

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

**June 8, 2025**

**11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE**



"Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the  
world gives.

Do not let your hearts be  
troubled  
and do not be afraid."

John 14:27

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 **Festival of 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:*

*Almighty God, on this holy day we thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to Your Church. Revive us, refresh us, and renew us by Your power. Help us to respond to Your calling, filled once more with devotion to You now through Your Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## PRELUDE

"Veni Creator"

Pachelbel

**\*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** "The Church's One Foundation" LBW 369

**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.



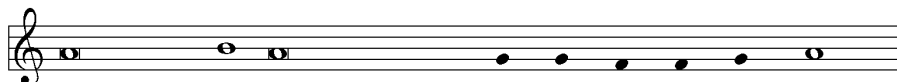
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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** This is the feast of vic- to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



☩ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY



☰ The Lord be with you.

☩ And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as You sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon Your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of Your love, and strengthen our lives for service in Your kingdom; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## **FIRST LESSON:**

## **Acts 2:1–21**

**Mitchell Wranich**

**A** The First Lesson is from the second chapter of Acts.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

<sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup> And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> “‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;

<sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

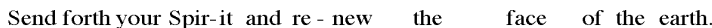
<sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

**A** Here ends the reading.

## Camryn Bowser



**26Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too man- | y to number,\*  
creatures both | small and great.**

**28 All of them | look to You\*  
to give them their food | in due season. R**

**30 You hide Your face, and <sup>1</sup> they are terrified;  
You take away their breath,  
and they die and return <sup>1</sup> to their dust.**

**<sup>32</sup>May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;\*  
may the LORD rejoice in | all His works. R**

**34 I will sing to the LORD as long<sup>1</sup> as I live;\*  
I will praise my God while I<sup>1</sup> have my being.**

**37 Bless the LORD, | O my soul.\***  
**Hal- | lelujah! R**

## Ella Fennell

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

**A** Here ends the reading.

**\*VERSE**

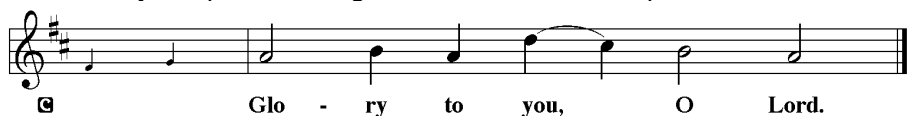


**GOSPEL:**

**John 14:8–17, 25–27**

**Elizabeth Smoyer**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.



<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

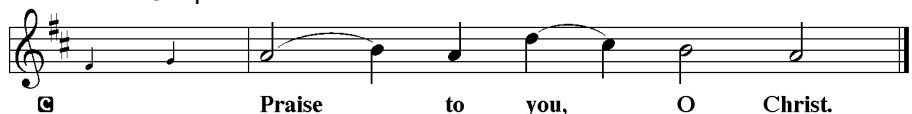
<sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>25</sup> “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.



**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** “Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove” LBW 475

**SERMON**

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

## \*THE PRAYERS

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

Come Holy Spirit! Set our hearts on fire with love for God one another. Propel us into the war zones of hatred, despair, and unbelief. Kindle our tongues to speak words of grace, truth, and life.

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

*"Spirit of God"*

*arr. Kogut*

*Elizabeth Cramer, director*

## \*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

**Anna Venesky**

**A** Let us pray.

**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.

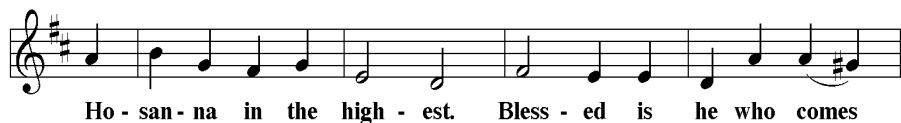


## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



**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; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, on this day, as He had promised, poured out Your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

### \*Sanctus



## **\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**P** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Through Abraham You promised to bless all nations.  
You rescued Israel, Your chosen people.  
Through the prophets You renewed Your promise;  
and, at this end of all the ages, You sent Your Son,  
who in words and deeds proclaimed Your kingdom  
and was obedient to Your will, even to giving His life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P** Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

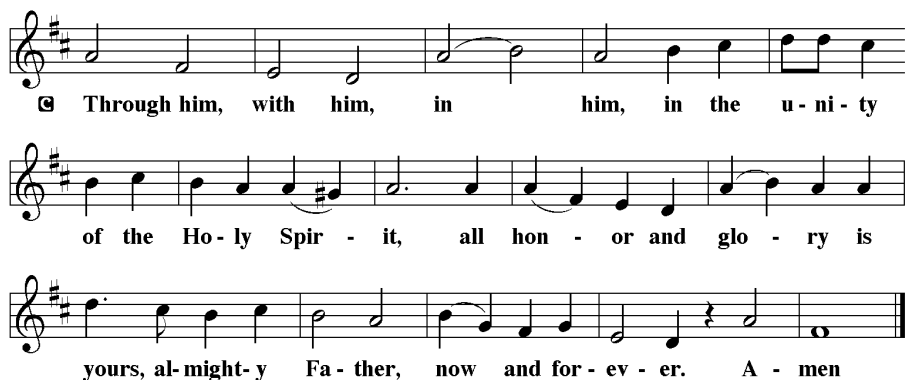
And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

