

St. John's Lutheran Church

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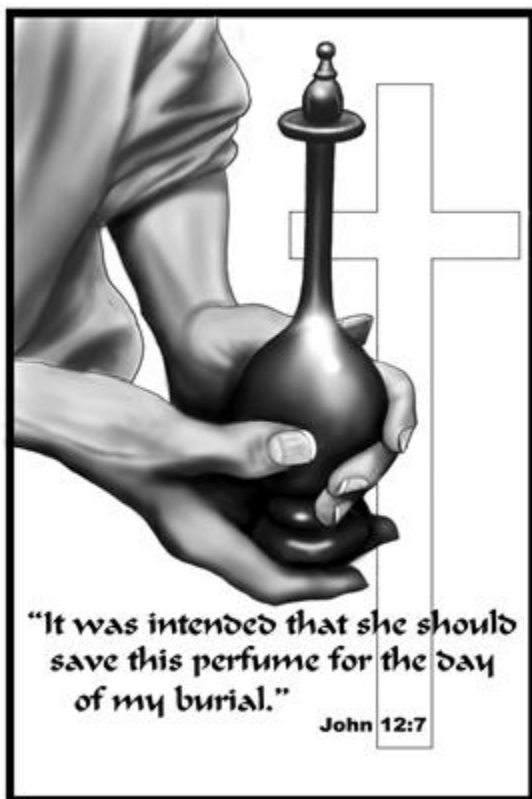
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

April 6, 2025

8:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



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 Fifth Sunday in Lent**. 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:

Almighty God, who hates nothing that You have made, and forgives the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, so that we may obtain from You perfect forgiveness. Amen.

PRELUDE

“SEE SCREEN”

***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

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

“SEE SCREEN”

***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.**

***DIALOG**

P: Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of all mercies and the God of all consolation.**

P: Seek the Lord while he may be found.

C: Call upon Him while He is near.

P: Let the wicked abandon their ways,

C: and the unrighteous their thoughts.

P: Let them turn to the Lord for mercy,

C: to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

P: All you who are thirsty, come to the water.

You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.

Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk.

**C: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of all mercies and the God of all consolation.**

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you,

P Let us pray.

God of all mercy, by Your power to heal and to forgive, graciously
cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; 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 43:16–21

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

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸ “Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.

¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,

for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:**PSALM 126**

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

**²Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

³Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

**⁴ The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

⁵Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**⁶Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

⁷ Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND LESSON:**PHILIPPIANS 3:4b–14**

A The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of Philippians.

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

A Here ends the reading.

***P:** Return to the Lord your God...

***C:** **For He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love!**

GOSPEL:**JOHN 12:1–8**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those

reclining with him at table. ³ Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" ⁶ He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN** "SEE SCREEN"

SERMON

CHILDREN'S 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**

A For the Church, the world, and our poor sinful selves, let us pray to our Lord, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, when we think on your love for us, we can only repeat the words of two beloved hymns: "Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!" "Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you!"

A Lord, in Your mercy,
C 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

ANTHEM

“SEE SCREEN”

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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**

*AGNUS DEI



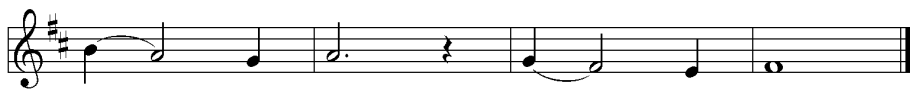
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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: "SEE SCREEN"

*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

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.... Almighty God, You gave Your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to His; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*BENEDICTION

P As you go on your way may Christ go with you.
May He go before you to show you the way;
May He go behind you to encourage you;
Beside you to befriend you;
Above you to watch over you and within you to give you peace.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CLOSING HYMN "SEE SCREEN"

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“SEE SCREEN”

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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.

The flower chart for 2025 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 have increased to \$75.00 for the 2025 year.

