

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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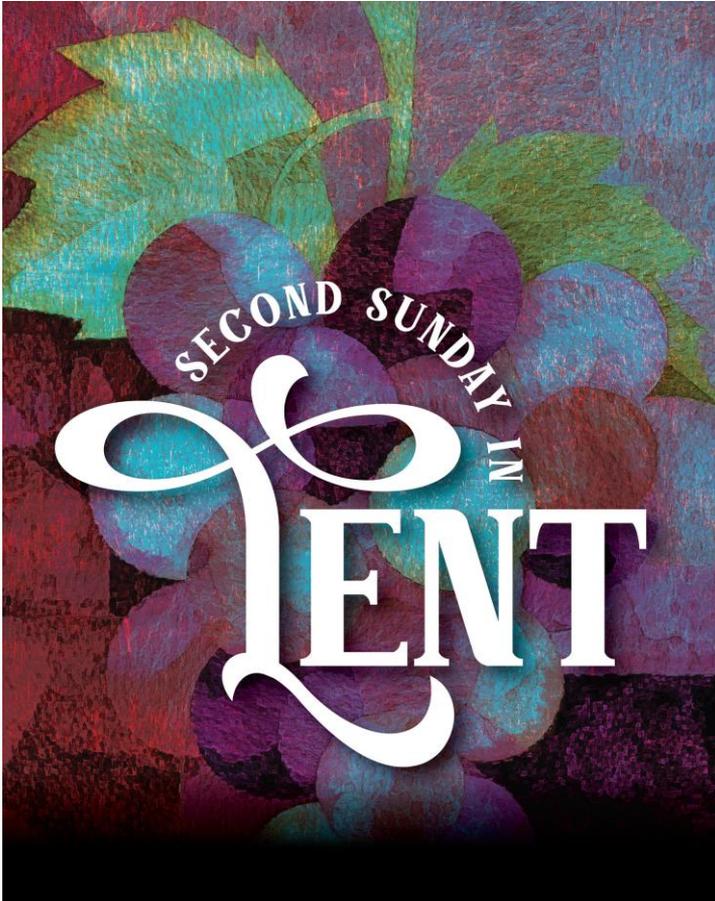
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

**March 1, 2026**

**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 worship this morning as we celebrate the **Second Sunday of 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:*

*O God, our maker and sustainer, we pray that we may call upon You for help in every temptation and every trial, and that we may find in You our strength and salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

*"Wondrous Love"*

*arr. Johnson*

**\*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**

*"He Leadeth Me"*

*LBW 501*

**\*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



Ⓐ 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.



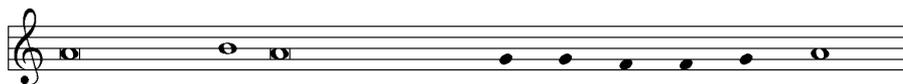
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY



ⓐ The Lord be with you.    ⓐ And al - so with you.

**P** Eternal God, it is Your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from Your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of Your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**BELL ANTHEM***“Precious Lord”**arr. Schrader***FIRST LESSON:****GENESIS 12:1–4**

**A** The First Lesson is from the twelfth chapter of Genesis.

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

**A** Here ends the reading.

**PSALM:****PSALM 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

**<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**<sup>4</sup>Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD himself watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

**<sup>6</sup>so that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD shall watch over your  
going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.**

**SECOND LESSON:****ROMANS 4:1–5, 13–17**

**A** The Second Lesson is from the fourth chapter of Romans.

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**\*VERSE**

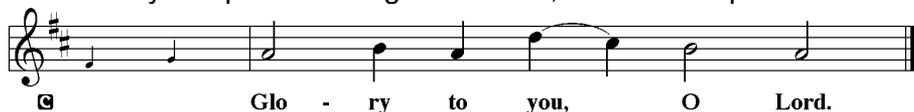


Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**GOSPEL:**

**JOHN 3:1-17**

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

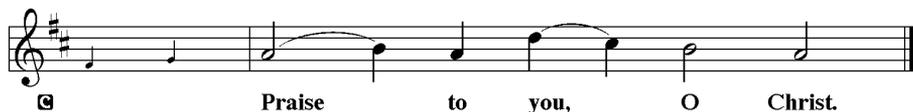
Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not

receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**\*HYMN**

*"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"*

LBW 93

### 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**

Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

*A brief silence*

Dearest heavenly Father, we know John 3:16 by heart. Thank you for its truth. You do so love the world! You gave your only Son so we have everlasting life, not death! Thank you for your love. By your Spirit, let our lives reflect that love – to you, and to people who don't yet know your love or believe your Word. 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

