

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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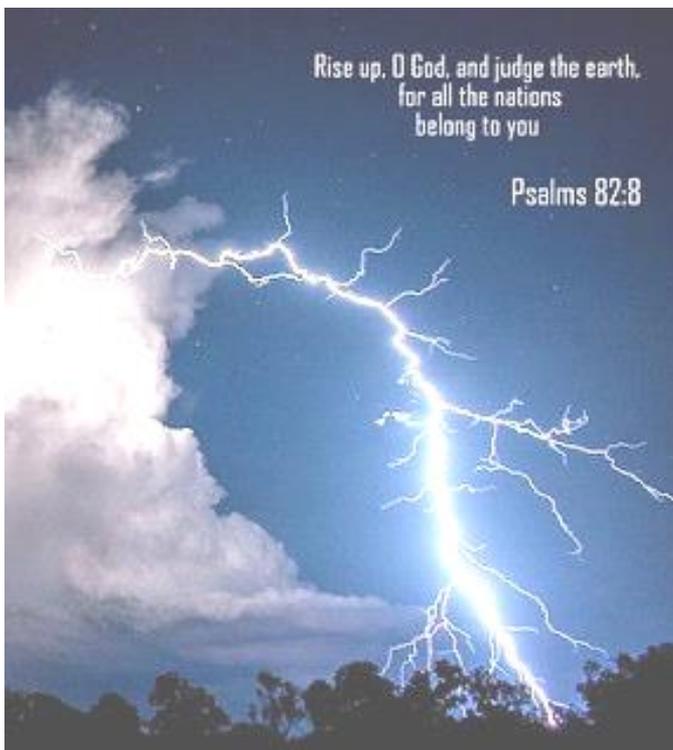
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

**August 14, 2022**

**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 **Tenth 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.

**THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 15) AUGUST 14, 2022**

*Prayer upon entering God's House:*

*Heavenly Father, endow us richly with Your Spirit, and by Your grace, sustain our faith, dispelling our doubts and confusion, and keep us faithful to Your Word. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

*"Prelude on Amsterdam"*

*Demerest*

**\*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**

*"Thy Strong Word"*

*LBW 233*

**\*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.



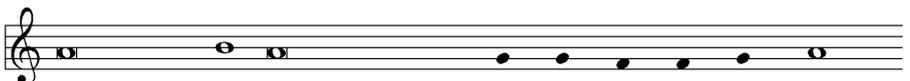
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

☩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y 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.

O God, judge eternal, You love justice and hate oppression, and You call us to share Your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following Your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## FIRST LESSON:

Jeremiah 23:23–29

**A** The First Lesson is from the twenty-third chapter of Jeremiah.

<sup>23</sup> “Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away?

<sup>24</sup> Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

<sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup> How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup> who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD.

<sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

**A** Here ends the reading.

## PSALM:

Psalm 82

God takes his stand in the council of heaven;  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

**<sup>2</sup>How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?**

<sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;

**<sup>4</sup>rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**<sup>6</sup>Now I say to you, 'You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.' "

**<sup>8</sup>Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## SECOND LESSON:

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

**A** The Second Lesson is from the eleventh & twelfth chapters of Hebrews.

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for

seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—  
<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—<sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

<sup>39</sup> And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

**A** Here ends the reading.

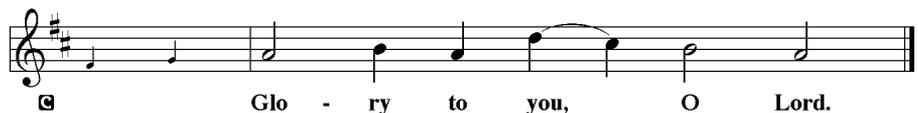
**\*VERSE**



**GOSPEL:**

**Luke 12:49–56**

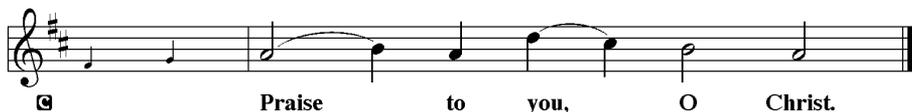
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12th chapter.