**Wednesday Evening Pastors’ Study:
Adult Catechism, 7:00 pm**



Catechism

This review is good for those who are preparing to join the congregation as an adult, for adult baptism or for those who just want to brush up on their catechism.

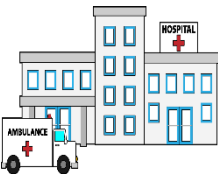
March 40th Lutheran History/Theology/Liturgy

KMA Community Lenten Worship Services Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm

Apr. 8	Salvation Army, 205 S Jefferson St	Rev. Edward Walters
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KMA Lenten Luncheons Schedule Wednesdays @ 12:00 p.m.

Apr. 9	St. Mary’s Catholic, 101 W High St	Father Eric Dinga
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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.



**HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

April 13: Palm Sunday

*Procession with Palms 11:00 AM
The Passion According to St. Luke*

April 15: Healing Service

Special Communion Service 7:00 PM

April 17: Maundy Thursday

Special Communion Service 7:00 PM

April 18: Good Friday

Youth Group Easter Egg Stuffing 10:00 AM
Donations of candy appreciated!

KMA Community Good Friday Service

St. John's Noon to 1:00 PM

Tenebrae Service 7:00 PM

A service of light and darkness

April 19: Holy Saturday

Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt for the Children

12:00PM -1:00PM

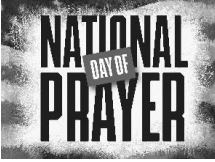
Retelling the Easter Story

Nursery to 5th Grade

April 20: Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Celebration 11:00 AM

Festival Communion Service with Brass Ensemble



National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 1, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Kittanning Riverfront Amphitheater.

*What the world and our nation most need now is
our prayers!*

Annual Spring Concert *Sunday, May 4th, 2024*

St. John's Lutheran Church

At 7:00 p.m.

*The Senior & Junior Bell Choirs &
the Senior & Children's Vocal Choirs
(under the direction of Rebecca Veith)*

*The concert is free and open to the public.
We welcome your family, friends & neighbors.*

Come and celebrate spring with us!

There is a time of fellowship following in the social hall.



Youth Group

SUNDAY APRIL 6th: WOMEN'S BANQUET

GIRLS, BRING YOUR MOMS & GRANDMAS!

SUNDAY APRIL 13TH: Youth Group 6:30-8:00pm

Lent Bible Study and Game Night!

FRIDAY APRIL 18TH: YOUTH GROUP TO HIDE EASTER EGGS

10AM

SUNDAY APRIL 27TH: NO YOUTH GROUP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Youth Sunday May 18th

Grad Sunday June 1st

IN-TENTS CAMP DATES

FOR SUMMER 2025!

JULY 14-18 YOUTH CAMP!

JULY 21-23 KIDS CAMP!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today 4/6	8:30 a.m.	Rock of Our Salvation: Communion
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	12:30 p.m.	Women's Banquet
Tuesday 4/8	7:00 p.m.	KMA Lenten Worship Series @ Salvation Army
Wednesday 4/9	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	12:00	KMA Luncheon
	5:30 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 4/10	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Friday 4/11	6:00 p.m.	Passover Seder @ First Baptist
Saturday 4/12	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sunday 4/13	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group

Mark Your Calendars

April 6	Women's Banquet
April 20	Easter
May 4	Spring Concert
May 18	Youth Sunday
June 1	Grad Sunday
June 8	Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation
June 22	Over 80 Banquet



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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister	Becky Swanson (E)
	Jonah Petruschke (L)
Lector	Brendan Swanson (E)
	Val Lager (L)
Comm	Becky & John Swanson (E)
	Karen Waugaman & Susan Barto (L)
Acolyte	Brenna Zurn (E)
	Quinn Kellner (L)
Welcome Team	The Rupp Family (E)
	Deb & Jack Griffin (L)
Camera Operators	Nick Wranich (E)
	Bill Bouch (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 Quinten Bailey's 8th birthday by Gene & Yvonne Jazwinski.

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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