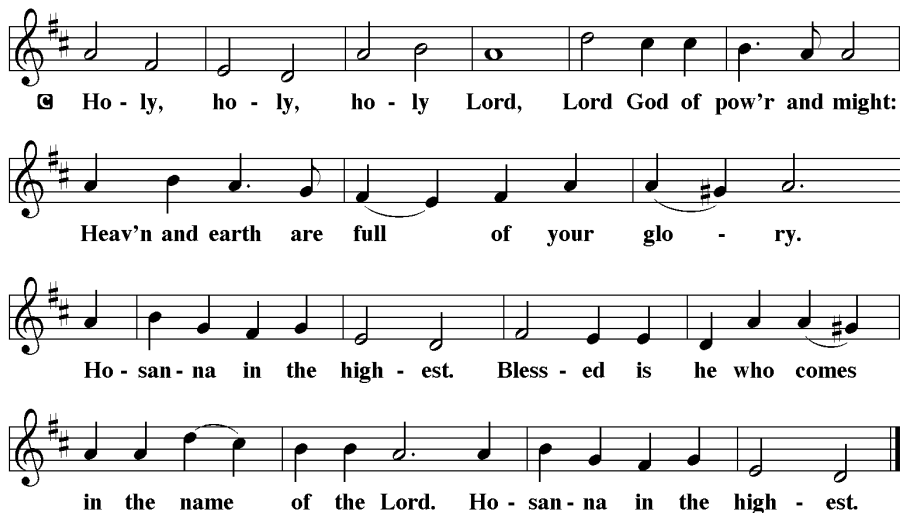
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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; 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:



EUCHARISTIC 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



C 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

WOV 654, 710, 711, 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.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

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.



*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.



*CLOSING HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

LBW 390

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Boléro"

Lefébure-Wély

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

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You can now make a contribution to our church through a mobile app!



Scan the QR code for St. John's Lutheran Church: **Options Include:** *Local Expenses, Improvement Fund, Benevolence, Capital Appeal, Evangelism, Sunday School, Youth, World Hunger, Katie's Cupboard and Other.* **When choosing "Other" please indicate which fund you are contributing to.** Thank you for supporting your church.



**"Give according to your income,
lest God make your income
according to your giving."**

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
Sunday 8/9	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Mark Your Calendars

Aug 4 – 6	Vacation Bible School: BARNYARD CARNIVAL
Sept 13	Rally Day
Sept 27	Progressive Workshop Dinner
Oct 11	Generosity Sunday / Harvest Home
Oct 25	Reformation Sunday
Nov 8	Turkey / Ham Dinner
Dec 6	Christmas Concert

Kittanning Ministerial Association

Presents

a

“Preach In”

Sunday, August 2, 2026

4:00 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Lawn

112 N Water St, Kittanning, PA 16201

**Local pastors will defy sure and certain death by
preaching spontaneously on Bible readings
assigned to them
ON THE SPOT!!**

Come hear God's Word and the preaching of it.

Music Included



Grace Acres VBS: BARNYARD CARNIVAL!

Carnival Volunteers
needed the week of
VBS & helpers needed
for daily set-up/tear
down the week of
August 4th-6th
Decorating and prep in
June & July.

See Julie if you
would like to help.

Aug 4th-6th
5:30-7:30pm
Kids Pre-K-5th Grade
Sign up at

www.tinyurl.com/stjohnskittanningvbs2026



Internet Streaming St. John's Live

The St. John's worship service is broadcast live on You Tube each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. as well as 8:30 a.m. service Sundays.

<http://www.youtube.com/@st.johnskittanning2251>



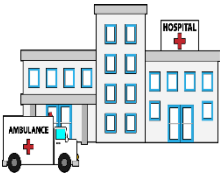
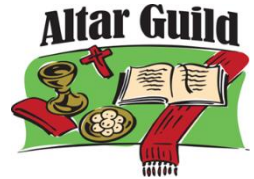
Don't forget to check out your Church Web Site:

www.stjohnskittanning.org

Here you will find: Bulletins, Newsletters, Morning Prayers, Upcoming events, program information, and more.

Needed for Altar Care:

We are still looking for volunteers to help with every Sunday, can you serve?



Heading into the hospital?

If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please contact the office @ 724-548-2051. Because of confidentiality issues, the hospitals are not as helpful in notifying us as they once were.

*Jesus is the hope of the world
We cannot remain silent anymore!*



Katie's Cupboard

Summer Stock-Up Challenge

Feed Kids & Promote Play!

BREAKFAST

Cereal, instant oatmeal single packs, Breakfast Bars

LUNCH /DINNER

*Shelf stable microwaveable dinners, tuna/hamburger helper, soups, beanie weenies, Spaghettio's, canned ravioli, peanut butter, nut butters, jelly, vienna sausages, ramen noodle cups, pitas, pizza sauce, shelf stable parmesan & easy mac cups.

HEALTHY

Fruit cups, raisins, craisins, banana chips, nuts, sunflower & pumpkin seeds, fiber one bars, veggie straws, trail mix no M&Ms, applesauce, dehydrated veggie chips, bottled water, Gatorade & whole grain fig newtons.

SNACKS

Capri sun/ juice boxes, microwaveable popcorn, pop, otter pops that can be frozen, pretzels, granola bars, vanilla wafers, pudding cups, goldfish, Cheez-Its, peanut butter crackers, beef jerky, chips & salsa, fruit snacks, & pop tarts.

SUMMER SUPPLIES

Sunscreen, first aid ointment, bug spray, toothpaste/toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products & Band-Aids.

FUN

Bubbles, fun dip, squirt guns, water balloons, sidewalk chalk, paint, Old Maid & UNO games, frisbee, candy necklaces, jump ropes, outdoor toys, paper & crayons

NO GLASS JARS PLEASE

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers

Karen Waugaman (E)

Sara Shafer (L)

Lectors

Nancy Pierce (E)

Val Lager (L)

Comm Assistants

Karen Waugaman & Karina Blose (E)

Charlie Bleakney & Deb Bouch (L)

Acolytes

TBA (E)

Camera Operators

Anna Venesky (L)

Robert John (E)

Bill Bouch (L)

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry

Julie Smith

Secretary

Angela B. Clever

Sexton

Robert John

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 to God and in loving memory of Ray H. Law by his 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.

*St. John's is a group of sinners
who have been claimed by God
to gather in this place, to worship Him,
to learn about Him, to bask in His love,
to share His love with other people
and to spread that love with the entire world!*

GRACE
happens



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