

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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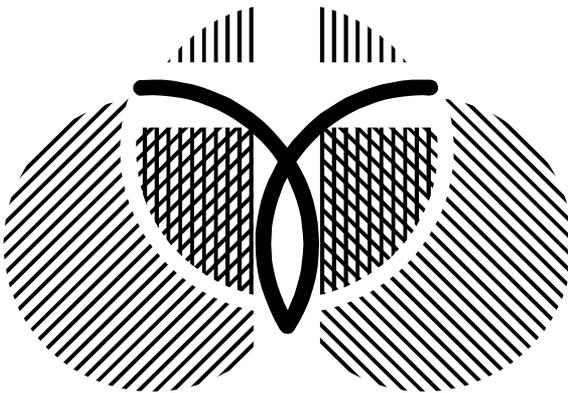
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

**June 12, 2022**

**11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE**



# Trinity Sunday

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 **Holy Trinity**. 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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit we come before You today to dwell within the mystery and magisterium of Your Holy Trinity. Envelop us with Your Holy Spirit that we might stand in the presence of Your glory and truly worship You. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

*"Festival Piece on Nicea"*

*arr. Westenkuehler*

**\*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** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

*LBW 165*

**\*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**



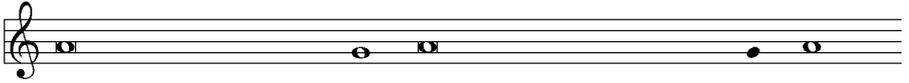
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



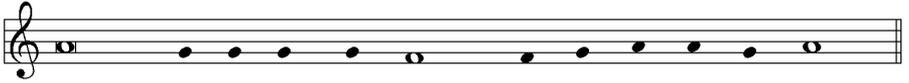
**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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



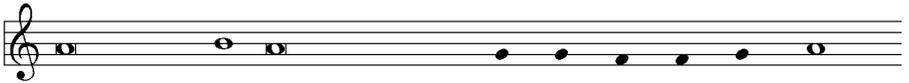
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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

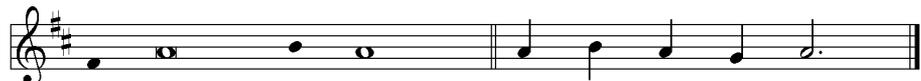
**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**



**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**



**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by Your eternal Spirit, and revealing Your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship You, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever.

**Amen**

## FIRST LESSON:

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

A The First Lesson is from the eighth chapter of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup> On the heights beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

<sup>4</sup> “To you, O men, I call,  
and my cry is to the children of man.

<sup>22</sup> “The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of old.

<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth,

<sup>26</sup> before he had made the earth with its fields,  
or the first of the dust of the world.

<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there;  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,

<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master workman,  
and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,

<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the children of man.

A Here ends the reading.

## PSALM:

Psalm 8

O LORD our LORD,  
how exalted is Your name in all the world!

**<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of infants and children**

**Your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against Your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**<sup>4</sup>When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,  
the moon and the stars You have set in their courses,**

<sup>5</sup>what is man that You should be mindful of him,  
the son of man that You should seek him out?

**<sup>6</sup>You have made him but little lower than the angels;  
You adorn him with glory and honor;**

<sup>7</sup>You give him mastery over the works of Your hands;  
You put all things under his feet:

**<sup>8</sup>all sheep and oxen,  
even the wild beasts of the field,**

<sup>9</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

**<sup>10</sup>O LORD our LORD,  
how exalted is Your name in all the world!**

## SECOND LESSON:

**Romans 5:1-5**

**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. <sup>2</sup>Through 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. <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>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.

**A** Here ends the reading.

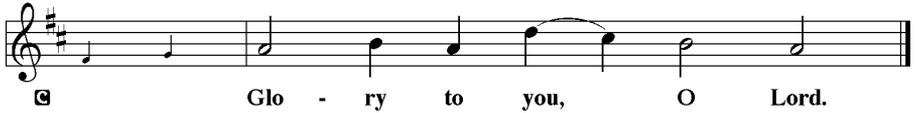
## \*VERSE



**GOSPEL:**

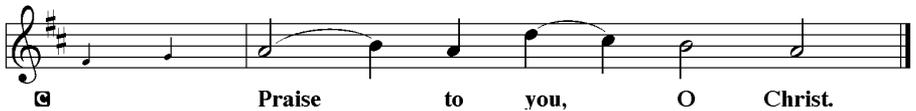
**John 16:12-15**

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



<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.  
<sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**                      *"All Glory Be to God on High"*                      *LBW 166*

**SERMON**                      **ASHLEIGH CHONCEK, EVA SHAFER AND TRENT STROSS**

**\*ATHANASIAN CREED**

Whoever wants to be saved  
should above all cling to the catholic faith.

**Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable  
will doubtless perish eternally.**

Now this is the catholic faith:  
We worship one God in trinity  
and the Trinity in unity,  
neither confusing the persons  
nor dividing the divine being.

**For the Father is one person,  
the Son is another,  
and the Spirit is still another.**

But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
is one, equal in glory,  
coeternal in majesty.

**What the Father is,  
the Son is,  
and so is the Holy Spirit.**

Uncreated is the Father;  
uncreated is the Son;  
uncreated is the Spirit.

**The Father is infinite;  
the Son is infinite;  
the Holy Spirit is infinite.**

Eternal is the Father;  
eternal is the Son;  
eternal is the Spirit:

**And yet there are not three eternal beings,  
but one who is eternal;**

as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings,  
but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

**Almighty is the Father;  
almighty is the Son;  
almighty is the Spirit:**

And yet there are not three almighty beings,  
but one who is almighty.

**Thus the Father is God;  
the Son is God;  
the Holy Spirit is God:**

And yet there are not three gods,  
but one God.

**Thus the Father is Lord;  
the Son is Lord;  
the Holy Spirit is Lord:**

And yet there are not three lords,  
but one Lord.

**As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge  
each distinct person as God and Lord,  
so catholic religion forbids us  
to say that there are three gods or lords.**

The Father was neither made  
nor created nor begotten;

**the Son was neither made nor created,  
but was alone begotten of the Father;**

the Spirit was neither made nor created,  
but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

**Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;  
one Son, not three sons;  
one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.**

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after,  
greater or less than the other;

**but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;  
and so we must worship the Trinity in unity  
and the one God in three persons.**

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

**It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe  
that our Lord Jesus became flesh.**

For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:

That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,  
is both God and man.

**He is God, begotten before all worlds  
from the being of the Father,**

and he is man, born in the world  
from the being of his mother—

**existing fully as God,  
and fully as man  
with a rational soul and a human body;**

equal to the Father in divinity,  
subordinate to the Father in humanity.

**Although he is God and man,  
he is not divided,  
but is one Christ.**

He is united because God  
has taken humanity into himself;  
he does not transform deity into humanity.

**He is completely one in the unity of his person,  
without confusing his natures.**

For as the rational soul and body are one person,  
so the one Christ is God and man.

**He suffered death for our salvation.**

He descended into hell  
and rose again from the dead.

**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.

**At his coming all people shall rise bodily  
to give an account of their own deeds.**

Those who have done good will enter eternal life,  
**those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.**

This is the catholic faith.

**One cannot be saved  
without believing this firmly and faithfully.**

## \*OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

## \*THE PRAYERS

By the power of the Holy Spirit, 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*

Holy God, we praise your Name! Help us to joyfully proclaim it to the world, and to honor it in all we do. 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

## \*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.**

## 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**

*"Praise to the Father"*

*LBW 517*

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Deo Gracias"*

*arr. Gabrielsen*

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## **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

**TODAY**

8:30 a.m.      Worship: Rock of Our Salvation  
10:00 a.m.      Senior Choir  
11:00 a.m.      Graduate Recognition Worship  
12:00 p.m.      Graduate Fellowship Hour

**Sunday 6/19**

8:30 a.m.      Worship  
11:00 a.m.      Worship

***Happy Father's Day!***

*St. John's Congregation is honoring their  
over 80 members!*

*You are invited to enjoy a luncheon  
after 11:00 a.m. worship*

*Sunday, June 26, 2022  
in the Social Hall*

*Please respond to the church office  
by June 16, 2022*

*724-548-2051*



## *Meet our* **2022 Graduates**

### **Ashleigh Quinn Choncek**



Ashleigh is the daughter of Jeff & Wendy Choncek and graduated on May 25, 2022 from Armstrong Jr. Sr. High School. She has been a member of St. John's for 18 years being baptized in May of 2004 and confirmed May 20, 2018 at St. Johns. Ashleigh's involvement at St. John's includes: VBS volunteer, Communion assistant, Acolyte, Greeter, Lector, Children's choir & Nursery volunteer. She also attended Children's hour, Youth group, Catechism classes and summer camp at Lutherlyn camp. Her hobbies include hanging out with friends and SADD club. She played little league softball

and traveling softball for the Legends team. She was also awarded the Richard & Mary Krauland scholarship and the Robert & Geneva Deveny engineering scholarship. Ashleigh's future plans are to attend Duquesne University to pursue her dream in nursing – BSN – NICU.