## \*PEACE

**P** The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## ANTHEM

*"Bought with a Price"*

*Sleeth*

## \*OFFERTORY



**☩** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me?



I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the



name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the



pres-ence of all his peo-ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,



in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

**A** Merciful Father,

**C** We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

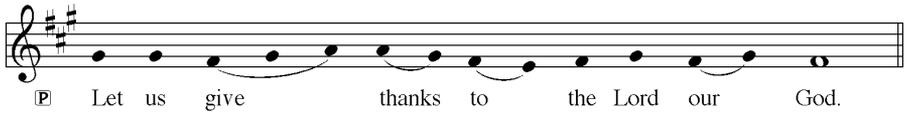
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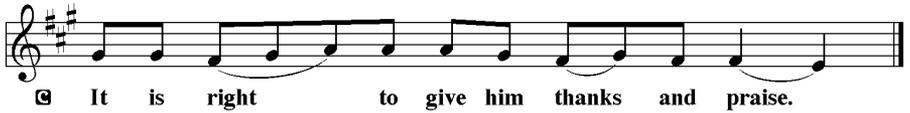
**☩** The Lord be with you. **☩** And al-so with you.



**☩** Lift up your hearts. **☩** We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

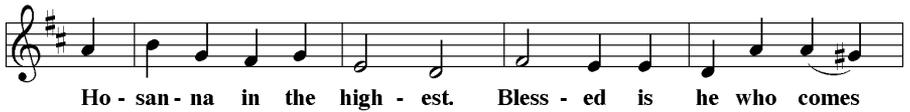
**\*SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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



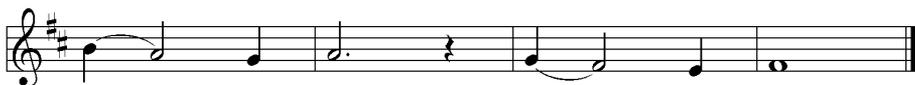
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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

LBW 198 199, 341, WOV 740

### \*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**

### \*CANTICLE



☐ Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -

pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo-ple: A light to re-veal you to the  
na - tions and the glo-ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,  
and will be for - ev - er. A - men

**\*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** 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**

*"Lift High the Cross"*

LBW 377

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"*

arr. Manz

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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.*





## REVERSE LENT CALENDAR

*Instead of giving something UP during Lent,  
please consider giving 40 "somethings!"*

February 18	Soup	March 15	Bath/Hand Soap
February 19	Peanut Butter	March 16	Snack Crackers
February 20	Bar Soap	March 17	Syrup
February 21	Boxed Potatoes	March 18	Pancake Mix
February 22	Shelf Stable Juice	March 19	Canned Fruit
February 23	Grape Jelly	March 20	Soup
February 24	Tuna Helper	March 21	Cake Mix & icing
February 25	Macaroni/Cheese	March 22	Flour
February 26	Canned Fruit	March 23	Canned Beef Stew
February 27	Spaghetti Sauce	March 24	Shampoo
March 1	Alfredo Sauce	March 25	<i>Your favorite food</i>
March 2	Feminine Products	March 26	Kleenex
March 3	Cat/Dog Food	March 27	Disposable razors/men/women
March 4	Canned Meat	March 28	Canned Fruit
March 5	Baked Beans	March 29	Sugar
March 6	Box of crackers	March 30	Laundry Detergent
March 7	Rice	March 31	Feminine Products
March 8	Flour	April 1	Cleaning Products
March 9	Pasta	April 2	Toothbrush/Toothpaste
March 10	Can Ravioli style	April 3	Hand Soap
March 11	Cereal	April 4	Deodorant: Mens/womens
March 12	Canned Meat	April 5	Cleaning Products as Jesus cleansed us from all sin !
March 13	Tomato Soup		
March 14	Granola Bars		



### 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."**

# St John's Annual Sportsman & Brothers Fellowship Dinner



**Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 5:00pm**

If you have a wild game dish or appetizer, please bring it to share. We encourage your culinary skills.

**MENU:** Smoked Salmon, Deer Bologna, Smoked Cheese Appetizers, Walleye Cakes, Moose Meatloaf, Smoked Beef Brisket and Baked Potato. **Menu currently subject to change.**

**The non-game menu is Smoked Brisket**

Put this flier in the offering plate.

