

St. John's Lutheran Church

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January 11, 2026

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 **Baptism of Our Lord**. 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:

Glorious God, as You poured out Your Holy Spirit out upon Jesus at the river Jordan, so pour Your Holy Spirit upon those who are gathered here that the words on our lips and the songs in our hearts might reflect gratitude and devotion to You for all we hear and see of Your amazing grace and constant love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE*"Andante"**Merkel****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** *"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"* LBW 90GREETING**

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



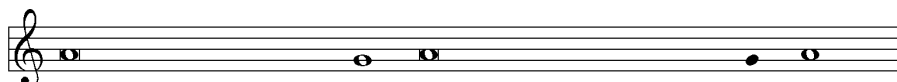
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



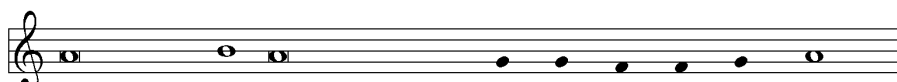
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

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.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan, You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1–9

A The First Lesson is from the forty-second chapter of Isaiah.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

A Here ends the reading.



¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

⁶**he makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

⁸**The voice of the LORD makes the | oak trees writhe
and strips the | forests bare.**

⁹And in the temple | of the LORD
all are | crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as | king forevermore.**

¹¹The LORD shall give strength | to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace. R

SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34–43

A The second lesson is from the tenth chapter of Acts.

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people

and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A Here ends the reading.

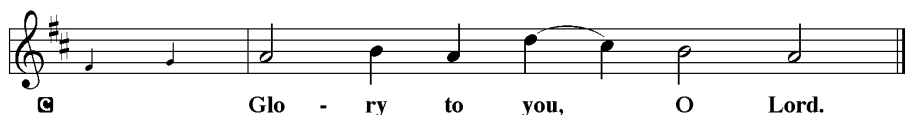
***VERSE**



GOSPEL:

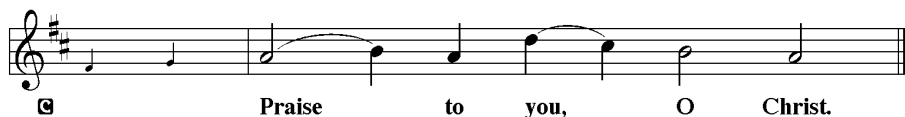
Matthew 3:13–17

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter.



¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

LBW 87

SERMON

“Lock, Stock, and Barrel”

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

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*THE PRAYERS

Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, we adore you! You reveal your heart to us in the Baptism of Jesus. By the Spirit's power, unite us to Christ, so that we may hear the Father say to each of us, "You are my beloved son, my beloved daughter, in you I am well pleased."

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.

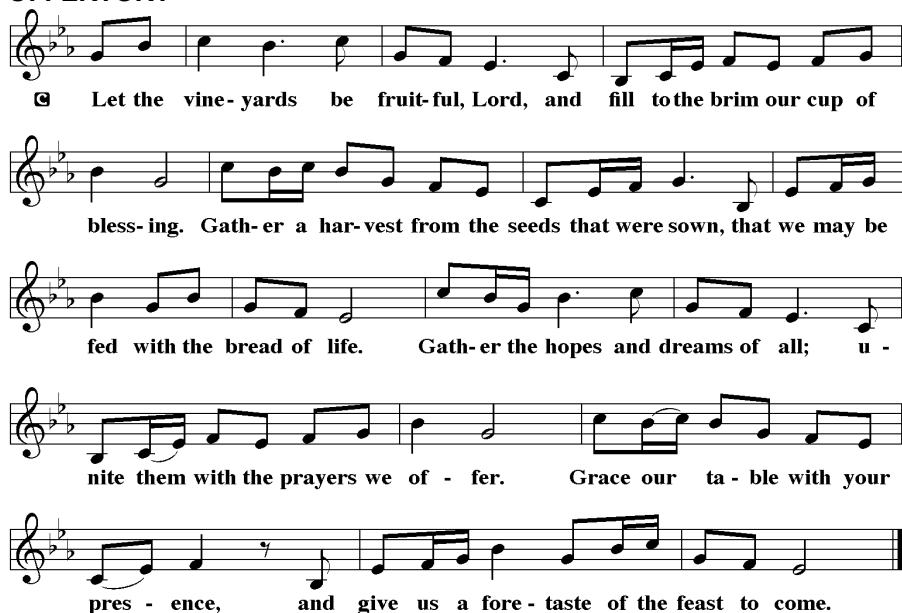
C And also with you.