### **Eva Catherine Shafer**



Eva is the daughter of Ryan & Sara Shafer and graduated on May 25, 2022 from Armstrong Jr. Sr. High school. Eva is a lifelong member of St. John's being baptized on November 2, 2004 and confirmed May 20, 2018 at St. John's. Eva's involvement at St. John's includes Youth group, Acolyte, Lector, VBS and Daycamp volunteer. Her school accomplishments are Distinguished honor roll, Elks scholarship recipient and National honor society member.

Eva's school activities include Key club president, Golf, Yearbook, Leo club, SAAD vice-president and NHS. Her future plans are to attend Bucknell University college of Engineering in the fall.

## **Trent Abraham Stross**



Trent is the son of Ron & Tracy Stross and graduated on May 25, 2022 from Armstrong Jr. Sr. High School majoring in Biochemistry. He has been a member of St. John's for 2 years and was baptized in 2004 and confirmed here on September 13, 2020. His school accomplishments include: Envirothon president; his team ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in wildlife and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, Science club president, Photography club vice-president, Band

historian and National Honor Society. Trent enjoys playing the guitar, photography, hiking and learning. His future plans are to attend Texas A&M University, a senior military college and eventually commission into the military. His long-term goal is to get a PhD and become a scientific researcher.

## **Kylie Rene Zurn**



Kylie is the daughter of Gary & Amber Zurn and graduated on May 25, 2022 from Armstrong Jr. Sr. High School. She has been a member of St. John's for 19 years being baptized in June of 2003. Her involvement at St. John's included VBS volunteer, Greeter and Acolyte. Her accomplishments include member of the Special Olympics Equestrian team for five years and she had the honor of lighting the cauldron at the opening ceremonies of the 2016

Special Olympics state games. On April 29, 2022 she was crowned Life Skills Prom Queen. She also worked in the high school coffee shop for four years and was a ball girl for the Armstrong girls softball team in 2018.

Kylie's hobbies include anything with horses, especially horseback riding, swimming, reading and playing on her iPad. Her future plans include attending Lenape Vo-Tech for Culinary Arts.

**North American  
Lutheran Church  
Day Camp**



**Solid Rock  
Day Camp**

June 27-July 1, 2022

St. John's Lutheran Church,  
Kittanning

Join us for a week of Fun, Games, Crafts, Bible-Centered Lessons,  
Nature Discovery, a special field trip and More!  
Led by a great Group of students from the Carolina's Mission District  
Coming to Western Pa to lead an awesome week!  
Who's invited: All Kids entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

When: June 27 – July 1

Time: M-F 9am-3pm

Lunch: FREE lunch included for all kids

Cost: Actual rate is \$80 per camper, however, St. John's Kittanning &  
Resurrection Lutheran Cooperative Ministry is underwriting  
some of the cost per camper.

Your Rate: Non-Member \$50

Member of NALC Congregations: \$25

Sibling discount of \$15/ registration

Registration is Limited to 35 students

Please let your Pastor or Youth Leader know if YOUR child would like to  
attend!

We will email you the registration and medical forms needed.

If you have ANY questions/concerns,  
please call Julie Smith at St. John's

at 724-548-2051 or email [smithjulie33@yahoo.com](mailto:smithjulie33@yahoo.com)



## **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!**

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Rebecca Swanson (E) Gene Hughes (L)
Lectors	Jerah Wranich (E) Trent Stross (L)
Acolytes	Noelle Smoyer (E) Ashlynn Zurn (L)
Greeters	The Rupp family (E) Kylie Zurn, Mona Bouch, William Bouch III (L)
Camera Operators	Nick Wranich (E) Bill Bouch (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 Erica Elder from Carol Runniger & 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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