

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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**February 27, 2022**

**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 **Transfiguration of Our Lord**. 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:*

*O God, in the transfiguration of Your Son, You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud You foreshadowed our adoption as Your children. Make us with the King heirs of Your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**PRELUDE***“Be Thou My Vision”**arr. Bock***\*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***“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”**LBW 87*

**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. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



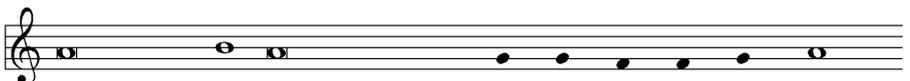
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

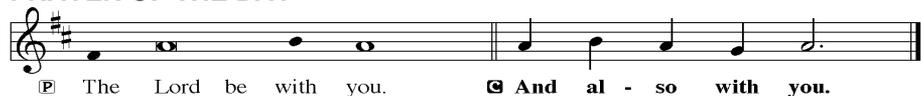
**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**



**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.

Almighty God, on the mountain You showed Your glory in the transfiguration of Your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the King in all His glory; 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

## EXODUS 34:29–35

**A** The First Lesson is from the 34th chapter of Exodus.

<sup>29</sup> When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

<sup>34</sup> Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, <sup>35</sup> the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**A** Here ends the reading.

## PSALM:

## Psalms 99

The LORD is king; let the people tremble.  
He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion;  
He is high above all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess His name, which is great and awesome;  
He is the Holy One.

**<sup>4</sup>"O mighty king, lover of justice,  
You have established equity;  
You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before His  
footstool; He is the Holy One.

**<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron among His priests,  
and Samuel among those who call up on His name,  
they called upon the LORD, and He answered them.**

<sup>7</sup>He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept His testimonies and the decree that He gave them.

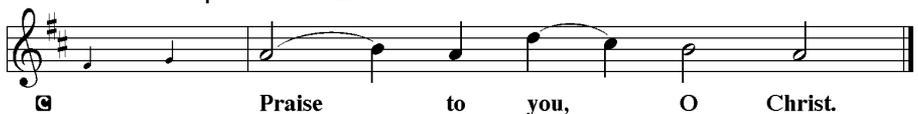
**<sup>8</sup>O LORD our God, You answered them indeed;  
You were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**



<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup> who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup> And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

<sup>37</sup> On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup> And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. <sup>39</sup> And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. <sup>40</sup> And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” <sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, “O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” <sup>42</sup> While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> And all were astonished at the majesty of God.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

\*HYMN *“How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”* LBW 89

## SERMON

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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## ANTHEM

*“Shine, Jesus Shine”*

*arr. Fettle*

*Cassidy Smith, Drums*

## \*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 draw near to the Light of Christ, offering prayer and supplication on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence*

Father, today we kneel in adoration before the majesty Your Son revealed in His Transfiguration. But sometimes, our devotion grows cold, our prayers and worship become half-hearted and routine. Sometimes we call on Jesus if we need something from Him. Kindle our hearts, minds, and spirits always to worship and obey Him with holy fear, deep joy, and fervent love.

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**

*"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"*

*LBW 90*

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*"Festal March"*

*Calkin*

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

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

<b>Today</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	2:30 p.m.	Youth Group
<b>Monday 2/28</b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music meeting
<b>Tuesday 3/1</b>	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible study
<b>Wednesday 3/2</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	10:00 a.m.	Mask required worship service
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday worship service No choir or Bible study
<b>Thursday 3/3</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	11:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
<b>Saturday 3/5</b>	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
<b>Sunday 3/6</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Group luncheon fundraiser
	7:00 p.m.	The Genevans Concert

### **Ash Wednesday Worship Service**

The Ash Wednesday Communion Service will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. (Mask Required) & 7:00 p.m. (Normal). This is the beginning of our Lenten journey. Please plan to attend this meaningful service of ashes and Holy Communion as we embark together on our Lenten Disciplines.



## Women's Bible Study

will be held at King's restaurant on Thursday, March 10th at noon. Any questions, please contact Rose Montgomery at [rosetrix\\_38@comcast.net](mailto:rosetrix_38@comcast.net). All are welcome!

## St. John's March Meltdown Party

All Ages Winter Blast At the Falcon's Club in Ford City

Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Everyone please bring an appetizer to share...  
music, games, bowling, prizes and more!

The Genevans choir

from Geneva College presents a concert

*"The Word became Flesh and Dwelt among us"*

at 7:00 p.m.

on Sunday evening, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

at St. John's Lutheran Church Admission is free;

a love offering will be received.



## Men's Bounty of the Earth Banquet 2022 SUNDAY - March 20, 2022 @ 5:00pm



Help! We need donations of game in order to serve game at our Bounty of the Earth Men's Banquet. We will also be serving beef for those less adventurous palettes.

## ADULT Sunday School

Anyone who wishes to join the **Ladies of the Von Bora Sunday School class** every Sunday @ 9:00 a.m. is welcome. We meet in the Church chapel on the second floor of the Education building. Contact person is Nancy Pierce and all are welcome!

