

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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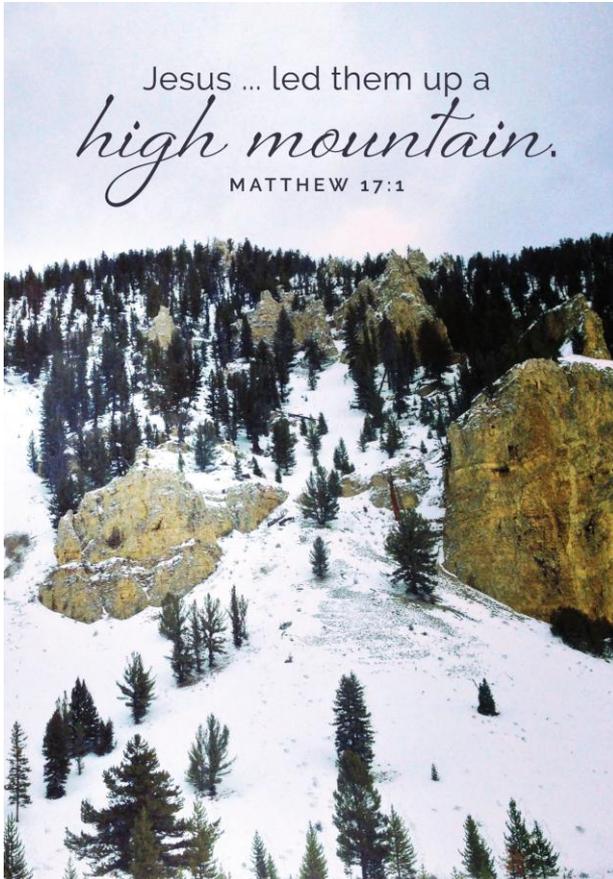
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

**February 15, 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 **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**

*“St Denio”*

*Carlson*

**\*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**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”*

*WOV 654*

**\*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



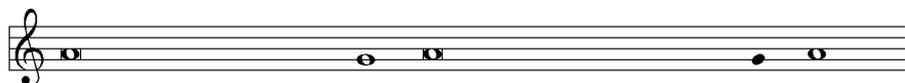
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



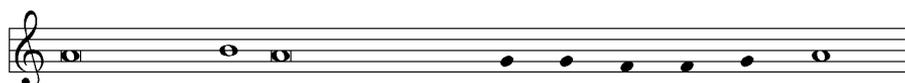
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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

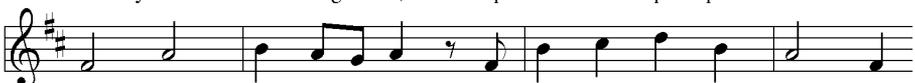


**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



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



**G** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al- so with you.

**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 24:12-18

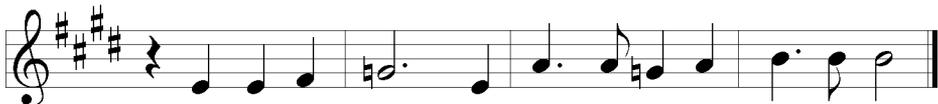
**A** The First Lesson is from the twenty-fourth chapter of Exodus. <sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup> So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

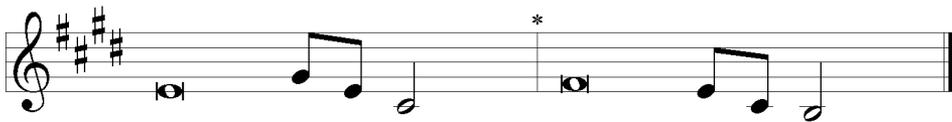
**A** Here ends the reading.

**PSALM:**

**Psalm 2**



You are my son; this day have I be - got - ten you.



Why are the nations | in an uproar?\*

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

**<sup>2</sup>Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes | plot together,\*  
against the LORD and against | His anointed?**

<sup>3</sup>"Let us break their | yoke," they say,\*

"let us cast off their | bonds from us."

**<sup>4</sup>He whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;\*  
the LORD has them | in derision.**

<sup>5</sup>Then he speaks to them | in his wrath,\*

and his rage fills | them with terror.

**<sup>6</sup>"I myself have | set my king\*  
upon my holy | hill of Zion."**

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree | of the LORD:\*

He said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

**<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will give you the nations  
for | your inheritance\***

**and the ends of the earth for | your possession.**

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an | iron rod\*

and shatter them like a | piece of pottery."

**<sup>10</sup>And now, you | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the | LORD with fear,\*

and with trembling | bow before Him;

**<sup>12</sup>lest He be angry, | and you perish;\*  
for His wrath is | quickly kindled.**

<sup>13</sup>Happy | are they all\*

who take ref- | uge in Him! **R**

**SECOND LESSON:****2 PETER 1:16-21**

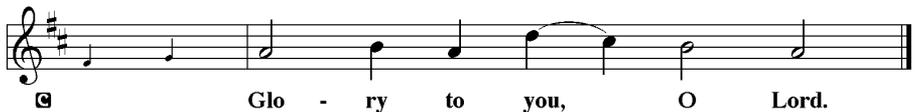
**A** The Second Lesson is from the first chapter of Second Peter.