ANTHEM

"Walkin' to Jordan"

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*OFFERTORY



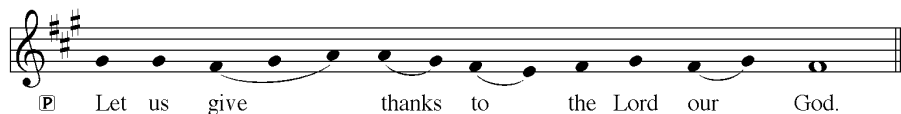
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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 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. Sharing our life, He lived among us to reveal Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



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



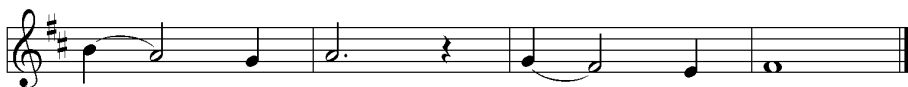
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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

LBW 205, 80, 82, 88, WOV 645

*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.

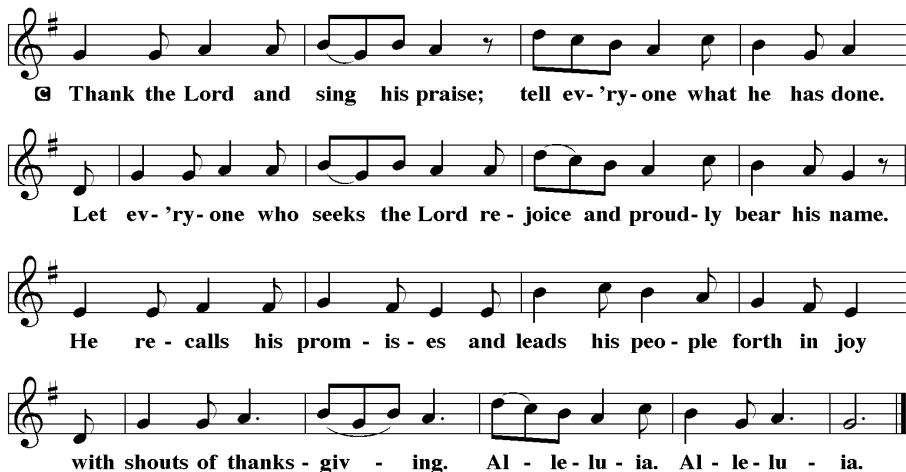
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

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

C Amen

*CANTICLE



☞ 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....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.



☞ A - men

***CLOSING HYMN** "I Was There to Hear Your Bornng Cry" LBW 770

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Grande Choeur"

Guilmant

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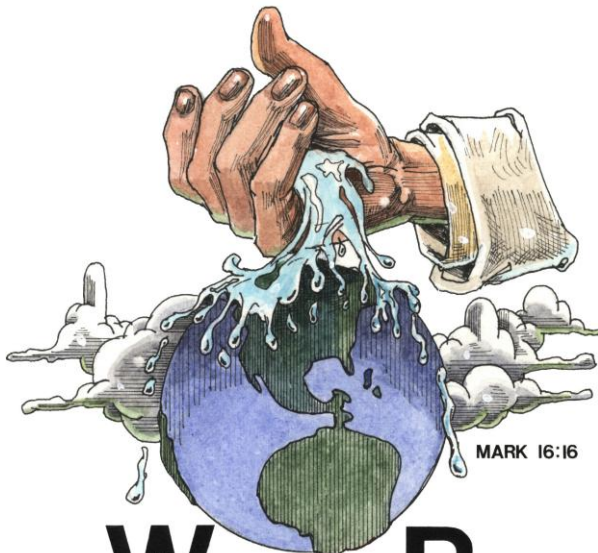
A Nursery/Cry Room is available on the second floor of the Education Building for those who may need it.



