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November 21, 2021

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



Christ the King
Sunday

St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church in America. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **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 "Fantasy on Laudes Domini" arr. Mathews

***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**



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



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



B Lord, have mer - cy.



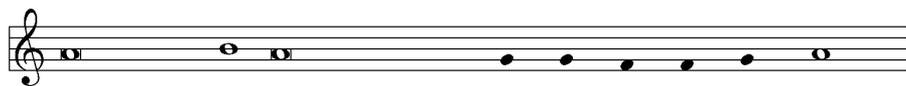
☩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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

BELL ANTHEM

“Sunday School Ring-a-Long”

arr. Ingram

FIRST LESSON:

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

A The First Lesson is from the seventh chapter of Daniel.

⁹“As I looked,
thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³“I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

¹⁴And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

A Here ends the reading.



Ev-er since the world be-gan, your throne has been es-tab-lished.

¹The LORD is king; he has put on splen- | did apparel;*
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded him- | self with strength.

²**He has made the whole | world so sure***
that it can- | not be moved; R

³ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;*
you are from | everlasting.

⁴**The waters have lifted up, O LORD,**
the waters have lifted | up their voice;*
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁵Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers | of the sea,*
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.

⁶**Your testimonies are | very sure,***
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
forever and for- | evermore. R

SECOND LESSON:

Revelation 1:4–8

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

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

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 18:33-37

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose, I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

LBW 171

SERMON

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.

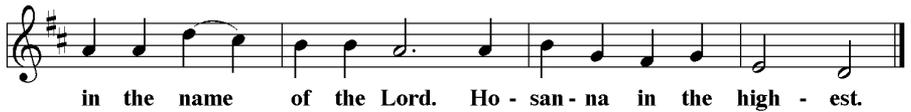
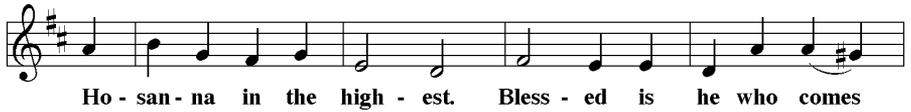
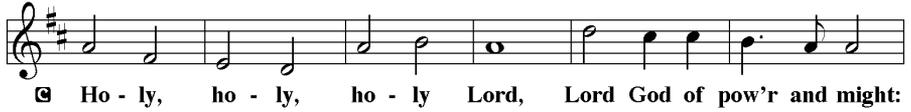
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **Q** And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **Q** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Q It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*** PREFACE**

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:

SANCTUS



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

C: 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 198, 210, 377, WOV 744

*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.*

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

C Amen

*CANTICLE



C 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 \times Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



CLOSING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

LBW 551

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare for a King”

Binckes

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



The flower chart for 2022 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. Flowers are \$50.00.



We welcome our new members:

James & Christine Calhoun

Gary & Sandra Duncan

Jay, Jamie, Noelle & Eltzabeth Smoyer

Gene & Yvonne Jazwinski



The **Kittanning Ministerial Association** is sponsoring a **Thanksgiving Worship Service TONIGHT**, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's UCC with Rev. Jonathan Rosnick preaching.

Pastor's Study

Wednesdays, November 24 & December 1, 8,15 @ 7:00 p.m.

We will begin by looking at the NALC Sacramental Practices statement. This is a good review of what the Small Catechism says about the sacraments, with added commentary/Bible Study.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHNS

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School/Pageant practice
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	10:40 a.m.	Fast 5 Minute Sight Singing Session
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	7:00 p.m.	KMA Ministerial Thanksgiving service @ St. Luke's UCC
Monday 11/22	7:00 p.m.	Mutual ministry meeting
Tuesday 11/23	5:30 p.m.	Junior Choir/Children's Chimes
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Wednesday 11/24	7:00 p.m.	Pastor's Bible study
Thursday 11/25	Office closed – Happy Thanksgiving!	
Friday 11/26	Office closed	
Sunday 11/28	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School/Pageant practice
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	10:40 a.m.	Fast 5 Minute Sight Singing Session
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

NOVEMBER YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Sunday Nov. 21: 9:45am: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Begins!

