

St. John's Lutheran Church

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November 9, 2025

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Twenty-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:

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

"Andante"

Thalben-Ball

***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**



"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" LBW 352 vs 1-4


***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.




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

♩ Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

♩ Lord, have mer - cy.



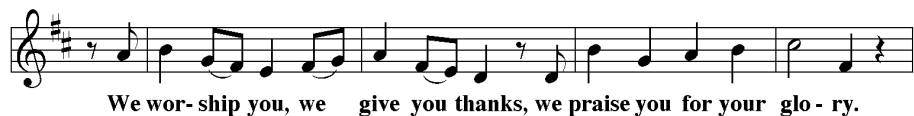
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

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

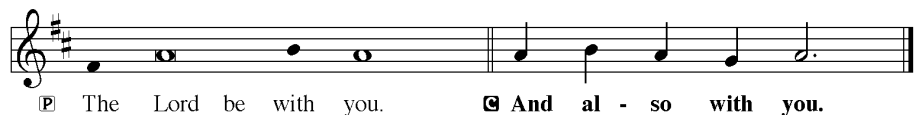
A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-tious Lord.

*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.

Lord, when the day of wrath comes we have no hope except in Your grace. Make us so to watch for the last days that the consummation of our hope may be the joy of the marriage feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON:

Job 19:23–27a

A The First Lesson is from the nineteenth chapter of Job.

²³ “Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷ whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

Psalm 17:1–9

¹Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
**²Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
³Weigh my heart, summon me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
**⁴I give no offense with my mouth as others do;
I have heeded the words of your lips.**
⁵My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
**⁶I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
⁷Show me your marvelous loving kindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
**⁸Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
⁹from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND LESSON:

2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

A The Second Lesson is from the second chapter of Second Thessalonians.

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a

letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

¹³ But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴ To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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:

Luke 20:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twentieth chapter.

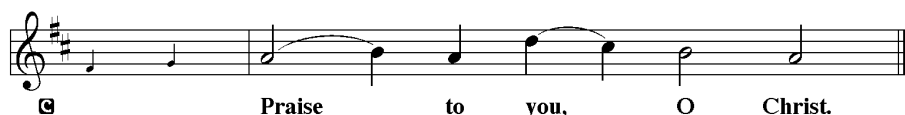


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁷ There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸ and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰ And the second ³¹ and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³² Afterward the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

³⁴ And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶ for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷ But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

LBW 331

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

“He Never Failed Me Yet”

Dirk Ahlgrim, Soloist

Ray



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*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

In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, we stand awestruck before your presence. You reveal your name in a burning bush and your heart in your crucified Son. You bestow liberty to captives, forgiveness to sinners, sight to the blind, truth to the deluded, and life to the dead! We adore you O God and we bless you forever! 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.



A - men

CLOSING HYMN

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" LBW 352 vs 5-8

*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.



Everyone is invited for a time of fellowship following worship in the Gathering space.

today

Turkey/Ham Dinner

Make plans to join us after church for the **Turkey Ham Dinner** that benefits the local Turkey fund for families. Ham, Scalloped potatoes, Honey Butter Corn, Rolls, Coleslaw and Pies for dessert!

Hope to see you there!



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.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday 11/9	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Thrivent Turkey Dinner
Monday 11/10	7:00 p.m.	Council
Tuesday 11/11	12:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study: King's
Wednesday 11/12	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	6:15 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:00 a.m.	P.J.'s Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 11/13	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Friday 11/14	7:45 p.m.	Movie Night
	10:15 p.m.	Youth Lock-In
Sunday 11/16	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion



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."

JESUS LOVES YOU



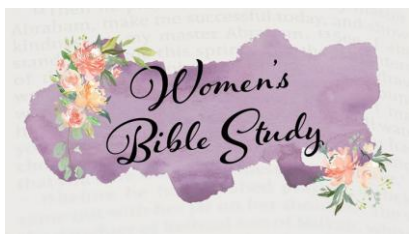
Internet Streaming St. John's Live Broadcast

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

Here you will find: Bulletins, Newsletters, Morning Prayers, Upcoming events and program information, Youth Events including photos from the recent QUAKE trip, and more.