<sup>49</sup> “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup> For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



**CHILDREN'S SERMON/SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” LBW 230

**TALK** Heather Ruesch

**HOLY BAPTISM** PAGE 121 LBW

**ANTHEM** “Shine Jesus Shine” Kendrick  
Stella Venesky – Alto Saxophonist

**\*OFFERTORY**



**\*THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and for one another.

*A brief silence*

Father, sometimes your word dismays us! We don't like to hear about divine fire, judgment, and division. Make us brave and steadfast in faith. Give us ears to rightly hear, and hearts to rightly repent. Give us grace to show the fruits of repentant faith, to your glory and for the good of your people. 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  $\text{✠}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



**A - men**

**CLOSING HYMN**      *"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"*      **WOV 770**

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**      *"Grand Marche Triomphale"*      **Grey**

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



**The flower chart for 2022 is posted in the narthex.**

There are still dates available to sign up for flowers that you would like to place on the altar in memory or in honor of a loved one or special event. Flowers are \$50.00.



*Today we welcome into the Church  
through  
the Sacrament of Holy Baptism  
Jensen Alice Cambert,  
daughter of Alycia & Ian Cambert  
and granddaughter of Ken & Margherita King.*



***Please welcome Heather Ruesch, founder and speaker of “The You Matter” tour who will be our guest speaker today at both services. Heather Ruesch brings a message of hope. Heather is a professional speaker for assemblies, retreats, and workshops specializing in reaching teens with a voice of human dignity, mental health, depression, and anxiety. Heather was the speaker for our NALC camp last year and she was brought back by overwhelming demand this year.***

This event is co-hosted by  
Resurrection Cooperative Lutheran Ministries and St. John’s Kittanning.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S**

<b>Today</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
<b>Sunday 8/21</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion



## **Katie's Cupboard**

More than 38 million people—including 12 million children—in the U.S. experience food insecurity, leaving families to make hard choices between paying bills or buying groceries. Together, let's help everyone get enough to eat.

### **Suggested food pantry items:**

- Canned tuna, ham or chicken
- Beef stew, chili or hearty soups
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Canned fruit
- Pasta sauce, Macaroni and cheese
- Cereals
- Toiletries
- Paper products

Donations to Katie's Cupboard can be left in the church parlor or in the outside cupboard at any time. Also, St. Johns accepts your donations of monetary gifts to buy items to stock the cupboard. We are also looking for volunteers to coordinate the stocking & maintaining of Katie's Cupboard. For more information, please contact Tammy Fleeger @ 724-664-1773.

**Thank you for your support!**



## **A Summer Ministry Project**

Give a Child the Opportunity to Succeed in School

Why school supplies? To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference in keeping up in class. Public school is free, but few supplies are given to the students. The much-needed supplies, may be more than some parents can afford. These supplies will have a HUGE impact on many children's education and love of learning. Please place your donated items in the box in the church narthex or the box in the new narthex (Gathering area) by the youth table. Thank you for your help!

**All of us can collect school supplies! For each School Kit:**

- **Four 70-sheet notebooks:** of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- **One 30-centimeter ruler:** or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **One pencil sharpener**
- **One blunt scissors** (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- **Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers;** secure together with a rubber band
- **Five black or blue ballpoint pens** (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- **One box of 16 or 24 crayons**
- **One 2½" eraser**
- **One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag** approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps or a standard backpack.

All items should be new and in good condition.

Watch sales papers, many items are on sale now for "Back to School".

***Last year we collected 86 backpacks that were distributed. The challenge is before us!***

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Karen Waugaman (E)
	Gene Hughes (L)
Lectors	Cassidy Smith (E)
	Naomi Smith (L)
Comm Assistants	Rebecca Swanson, Karen Waugaman (E)
Acolytes	Mitchell Wranich (E)
	Kendall Bailey (L)
Camera Operators	Nick Wranich (E)
	Bill Bouch (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



**The flower on the altar** this morning is presented to the Glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Jensen Alice Lambert.

## 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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