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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 **Seventh 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.

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 12) JULY 24, 2022

Prayer upon entering God's House:

Heavenly Father, endow us richly with Your Spirit, and by Your grace, sustain our faith, dispelling our doubts and confusion, and keep us faithful to Your Word. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Benediction"

Hollins

***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**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

LBW 290

***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.**

*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal

☒ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☒ The Lord be with you. ☒ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, Your ears are open always to the prayers of Your servants. Open our hearts and minds to You, that we may live in harmony with Your will and receive the gifts of Your Spirit; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON:**Genesis 18:20–32**

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

²⁰ Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹ I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶ And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷ Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹ He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.”

³² Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:**Psalm 138**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**¹I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**

³for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.

**⁴When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.**

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**⁶They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.**

⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

⁹The LORD will make good his purpose for me;
O LORD, your love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND LESSON:

Colossians 2:6–19

A The Second Lesson is from the second chapter of Colossians.

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,
⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you
were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty
deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits
of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness
of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the
head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a
circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh,
by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful
working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were
dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God
made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,
¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal
demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the
rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over
them in him.

¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and
drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These
are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to
Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship
of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by
his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the
whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and
ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

A Here ends the reading.

***VERSE**



GOSPEL:

Luke 11:1-13

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



Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴ and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him';

⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'?

⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright"* LBW 438
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

ANTHEM

"Majestic Praise"

arr. Bolks

Duet – Jeanette Nestor, Piano

Rebecca Veith, Organ

*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

Father, we have grown so used to praying to you that sometimes we forget what a privilege it is! Forgive us when we become careless, forgetful, or presumptuous. By your Spirit's leading, make us eager, confidently and lovingly calling you "Abba, Father," and talking with you about everything. 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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LBW 439

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Paeon"

Matthews

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

Please welcome Pastor James F. Neal, S.T.S. as he supplies today while Pastor Johnson is on vacation. Pastor Neal is a retired pastor, husband to Susan and a father and grandfather. He is a member of the Society of the Holy Trinity, renowned Theologian, and general all around nice guy. His primary role these days is as a house husband and very active grandparent, (the highest of callings!). We are blessed to have him lead worship this day.



The flower chart for 2022 is posted in the narthex.

There are dates available to sign up for flowers that you would like to place on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. Flowers are \$50.00.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday 7/25	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music meeting
Sunday 7/31	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship



Church Picnic

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 at 8:00 p.m., so we can stay, swim and enjoy the entire day! Hope to see you there!!!!!!



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 support!**



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

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Nancy Pierce (E)
	Sara Shafer (L)
Lectors	Roger Mechling (E)
	Charlesetta Bleakney (L)
Comm Assistants	John & Rebecca Swanson (E)
Acolytes	Jerah Wranich (E)
	Lucas Bowser (L)
Camera Operators	Nick Wranich (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

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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