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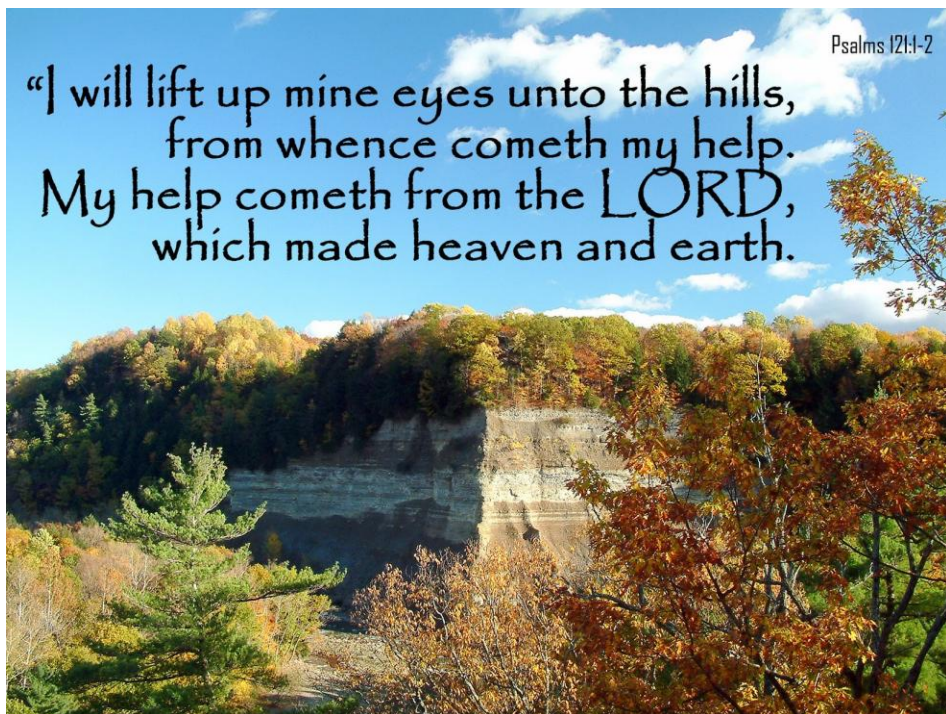
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

October 19, 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 **Nineteenth 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:

Almighty God, You deserve all our thanks and praise. Our pockets may be lined with riches, our homes filled with treasures, but without Your blessings, Lord, we have nothing. We celebrate the fact that You are our provider and protector. Only by Your grace and Your love will we prosper. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Rhosymedre"

Vaughan Williams

***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** *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* LBW 499

***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-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



♩ Lord, have mer - cy.



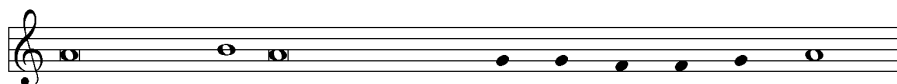
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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

*HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ You have revealed Your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Genesis 32:22–31

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as

²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 121



**⁸The LORD shall watch over your going out
and your ¹ coming in,*
from this time forth for- ¹ evermore.**

SECOND LESSON:

2 TIMOTHY 3:14 - 4:5

A The Second Lesson is from the 3rd & 4th chapters of second Timothy.

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

A Here ends the reading.

*VERSE



GOSPEL:

Luke 18:1-8

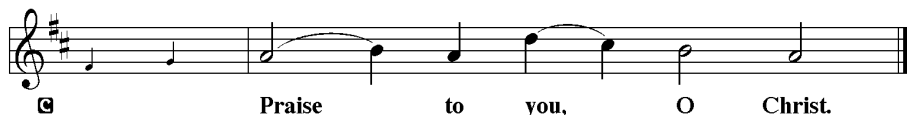
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the eighteenth chapter.



Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in

helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

L The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** "Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright" *LBW 438*

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

For the Church, the world, and all people, let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, sometimes our ears itch because we desire convenient untruths. Sometimes we wrestle with your Word and come away hobbling. Sometimes it's hard to love, trust, and obey you! Thank you for hearing our prayers anyhow, for touching us with healing and blessing, not just rebuke and warning. Thank you for Jesus, who is your Truth, Blessing, Word, and Love incarnate. 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.

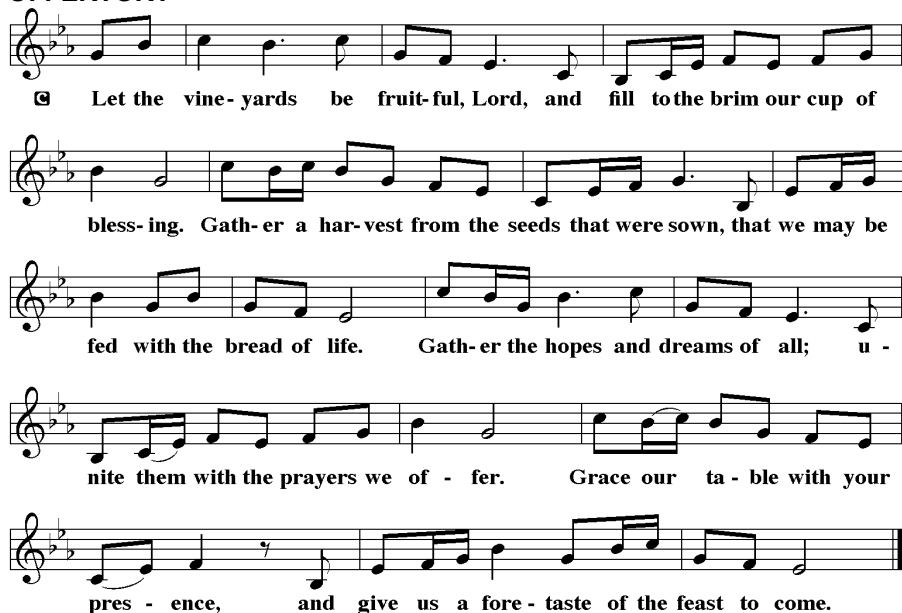
C And also with you.

