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11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



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 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**. 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:

Eternal God, help us to maintain our focus on Your glory, rather than on the glories of the world. We turn our hearts to You as the Holy Giver of all life. Deepen our devotion to You. Hear us, O Lord, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Meditation”

Grace

***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**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LBW 170

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.

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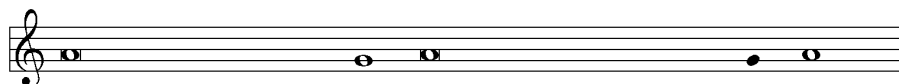
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



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



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



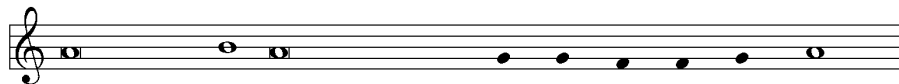
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



Ⓐ 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.

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son our Savior is with You in eternal glory. Give us faith to see that, true to His promise, He is among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST LESSON:

ACTS 16:16–34

A The First Lesson is from the sixteenth chapter of Acts.

¹⁶As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. ¹⁷She followed Paul and us, crying out, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” ¹⁸And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. ²⁰And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. ²¹They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. ²³And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³²And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. ³⁴Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

Psalms 97

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**²Clouds and darkness are round about Him,
righteousness and justice are the foundations
of His throne.**

³A fire goes before Him
and burns up His enemies on every side.

**⁴His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees it and is afraid.**

⁵The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD,
at the presence of the LORD of the whole earth.

**⁶The heavens declare His righteousness,
and all the peoples see His glory.**

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods!

Bow down before Him, all you gods.

**⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of Your judgments, O LORD.**

⁹For You are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
You are exalted far above all gods.

**¹⁰The LORD loves those who hate evil;
He preserves the lives of His saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹Light has sprung up for the righteous,
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

**¹²Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to His holy name.**

SECOND LESSON:

Revelation 22:12—21

A The Second Lesson is from the twenty-second chapter of Revelation

¹²“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

A Here ends the reading.

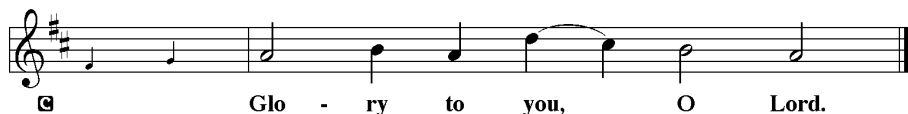
***VERSE**



GOSPEL:

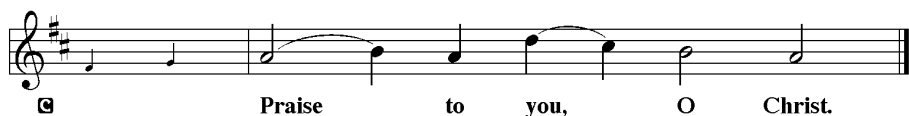
John 17:20–26

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John the seventeenth chapter.



²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

LBW 364

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

"Easter Alleluia"

Purifoy

*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

Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, Savior of the world, we worship and adore you. You take us by the hand and invite us to your marriage supper. You promise us your own inheritance and commission us to proclaim the Gospel to the world where we are to love and care for one another. 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.



*CLOSING HYMN

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LBW 158

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

Young

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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 away. 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday 5/30		MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday 6/1	7:00 p.m.	Confirmand Rehearsal
Saturday 6/4	8:00 a.m.	Property Workday
	10:00 am. – 12:00 p.m.	Stocking event for Katie's Cupboard
Sunday 6/5		Pentecost Sunday
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion & Confirmation
	12:00 p.m.	Confirmands Reception

Katie's Cupboard needs your help!

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!



Altar Flowers

The flower chart for 2022 is 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. The price of altar flowers is \$50.00. Thank you!



Attention Gardeners and Worker Bees



We need your help! We are having a workday to "tidy-up" flower beds and landscaping around the church grounds.

Saturday, June 4, 2022 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please bring work gloves and a wheelbarrow, etc.

We could use volunteers to divide & conquer chores...
weeding, trimming shrubs & mulching.

Please contact Sharon Febinger @ 724-543-2413 or text 724-859-5649. Thank you for your help maintain the grounds!



Sunday, June 12, 2022 is the date St. John's will recognize their 2022 graduates. Graduates will be recognized on Sunday with a Fellowship hour in the Social Hall following the 11:00 worship and will also participate in the 11:00 service. **If you are a high school, college or tech school graduate or know of someone who is, please contact the church office at (724) 548-2051. Email the office at stjohnskittanning@gmail.com for forms. Pictures are also needed to complete our graduate brochure.**

Please turn in all information by June 6.

Pentecost Flowers

If you would like to order geraniums to be placed in the church for Pentecost on Sunday, June 5th, please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or mail it to St. John's Lutheran Church at 218 N. Jefferson Street., Kittanning. Checks should be made out to *St. John's Lutheran Church* with "Pentecost flowers" in the memo line. Flowers are \$5.00 each. **Deadline for ordering is Friday, May 27th.**

(Please indicate below the number of flowers desired)

Red Geraniums _____

In **Memory** of: _____

Given by: _____

In **Honor** of: _____

Given by: _____

I will take my flower with me today: _____

Please take my flower to a shut-in: _____

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Julie Smith (E)
	Karen Waugaman (L)
Lectors	Nick Wranich (E)
	Kay Thorrell (L)
Comm Assistants	Robert John, Amber Zurn (E)
Acolytes	Mitchell Wranich (E)
	Stella Venesky (L)
Greeters	The John family (E)
	The Venesky family (L)
Camera Operators	Robert John (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



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