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," <sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**A** Here ends the reading.

**\*VERSE****\*GOSPEL:****MATTHEW 17:1-9**

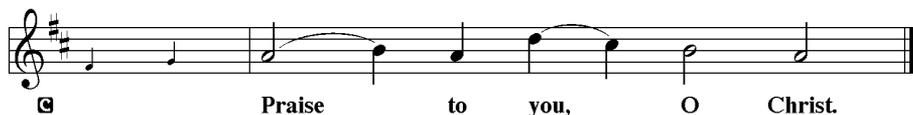
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 17th chapter.



And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup> And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!" *LBW 89*

## SERMON

### \*NICENE CREED

**C** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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*

Holy Lord, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us! In the transfiguration of Jesus, we see your glory. Thank you for showing us that Jesus truly is all in all. Thank you for his suffering and death, which transfigures our own. Thank you for the vision of his glory, which he lovingly pours upon all who cling to him in faith.

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**

*"Go Up Into the Mountain of God"*

*Helman*

**\*OFFERTORY**

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Blessed are You,

**C** O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.



**C** 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. Sharing our life, He lived among us to reveal Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



**C** 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.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**P** Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**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.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray...Pour out upon us the Spirit of Your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom You have fed with one heavenly food: through 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.

**C** A - men

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory" **LBW 415**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** "Rigaudon" **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.*



**NEW  
VOICES  
NEEDED**





## 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."**



## Ash Wednesday Worship Service

The Ash Wednesday Communion Service will be held on **February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** 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.

## 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.

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| February 25 <sup>th</sup> | Ten Commandments                  |
| 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, February 21, 28, 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

Feb. 24	First Methodist	Pastor Matthew Vatalare
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.

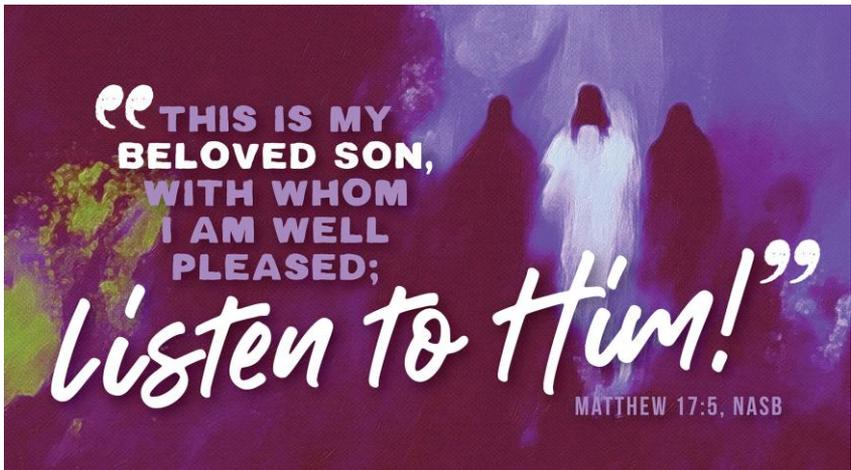
Feb 25	Grace Presbyterian	Rev. John Hopkins
Mar 4	St. Paul's Episcopal	Rev. Brandon Cooper
Mar 11	St. Mary's Catholic	Father Eric Dinga
Mar 18	First Baptist	Rev. Jeffrey Smith
Mar 25	First Methodist / Hope Center	Rev. Ross Perrine

## Habitat Luncheon February 22, 2026

Social Ministry & Fellowship Committee will be holding a luncheon On Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> following worship to raise money for Habitat for Humanity.

Please place your donations to benefit Armstrong County Habitat for Humanity by marking your offering envelope "Habitat Luncheon" in the space marked "other" and place in the offering plate during worship.

Our menu is: pork, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, vegetable, applesauce, cake and beverages.



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<b>Sunday 2/15</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: Communion Congregational Meeting <b>Fat Sunday Youth Fundraiser</b>
<b>Monday 2/16</b>	7:00 p.m.	Council
<b>Wednesday 2/18</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship
<b>Thursday 2/19</b>	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
<b>Saturday 2/21</b>	8:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>Sunday 2/22</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	After worship 12:30 p.m.	Habitat Luncheon Youth Service Project



## 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

Whether you're a parent, caregiver, volunteer, or simply want to be prepared, we warmly welcome you to join us. Come learn, connect, and help create a safer community together.

As we care for one another, we live out our calling to love our neighbors and serve with compassion. We look forward to growing in knowledge, faith, and fellowship together as we work to protect the lives God has entrusted to us.

Thanks,

*Tabitha Bowser*

Executive Director

Run With Heart Foundation

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

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Karen Waugaman (E) Nancy Pierce (L)
Lectors	Jerah Wranich (E) Sophia Holt (L)
Comm Assistants	Jill Wranich & Gracie Hodak (E) Tabitha Bowser, Sara Shafer (L) Lance & Christine Whiteman
Acolytes	Mitchell Wranich (E) Camryn Bowser (L)
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## STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	Angela B. Clever
Sexton	TBD
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	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