## 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!

## Kentucky Disaster Response

We have all seen the terrible devastation from the aftermath of the tornadoes that ravaged Kentucky.

Please keep them in prayer as they deal with the destruction.



**NALC Disaster Response** has sent truckloads of supplies to Kentucky and is on the ground. Pastor Pamela Thorson is preparing House of Prayer in Elizabethtown KY to be the staging area for work teams and disaster supplies.

Our Mission District has sent \$2,000 and truckloads of supplies.

Supplies continue to be collected and sent. A Mission Trip is being organized for one of the weeks in May.

St. John's has sent \$600 and supplies, including toys for Christmas.

We are collecting Health Kits, Flood Buckets, Gift Cards and donations to be sent.

To send money contributions to the NALC Disaster Relief mark on your envelope or in the Memo line - KY tornadoes

Reminder - 100% goes the tornado response.

St. John's is a drop-off spot for relief items.

## Social Ministry Collection for Kentucky Tornado: Health Kits

Items for health kits are as follows:

- One hand towel: 15 x 25 or 17 x 27
- One metal nail file or nail clipper with file
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- One gallon sized zip lock bag.



One washcloth

One comb

Six band-aids

\$1 to purchase toothpaste

**All items must be new!** If you prefer, financial support may be given to be used for the purchase of kit items and/or shipping costs



**Come Support St. John's Youth Group!  
Youth Group Breakfast Casserole**

**Bake-off Fundraiser**

**Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**After 11am worship**

**Join us for a delicious breakfast and see who wins the sought after Casserole Trophy!**

**Bible Study**  
**The book of Luke**  
**Monday Evenings 7:00 pm**

March 7      Into to Luke  
                   The Ox, Basis of our Liturgy  
 March 14     Stories only Luke Has  
 March 21     Jesus' Teaching only in Luke  
 March 28     The Passion According to Luke  
 April 4        The Resurrection According to Luke

**Community Lenten Series**

**Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Host Church</b>
March 9	Rev. Michael Bobbitt	St. Luke's UCC
March 16	Rev. Ed Walters	TBA
March 23	Rev. Jeri-Lynne Bouterse	Salvation Army
March 30	Rev. Matthew Vatalare	First Baptist
April 6	Rev. Carl Johnson	Cornerstone Assembly of God
April 15	TBA	St. John's

**Wednesday Evening Pastors' Study:**  
**A Lutheran Toolkit by Ken Jones**  
**7:00 pm**

Lutheran Theology is both a treasure and a gift to the church. This little book by Ken Jones lays out some of these treasures in an easy to read, easy to understand fashion.

Come explore the Lutheran Faith!

Mar 9    Chapters 1 & 2    Who is God?  
 Mar 16   Chapters 3 & 4    What Christ does  
 Mar 23   Chapters 5 & 6    Delivering the Goods  
 Mar 30   Chapters 7 & 8    The Church  
 April 6   Chapters 9 & 10    Sacraments n Death



## **Lenten Men's Breakfasts**

Every Saturday in Lent  
**beginning March 12th at 8:00 a.m.**

The men of St. John's will be meeting Saturday mornings for Breakfast and Study. Following the meal will be a brief program. Everything will be done by 9:00.



We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of

handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

We are currently forming an upcoming class; please contact Pastor Johnson or call the church office at 724-548-2051 if you are interested or would like more information.

 THE  
**GENEVANS**  
**CONCERT**

Sunday March 6, 2022

“The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us”

Join us for an inspirational evening of  
*“Cappella sacred music”*  
at

**St John’s Lutheran Church**

218 North Jefferson Street Kittanning, PA  
724 548-2051

**7:00 PM** Free Admission

Geneva College is a Christ-Centered academic  
community in Beaver Falls, PA. Love offering to be taken.





## Men's Bounty of the Earth Banquet 2022

*"But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? **In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind.** [Job 12:7-10](#)*

SUNDAY - March 20, 2022 5:00pm **Bounty of the Earth Men's Banquet.** Come ready to sample and enjoy an evening in which sportsman members share their game and wildlife with us. Menu includes: Wild Game Stroganoff with noodles and or rice, vegetable, salad. Welcome table of Smoked Salmon and cheeses for you to sample. For reservations see Tammy Fleeger, the church office or return this flier in the offering plate by envelope marked **Men's Banquet.** **Deadline 3/13/22**

\$8.00/each. Ages 12 and under free. + c

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number over 12 attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Number under 12 attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Karen Waugaman (E) Deb Bouch (L)
Lectors	Cassidy Smith (E) Rose Montgomery (L)
Comm Assistants	Kyle Kirkpatrick, Patty Kirkpatrick (E)
Acolyte	Brenna Zurn (E) Mollie Bouch (L)
Greeters	Rupp family(E) Corinna Stonage & Emily Bouch(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*



at  
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