ANTHEM

"Day by Day"

Scott

*OFFERTORY



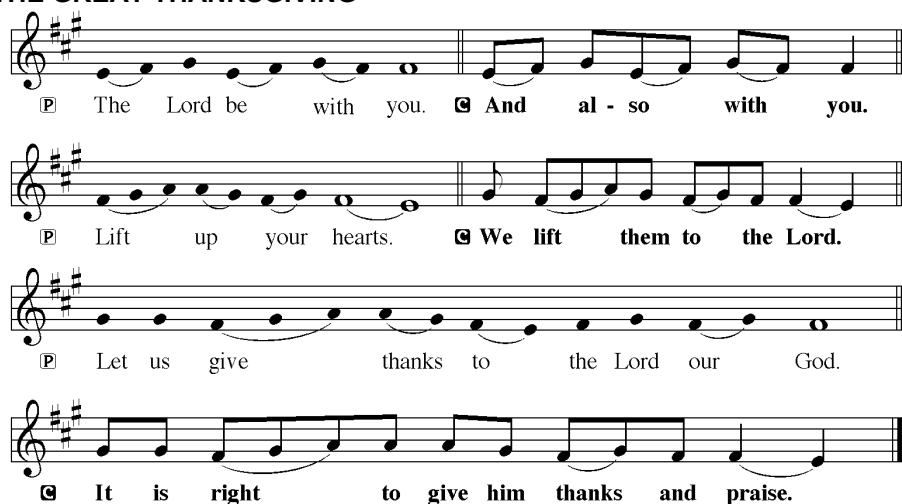
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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.

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.
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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by

his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC 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.

***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**



C 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

WOV 654, 699, 711, 710, 709

*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)*

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



C 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

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.



RECESSIONAL HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" **LBW 259**

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Allegro Maestoso"

Handel

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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.

Welcome

Please welcome Pastor James F. Neal, S.T.S. as he supplies today while Pastor Johnson is away. Pastor Neal is a retired pastor, husband to Susan and a father and grandfather. He is a member of the Society of the Holy Trinity, renowned Theologian, and general all-around nice guy. His primary role these days is as a house husband and very active grandparent, (the highest of callings!). We are blessed to have him lead worship this day!



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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

Sunday 10/19	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	6:00 p.m.	Campfire
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday 10/20	7:00 p.m.	Evangelism
Tuesday 10/21	6:15 p.m.	SPARK
Wednesday 10/22	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	6:15 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor's Bible study
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 10/23	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter mailing
	5:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat
Saturday 10/25	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sunday 10/26	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	After worship	Reformation luncheon



NEXT Sunday, October 26th after church **REFORMATION FROLIC**

The Fellowship Committee along with area churches are again hosting lunch. St Johns is providing Brats, kraut, hotdogs, buns, mashed potato. AND the ever so yummy CINNAMON APPLESAUCE. **Be sure to wear RED on Sunday, October 26th**

*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.***



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 Christmas Concert 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.

UPCOMING EVENT Sunday, November 9th **Turkey/Ham Dinner**

Save the date for some awesome ham and side dishes to benefit the local Thanksgiving Turkey Fund !



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.





Hello fall



THURSDAY OCTOBER 23RD

ST. JOHN'S KITTANNING!

5:00-6:30PM

CARS NEEDED!!

Adults and Families:

Bring Your Car!

Donate Candy!

Decorations available, if you need!

KIDS 12 AND UNDER

Trunk or Treat FUN!!!

PRIZES, GAMES AND TREATS!

CANDY
Donations
NEEDED



Disaster Relief: The Social Ministry project is collecting items to be inserted in 5 gallon “flood buckets” for disasters. These buckets are being sent where emergency relief efforts are needed. . If you would like to donate money towards making the health kits, please mark your envelope - **Health Kits**.

Bucket Checklist

- ☐ 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- ☐ 1 jug bleach (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- ☐ 2 large trash bags (Contractor 3 mil)
- ☐ 1 roll paper towels
- ☐ 2 rags
- ☐ Comet or scouring cleanser
- ☐ Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- ☐ scrub brush
- ☐ gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred
 - leather
 - cotton
 - rubber (reusable, i.e. Playtex, dishwashing type)



Health Care Kit Checklist

(Pack in 2-gallon plastic storage bag or tote bag)

- ☐ 1 bath towel
- ☐ 1 wash cloth (optional)
- ☐ 1 shampoo (2 if travel size)
- ☐ 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size)
- ☐ 1 toothbrush (individually sealed)
- ☐ 1 pack of floss (optional)
- ☐ 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- ☐ 1 comb
- ☐ 1 deodorant
- ☐ 1 nail clippers (optional)



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers
Lectors
Comm Assistants

Welcome Team
Acolytes
Camera Operators

Sara Shafer
Roger Mechling
William & Deb Bouch
Lance & Christine Whiteman
Elijah & Sophia Holt
Avia Clever
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 honor of Tim Barto's Birthday given by his parents, Bob & Susan Barto.

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.