**"Men's Banquet" by March 8, 2026**

\$8.00/each Ages 12 and under free.

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

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Number 12 and under: \_\_\_\_\_

\*food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

*May you have a repentant Lent  
And a joyous Easter!*



## Monday Bible Study in Lent

Pastor Johnson will be leading a Bible Study on the book of Mark each **Monday at 7:00 p.m.** in Lent beginning on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a very basic Bible Study designed for beginners.  
*Come journey through Mark!*

## Pastor's Sunday School Class:

### Adult Sunday School

Pastor Johnson's class will be studying the book of Acts of the Apostles. Come journey with Apostolic Zeal!



## Wednesday Evening Pastors' Study: Adult Catechism, 7:00 pm

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 4<sup>th</sup> Apostles' Creed
- March 11<sup>th</sup> Lord's Prayer
- March 18<sup>th</sup> The Sacraments, Confession
- March 25<sup>th</sup> Lutheran History/Theology/Liturgy



**Catechism**



## Lenten Men's Prayer Breakfasts Saturday, March 7, 14, 21 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 concluding by 9:00 a.m.

## KMA Community Lenten Worship Services Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm

Mar. 3	St. Paul's	Pastor Joe Weister
Mar 10	Kittanning	Pastor Andrew Laddusaw
Mar. 17	Living Water	Pastor Johnson
Mar. 24	St. Luke's U.C.C.	Major Brent Carlson

## KMA Lenten Luncheons Schedule Wednesdays @ 12:00 p.m.

Mar 4	St. Paul's Episcopal	Rev. Brandon Cooper
Mar 11	St. Mary's Catholic	Father Eric Dinga
Mar 18	First Baptist	Rev. Jeffrey Smith
Mar 25	First Methodist / Hope Center	Rev. Ross Perrine



## Easter Flowers

Flowers may be purchased to place in the church for Easter. Please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or mail it to St. John's Lutheran Church, 218 N. Jefferson Street, Kittanning PA. Please include payment; if check, make out to *St. John's Lutheran Church* with the designation "Easter

*flowers*" in the memo line. **Orders must be placed by March 23.** The cost of the flowers is as follows:

_____ Lilies	\$12.00
_____ Tulips	\$9.00
_____ Daffodils	\$9.00

In memory of

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Given by:

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In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my flower(s) after Easter Worship.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please take my flower(s) to a shut-in.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<b>Sunday 3/1</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	1:30 p.m.	Youth: Movie
<b>Monday 3/2</b>	7:00 p.m.	PJ's Study (Book of Mark)
<b>Tuesday 3/3</b>	6:15 – 7:30 p.m.	SPARK
	7:00 p.m.	KMA Worship (St. Paul's)
<b>Wednesday 3/4</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	Noon	KMA Luncheon
	6:15 p.m.	Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
<b>Thursday 3/5</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
<b>Friday 3/6</b>	2:45 p.m.	Youth Group
<b>Saturday 3/7</b>	8:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	<b>Daylight savings time: Turn your clocks ahead tonight</b>	
<b>Sunday 3/8</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion

## Free CPR Certification at St. John's Church March 14, 2026



We're excited to share that **Run With Heart Foundation** will be hosting a **FREE CPR Certification** class right here at our church on **Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 9:00 AM** — open to everyone and **completely free of charge**.

This hands-on class will include **CPR certification and training on the use of an AED, just like the new one here at our church**, giving participants the confidence to respond quickly and effectively in an emergency. These are lifesaving skills that can truly make a difference for your family, friends, and community.

Following the CPR certification, there will be an **optional First Aid class** for those who would like to continue their training.

• **First Aid Class:** \$40 per person

**Checks Payable to:** Run with Heart Foundation

Thanks,

*Tabitha Bowser*

Executive Director

Run With Heart Foundation

**SIGN UP**  
in the  
**Narthex**

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister  
Lector  
Comm  
Acolyte  
Welcome Team  
Camera Operators

Lance Whiteman  
Christine Whiteman  
Christine Whiteman, Melissa Venesky  
Stella Venesky  
Andrea Ehrman, Kherington Hilty  
TBD

## STAFF MEMBERS

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

Julie Smith  
Angela B. Clever  
Patrick Pastor  
Rebecca Veith  
Elizabeth Cramer



**The flower chart for 2026 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 are \$70.00.**

## 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*



at  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
Kittanning, PA