

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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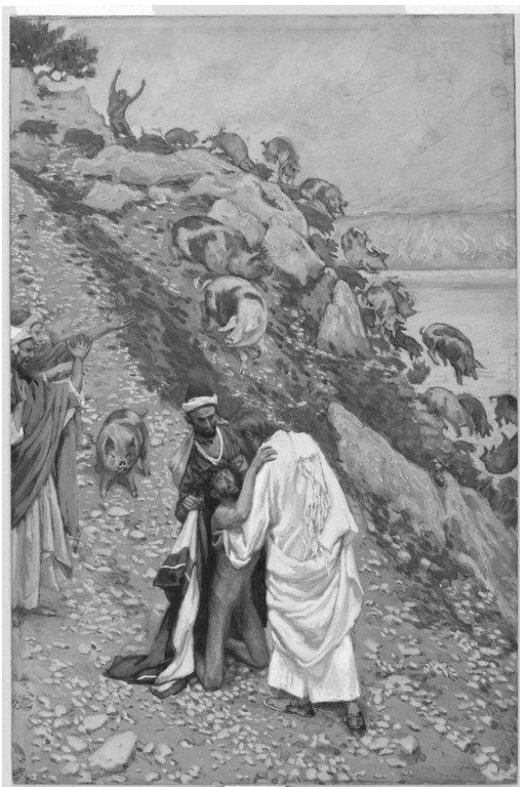
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

**June 22, 2025**

**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 **Second Sunday after Pentecost**. 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:*

*We bow before You, Lord God, seeking to serve You wherever You place us. Guide our lives in faith to discern Your will. Give us courage to speak and act as instruments of Your love and truth. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

**PRELUDE***“Carillon”*

Young

**\*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***“Rise, Shine, You People!”*

LBW 393


**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.




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



A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of a half note B-flat, followed by a whole note G, a half note F, and a whole note E. The lyrics "A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God," are written below the staff.

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.





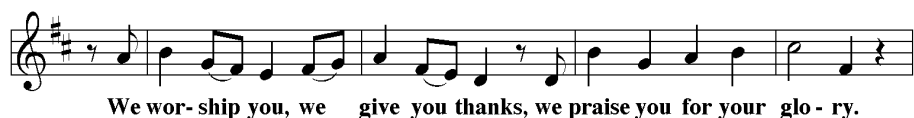
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

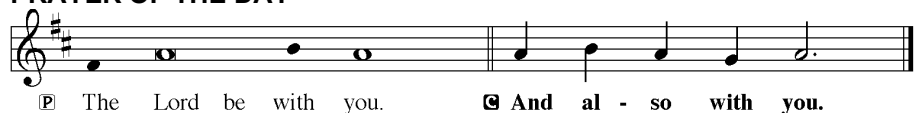
A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.      G A - men

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

 **A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY



**P** Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue Your people from despair, deliver Your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 65:1-9

**A** The First Lesson is from the sixty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;

I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"

to a nation that was not called by my name.

<sup>2</sup> I spread out my hands all the day

to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

<sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and making offerings on bricks;

<sup>4</sup> who sit in tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat pig's flesh,

and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

<sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all the day.

<sup>6</sup> Behold, it is written before me:

"I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their lap

<sup>7</sup> both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together,  
says the LORD;

because they made offerings on the mountains

and insulted me on the hills,

I will measure into their lap

payment for their former deeds."

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD:

"As the new wine is found in the cluster,

and they say, 'Do not destroy it,

for there is a blessing in it,'

so I will do for my servants' sake,

and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup> I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,

and from Judah possessors of my mountains;

my chosen shall possess it,

and my servants shall dwell there.

**A** Here ends the reading.

## PSALM:

PSALM 22:18–27

Be not far away, O LORD;  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

**<sup>19</sup>Save me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.**

<sup>20</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth,  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

**<sup>21</sup>I will declare your name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

<sup>22</sup>Praise the LORD, you that fear him;  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

**<sup>23</sup>For he does not despise nor abhor  
the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them;  
but when they cry to him he hears them.**

<sup>24</sup>My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

**<sup>25</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:  
"May your heart live forever!"**

<sup>26</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**<sup>27</sup>For kingship belongs to the LORD;  
he rules over the nations.**

## SECOND LESSON:

GALATIANS 3:23–29

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

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

A Here ends the reading.

## \*VERSE





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## GOSPEL:

LUKE 8:26–39

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the eighth chapter.

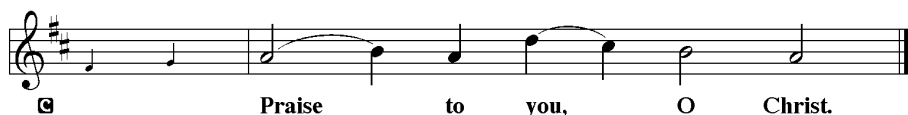


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup> Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup> For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

LBW 415

### SERMON

### YOU HAVE PUT ON CHRIST

### \*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

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

arr. Bock

Rebecca Veith, pianist

### OFFERING

### \*OFFERTORY





## \*THE PRAYERS

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

Heavenly Father, thank you for your Law, our teacher and disciplinarian, for your Gospel of grace, forgiveness, and freedom in Jesus. Thank you for your Holy Spirit, who gives us ears of faith to hear and do both words rightly.

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**

## \*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

*"Give to our God Immortal Praise"*

*LBW 520*

## \*DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude*

*Mathias*

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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: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	Noon	Over 80 Luncheon
Thursday 6/26	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter Mailing
Sunday 6/29	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion

Mark  
The  
Date

**The Mid-Northeast Mission District, NALC will be hosting the 2025 Lutheran Week convocation in Pittsburgh, August 4 – 8<sup>th</sup>. See Pastor Johnson if you are interested in serving as a volunteer.**

You are invited to a double celebration with the Debnar Family for a time of fellowship after the 11:00 service on June 29<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Emil's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and granddaughter Jaslyn's high school graduation.

You are invited to celebrate with Frank Baker at a fellowship hour reception after the 11:00 service on July 6<sup>th</sup> for his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday



**Congratulations to our members  
who celebrated their First Holy Communion today:**

***Lonna Elizabeth Meiers***



## 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."



## 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>

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

[www.stjohnskittanning.org](http://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.



## Theme: Y'all need a little Jesus

July 14-18, 2025 - - Youth Camp

July 21-23, 2025 - - Elementary Camp

<https://www.facebook.com/intentsNALC/>

[Registration Page](#)

**NOW OPEN !!!**

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers

Julie Smith (E)

Lectors

Lance Whiteman (L)

Cassidy Smith (E)

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Christine Whiteman (L)

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Gracie Hodak (E)

Callie Adkins (L)

Welcome Team

Tammy Fleeger & Connie McMaster (E)

The Holts (L)

Camera Operators

Robert John (E)

Keith Livengood (L)

## STAFF MEMBERS

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Julie Smith

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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 loving memory of Joy Long, who would have been 98 on June 21<sup>st</sup>, by her sister Rose Montgomery.

## 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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