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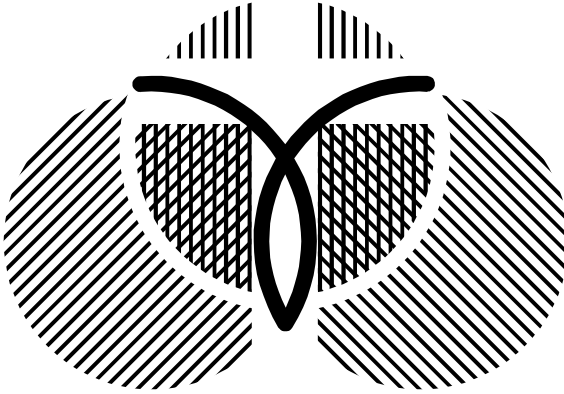
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

June 15, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



Trinity Sunday

St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North America Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Festival of 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

"Nicea"

arr. Pethel

***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**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

LBW 165

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.



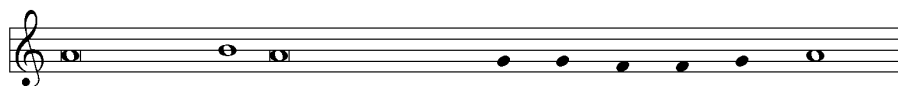
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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 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.

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?

² On the heights beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³ beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

⁴ “To you, O men, I call,

and my cry is to the children of man.

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

²³ Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth,

²⁶ before he had made the earth with its fields,

or the first of the dust of the world.

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there;

when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ 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,

³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master workman,

and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,

³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world

and delighting in the children of man.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM

Psalm 8, antiphon, Ps. 8:2

Cantor Congregation:

Antiphon:

Your maj - es - ty is praised a - bove the heav-ens.

O | LORD our LORD,*

how exalted is your name in | all the world!

²Out of the mouths of in- | fants and children*

your majesty is praised a- | bove the heavens.

³You have set up a stronghold against your | adversaries,*

to quell the enemy and | the avenger.

⁴When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,*

the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁵what is man that you should be mind- | ful of him,*

the son of man that you should | seek him out?

⁶You have made him but little lower | than the angels;*

you adorn him with glo- | ry and honor;

⁷you give him mastery over the works | of your hands;*

you put all things un- | der his feet:

⁸all | sheep and oxen,*

even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁹the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,*

and whatsoever walks in the paths | of the sea.

¹⁰O | LORD our LORD,*

how exalted is your name in | all the world! R

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. 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. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

John 16:12-15

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
¹³ 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. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ 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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"All Glory Be to God on High"

LBW 166

SERMON

***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.**

*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.

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.)

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

"Did You Think to Pray"
Gene Hughes, Soloist

arr. McDonald

*OFFERTORY



C 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.

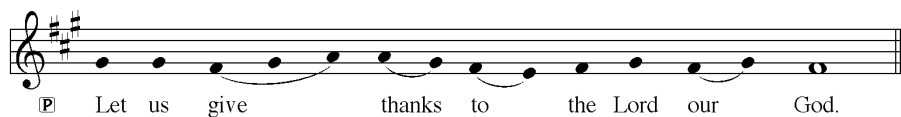
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



♩ 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, almighty and everliving God. You have revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adorned in your everlasting glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

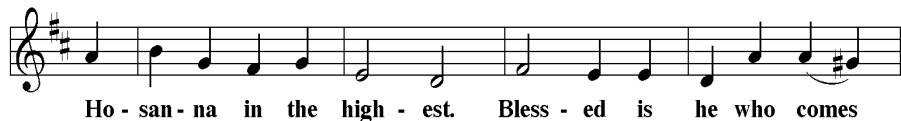
*SANCTUS



♪ 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.

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**

**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**

***AGNUS DEI**



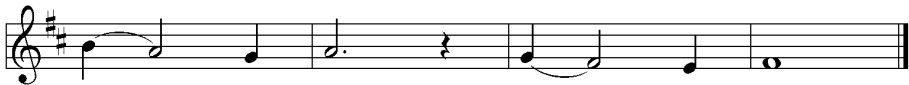
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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**

*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 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**



☞ 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

CLOSING HYMN

"Praise to the Father"

LBW 517

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Trinity Postlude"

Hughes

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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."



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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 and program information, Youth Events including photos from the recent QUAKE trip, and more.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	11:00 a.m. Worship: Communion 7:00 p.m. First Communion Parents
Monday 6/16	9 – 11:30 a.m. V.B.S. Noon First Communion Class 6:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry 7:00 p.m. Music & Worship
Tuesday 6/17	9 – 11:30 a.m. V.B.S. Noon First Communion Class
Wednesday 6/18	9 – 11:30 a.m. V.B.S. Noon First Communion Class
Thursday 6/19	9 – 11:30 a.m. V.B.S. Noon First Communion Class 7:00 p.m. First Communion
Sunday 6/22	8:30 a.m. Rock of Our Salvation: Communion 11:00 a.m. Worship: Communion Noon Over 80 Luncheon

The Mid-Northeast Mission District, NALC will be hosting the 2025 Lutheran Week convocation in Pittsburgh, August 4 – 8th. See Pastor Johnson if you are interested in serving as a volunteer.

VBS: MAGNIFIED!

We need YOU!

*VBS helpers needed for set-up **today**, Sunday the 15th, after church. Helpers will be here to let you in. **Volunteers needed the week of VBS Monday thru Thursday**. Can you offer your time and talent?*

See Julie if you can help.



Beginning **June 15th**, we will hold two Sunday morning worship services; 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. There is no reason to miss praising our Lord!



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Karen Waugaman (E) Deb Bouch (L)
Lectors	Nancy Pierce (E) Emily Bouch (L)
Comm Assistants	Karen Waugaman & Nancy Pierce (E) Mollie Bouch & William Bouch (L)
Acolytes	Ava Rupp (E) Ella Fennell (L)
Welcome Team	The Rupps (E) Debbie & Jack Griffin (L)
Camera Operators	Nick Wranich (E) Keith Livengood (L)

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	Angela B. Clever
Sexton	TBA
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 honor of Richard & Kay Thorell's wedding anniversary of 45 years.

The flowers on the chancel this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Robert & Charlesetta Bleakney's 66th wedding anniversary.

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.

*For 200 years St. John's has been a bright beacon
of Christ's light and life for the world.
200 years and the work continues:
That all might know Christ's Love.*

GRACE
happens



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