Women's Bible Study

will return at the King's restaurant on **Tuesday, November 11th at noon.** Any questions, please contact Rose Montgomery at rosetrix38@comcast.net . All are welcome!





Katie's Cupboard

As we approach Fall and Winter, rising inflation and shrinking dollars, your gracious gifts are providing in a way greater than you can imagine. Your weekly donations of food and

offering make such an impact.

Are you aware of any groups looking for a service project? Please remind them that Katie's is a great opportunity. St Johns would be happy to accept their donations or service time to support our community with their help!

If you would care to volunteer, have great ideas for further this ministry, or can offer suggestions, please contact any member of council, Amber Zurn 724/902-9471 or Tammy Fleeger 724/664-1773.

Looking for Cookies! December 7th, please reach out to Connie McMaster, Debbie Griffin or the church office if you can donate. We are also looking for gluten free and sugar free cookies as well~



****please deliver the cookies to the kitchen by December 7th for before the 11am service.**



Social Ministry Christmas Project

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 unwrapped and a gift tag on each gift with the child's number.

IMPORTANT! The gifts should be brought to the church by **Monday, December 1st** and each package marked with a Post it note attached on the outside describing the item inside and the name of the child (*this information is for the committee only*).

Any questions, please contact Michelle Kozlowski at 724-816-1680. Thank you for your support!

**2 PART EVENT AT ST. JOHN'S
MOVIE NIGHT: EVERYONE, 12 AND UP
LOCK-IN: GRADES 6-12
FRIDAY NOV. 14TH
WEAR YOUR 70'S ATTIRE!**

**MOVIE NIGHT: 7:45-10:15 AGES 12 AND UP
EVERYONE INVITED! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
(FILM IS PG-13, FAMILIES USE YOUR OWN DISCRETION)**



**YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN FOLLOWING MOVIE NIGHT,
UNTIL 5:00AM
COOKIE MAKING
FOOD & GAMES ALL NIGHT PRIZES
WORSHIP AND GOD STORIES
PERMISSION SLIP WILL BE SENT MOJO APP LINK**



Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner

**Thursday, November 27, 2025
12:00 Noon**

**St. John's Lutheran Church
218 North Jefferson Street, Kittanning**

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

Let's Give Thanks Together!

**Join us for a free meal — come share some
laughter, good food, and great company!**

**Limited Availability, Reservations Required.
Call 724-548-2051, or scan the QR code below, to
reserve your spot today.**

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**The above Community Outreach Ministry can use your
assistance. How can you help?**

Pray for the ministry and those it serves.

**Share this opportunity with anyone who might
benefit.**

**Get involved by volunteering, donating food,
or making a financial contribution.**

**For more information or to offer support,
please contact Rick or Juanita John.**





If you would like to place a poinsettia(s) in our Church for the Christmas Eve Service, please complete this form and return with your check made payable to: **"St. John's Lutheran Church"** marked **"Christmas Flowers"** in the memo line. The Poinsettias are \$9.00 each.

Orders must be received by November 16, 2025

Number of **RED** _____

Number of **WHITE** _____

I wish for the acknowledgment in the bulletin to read as follows:

PLEASE PRINT, USING FIRST AND LAST NAMES

IN **MEMORY** OF _____

IN **HONOR** OF _____

GIVEN BY: _____

OFFERING ENVELOPE NUMBER: _____

Please check one: Check _____ Cash _____

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

Please check one:

_____ I will take my poinsettia(s) with me after the Christmas Eve Service.

_____ Please take my poinsettia to a shut-in.



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister
Lector
Acolytes
Welcome Team
Camera Operators

Lance Whiteman
Christine Whiteman
Colvin Adkins
Keith Livengood & Rachel Flischel
Nick Wranich
Bill Bouch

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry
Secretary
Sexton
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music
Sr. Choir Accompanist

Julie Smith
Angela B. Clever
TBD
Rebecca Veith
Elizabeth Cramer



The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Jerry Mentch, by Susan and Marianne Mentch.

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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