Sunday Nov. 21st: No Youth Group, due to lock in

Sunday Nov. 28th: No Youth Group, Happy Thanksgiving!



Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Begins...

Sunday, November 21st

during Sunday School at 9:45am-10:40am

We will add more if necessary.

This year we are performing...

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS!

Social Ministry Christmas Project

Adopt A Family



This year we have the opportunity to adopt families for Christmas. There are sign-up boards in the narthex that list wants, needs and sizes. If you are unable to shop but would like to help, please make a donation in an envelope marked Christmas Families and place it in the offering. If you choose to purchase the item(s), please

place a check mark in the box next to each item you wish to purchase. Please use gift cards for food assistance. Remember to get a gift receipt when purchasing the gift and enclose it with the gift.

Gifts should be wrapped and a gift tag on each gift with the name of the child.

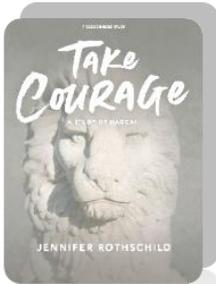
IMPORTANT! The gifts should be brought to the church by **Sunday, Dec 12th** AND each package marked with a sticky note attached on the outside describing the item inside and the name of the child (*this information is for the committee only*).

Any questions: contact Michelle Kozlowski at: 724-816-1680.



Looking for Volunteers to coordinate the stocking & maintaining of Katie's Cupboard

Open - no questions asked, **Katie's Cupboard** fills gaps in services provided by organizations with operating hours and/or requiring paperwork/documentation. **It also encourages community and love for neighbor.** Join us in supporting Katie's Cupboard project in two ways. Purchase items when grocery shopping and place inside the cupboard. Volunteer to work on the "keep it stocked committee" to find ways to sustain this outreach through the congregation and community.



St. John's Women's Ministry

We have 2 different times available for our bible study.

- Tuesdays in November at 6pm OR
- Thursdays in November after Children's Hour at 11:15am
- *Please note: Times may slightly vary and will be announced weekly.*

STUDY SNACKS DISCUSSION VIDEOS
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The Heifer Gift Ark offers hope worldwide to families who are poor and hungry. You'll help families start on a journey to fulfill a seemingly impossible dream - to secure food and a source of dependable income. Each family who receives livestock will pass on one or more of the animal's offspring to other families who are in need in their community. Every gift will multiply for years to come. Imagine how your gift could change the world.

For only \$20, a family in need can be provided with a starter flock of chicks or ducks. Honeybees and their hive can be given for a \$30 donation, and \$120 will provide a family with either a goat or a pig. Not only does the family receive the animal, but they also receive the supplies and education necessary to care for their livestock. Through livestock, training and passing on the gift, Heifer has helped over 30 million families in more than 125 countries improve their quality of life and move toward greater self-reliance.

Join us on **Sunday, December 5, 2021** following worship for our Advent soup and sandwich luncheon and give generously to this cause. The menu will consist of your choice of Chicken Noodle or Potato Soup, a variety of slider sandwiches and dessert. For those who wish to donate, checks payable to St. John's should have "Fill the Ark" or "Heifer" listed on the memo line. If you're unable to stay following worship but would like a meal, please let the church office know before noon on Friday, December 3rd and we'll have your lunch packed ready to go.



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Karen Waugaman(E) Sara Shafer(L)
Lectors	Delaney Smith(E) Eva Shafer(L)
Comm Assistants	Lori Young, Karen Waugaman(E) Dave & Janice Smith(L)
Acolytes	(E) Eva Shafer(L)
Greeters	John family
Camera Operators	Robert John(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 my husband, Leo Chasse, from Marlene Chasse.

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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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