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November 20, 2022

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



Christ the King
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 **Christ the King Sunday**. 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:

Send your Holy Spirit, O Lord, into our hearts so that we may know that we are called to serve You and our fellow men and women and that we may live according to Your holy will. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness.**

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***OPENING HYMN**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

LBW 170

***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.



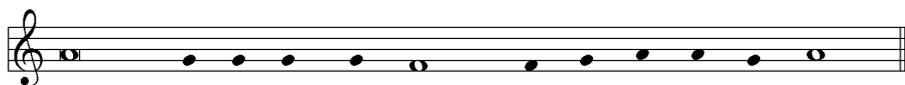
Ⓐ For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



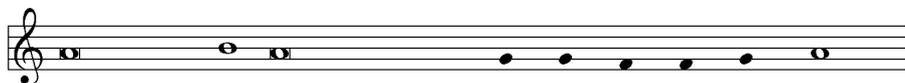
☩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

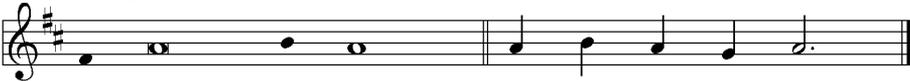


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to Your beloved Son, whom You anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Here I am to Worship”* *Hughes*

FIRST LESSON: **Jeremiah 23:1–6**

A The First Lesson is from the twenty-third chapter of Jeremiah.

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³ Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all

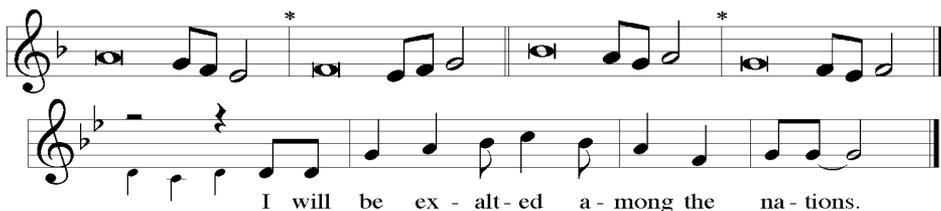
the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

PSALM 46



God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present | help in trouble.

**²Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,*
and though the mountains be toppled into
the depths | of the sea;**

³though its waters | rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.

⁴The LORD of | hosts is with us;*the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. R

⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of | the Most High.

⁶God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;*God shall help her at the | break of day.

⁷The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken;*
God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.

⁸The LORD of | hosts is with us;*the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. R

⁹Come now and look upon the works | of the LORD,*
what awesome things he has | done on earth.

**¹⁰It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;*he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the | shields with fire.**

¹¹"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;*

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."

¹²The LORD of | hosts is with us;*the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. R

SECOND LESSON:

Colossians 1:11–20

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

¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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:

Luke 23:33–43

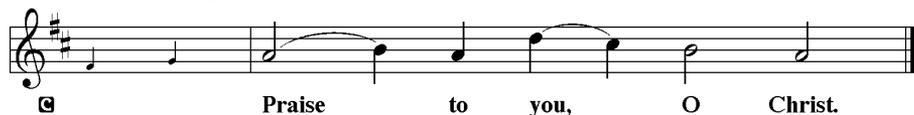
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-third chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him,

saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

L The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Lift High the Cross"

LBW 377

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

***THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray to the Father on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to be our King who rules with justice and mercy through his sacrificial death and resurrection.

Thank you for his glorious and gentle rule. Thank you for filling us with your Holy Spirit, so we have the faith to acclaim him as King and love him as Savior and Brother. 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.

***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 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.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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, 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:

C 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



☉ 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 198, 265, 328, WOV 740

*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.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

LBW 171

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Le Christ Roi"

Benoit

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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!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	8:30 a.m.	Rock of our Salvation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School/Pageant practice
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
	7:00 p.m.	KMA Thanksgiving worship @ Cornerstone Assembly Church
Tuesday 11/22	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible study (<i>Chapel</i>)
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 11/24	Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!	
Friday 11/25	Office Closed	
Sunday 11/27	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School/Pageant practice
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship No Youth Group



Women's Bible Study

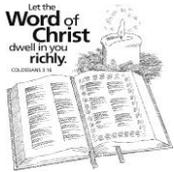
Tuesday, November 22nd @ 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
We will be studying "Uninvited" by Lysa Terkeust. All are welcome!



The study will follow the book, "Power and Purpose," by Pastor Russell Lackey who says that we have been asking all the wrong questions and therefore losing our focus on what the book is really trying to say. Come explore this very misunderstood book of the Bible.

This study is for entry level students!

You do not need to know anything about the Bible in order to attend!



Pastor's Sunday School Class

Power and Purpose

The Book of Revelation for Today

by The Most Holy Reverend Dr. Russell L. Lackey

He writes: "The one consistent mistake I see students make when reading the book of Revelation is that they ask the wrong question..."

"...But what if the question of Revelation isn't how the world will end, but rather, who is the Lord of this world? Suddenly, everything changes..."

You're Invited:

Bible Study on the book of Revelation

Every Sunday in November @ 9:45 a.m.

This is a beginner level Bible Study.

Absolutely no knowledge of the Bible is needed—in fact, it's discouraged (just kidding).



*St. John's Lutheran Church
Presents the
Annual Christmas Concert*

Featuring:

The Vocal Choirs

The Bell Choirs

Under the direction of Rebecca Veith

Accompanist Elizabeth Cramer

Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

218 North Jefferson Street, Kittanning

Admission is free.

No offering will be taken.

Light refreshments to follow the concert.



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia(s) in our Church for the Christmas Eve service, please complete and return this form with your check made payable to: **“St. John’s Lutheran Church”** marked **“Christmas Flowers”** in the memo line. **Poinsettias are \$9.00 each and orders must be received by Sunday, December 4, 2022.**

Number of **RED**: _____

Number of **WHITE**: _____

I wish for the acknowledgment in the bulletin to read as follows:

PLEASE PRINT, USING FIRST AND LAST NAMES

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

Please check one: Check _____ Cash _____

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

Please check one:

_____ I will take my poinsettia(s) with me after the Christmas Eve service.

_____ Please take my poinsettia to a shut-in.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Becky Swanson(E) Sara Shafer(L)
Lectors	Julie Smith(E) Cheryl Mechling(L)
Comm Assistants	Patty & Kyle Kirkpatrick(E) Deb & Mollie Bouch, Charlie Bleakney, Keith Livengood(L)
Acolytes	Brody Hodak(E) William Bouch, Quinn Kellner, Kendall Bailey, Robert John(L)
Welcome teams	The Rupp family(E) Bailey & Jazwinski families(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



The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jeffrey Picardi Hughes given by Gene Hughes.

The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in celebration of the 55th wedding anniversary of Connie & Bill McMaster.

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



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