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



Today we welcome into the Church
through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism,
Boone Mychal Shamberger, son of
Randy & Jennifer Shamberger.



WHOEVER
BELIEVES AND IS
BAPTIZED
WILL BE
SAVED...

Mark Your Calendars

January 25
February 1
February 18
March 14
April 5
May 3
May 24

Congregational Meeting
Eric Cook Day
Ash Wednesday
CPR Certification
Easter
Spring Concert
Pentecost Sunday (Confirmation)



Electronic Giving is Good for You and the Church

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."**

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

www.stjohnskittanning.org

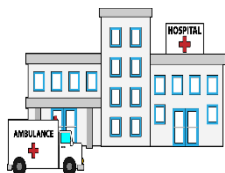
Here you will find: Bulletins, Newsletters, Morning Prayers, Upcoming events and program information, Youth Events including photos from the recent QUAKE trip, and more.



Internet Streaming St. John's Live Broadcast

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>



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.

The flower chart for 2026 has been posted in the narthex. Please take this opportunity to sign up for the dates that you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. You may also call the church office. **Flowers are \$70.00.**



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday 1/11	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Campfire
Monday 1/12	7:00 p.m.	Council
Tuesday 1/13	Noon	Women's Study at Kings
Wednesday 1/14	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	6:15 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:00 a.m.	PJ's Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 1/15	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday 1/18	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

SPARK
IGNITING FAITH, EQUIPPING KIDS



... at St. Johns Kittanning

Jan. 20th 6:15-7:30pm

Dinner, Bible Story,
Exciting, faith building
interactive stations with games,
crafts and activities!



Preschool-6th Grade
COST: FREE!



Parents! Stay and hang out,
relax and rest, or run some errands!

Please Text **SPARK** to 724 276 5321

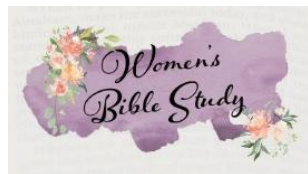
for weather updates,
announcements and reminders

REGISTER YOUR CHILD AT

www.tinyurl.com/sparkstjohnskittanning

Women's Bible Study . . .

. . . will return at the King's restaurant on **Tuesday, January 13th at noon**. Any questions, please contact Rose Montgomery at rosetrix38@comcast.net. All are welcome!

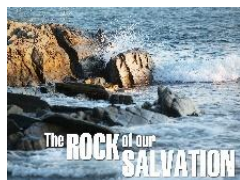


Eric Cook Day

February 1st

In celebration of his contribution to St. John's worship life as organist and bell choir director from 2003 to 2007 Eric will be playing the organ for us once again. He will be honored with a coffee hour following worship.

As we celebrate 200 years of music in the church praising God, we thank God for Eric's worship leadership.



Rock of our Salvation Worship

8:30 a.m. Sunday,
January 18th



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers
Lectors
Communion Assistants

Welcome Team
Acolytes
Camera Operator

Lance Whiteman
Rich Farah
Sophia Holt, Christine Whiteman
Nancy Pierce, Karen Waugaman
The Farahs
Quinn Kellner
Nick Wranich

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry
Secretary
Sexton
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music
Sr. Choir Accompanist

Julie Smith
Angela B. Clever
TBD
Rebecca Veith
Elizabeth Cramer

*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.*

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.