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

**P** Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection,  
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood  
may live to the praise of Your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

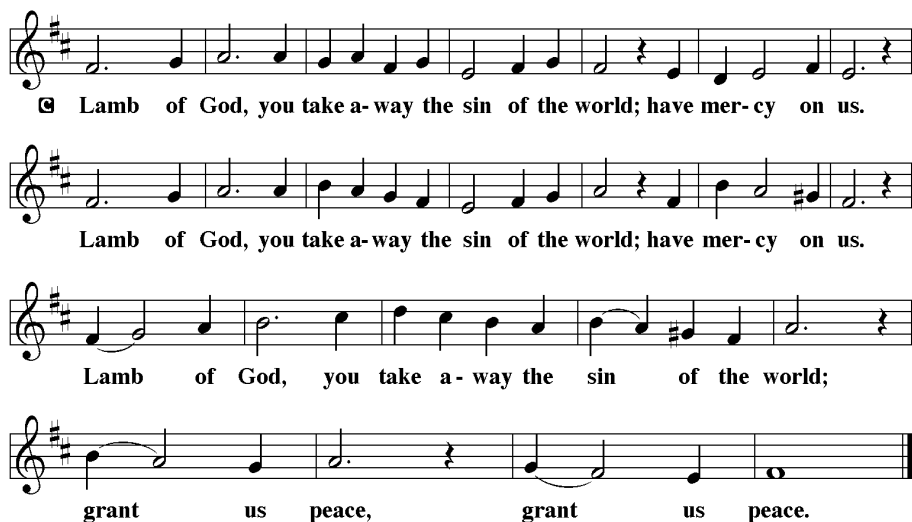
**C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P** Join our prayers with those of Your servants of every time and  
every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our  
Great High Priest until He comes as victorious Lord of all.



### \*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



### COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 198, 488, 390, 499, WOV 710

### \*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.*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you  
in His grace.

**C** Amen

## \*CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



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

**Anna Venesky**

**A** Let us pray....We give You thanks almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of 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

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"*

**LBW 164**  
(Tune Melita)

## \*DISMISSAL

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*"Fanfare"*

**Lemmens**

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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. Stop by to congratulate our Confirmands!*



Congratulations to our confirmands:

*Callie Rose Adkins  
William Dewey Bouch  
Camryn Nicole Bowser  
Ella Rose Fennell  
Gracie Dyan Hodak  
Quinn Clair Kellner  
Elizabeth Nola Smoyer  
Anna Louise Venesky  
Mitchell Leon Wranich*

Please join us after worship today for a reception in honor of our confirmands.



## **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."**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m. Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m. Worship: Communion
<b>Monday 6/9</b>	7:00 p.m. Council
<b>Thursday 6/12</b>	Noon Women's Bible Study at King's
<b>Saturday 6/14</b>	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
<b>Sunday 6/15</b>	8:30 a.m. Worship: Communion
	11:00 a.m. Worship: Communion
	Noon Over 80 Luncheon

### Mark Your Calendars

June 16 – 19	Vacation Bible School: <b>MAGNIFIED!</b>
June 22	Over 80 Banquet
July 14-18	NALC Youth Camp
July 21-23	NALC- Elementary Camp



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**Page opening soon!!!**

**The Mid-Northeast Mission District, NALC will be hosting the 2025 Lutheran Week convocation in Pittsburgh, August 4 – 8<sup>th</sup>. See Pastor Johnson if you are interested in serving as a volunteer.**



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# VBS: MAGNIFIED!

*We need YOU!*

*VBS helpers needed for set-up June 9<sup>th</sup> –*

*13<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers*

*needed the week of VBS Monday thru*

*Thursday. Can you volunteer your time and talent?*

**See Julie if you can help.**



**June 16-19 . . . . 9:00-11:30am**

**Kids Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Sign up at*

[www.tinyurl.com/stjohnskittanningvbs2025](http://www.tinyurl.com/stjohnskittanningvbs2025)



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**St. John's Live Broadcast**

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**Don't forget to check out your Church Web Site:**

[www.stjohnskittanning.org](http://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.



## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers	Gene Hughes
Lectors	Mitchell Wranich, Camryn Bowser, Ella Fennell
	Elizabeth Smoyer, Anna Venesky
Comm Assistants	Callie Adkins, William Bouch
	Gracie Hodak, Quinn Kellner
Acolytes	Stella Venesky, Noelle Smoyer
	Colvin Adkins, Lucas Bowser
Welcome Team	Kherington Hilty & Andrea Ehrman
Camera Operator	Keith Livengood

## STAFF MEMBERS

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



**The flowers on the altar** this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory Diane (Dee) Elder by Carol Runniger and family.

## 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*



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