

St. John's Lutheran Church

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September 19, 2021

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church in America. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate the **Seventeenth 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:

O Gracious Redeemer, we thank You for the assurance that despite our wanderings, You will not abandon us. As we gather for worship today, fill us anew with Your Spirit and grant us Your peace again. For the glory of Your name, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Prelude on Amsterdam"

Demarest

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P We worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.

P The Almighty and Merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***OPENING HYMN**

"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

LBW 363

***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.



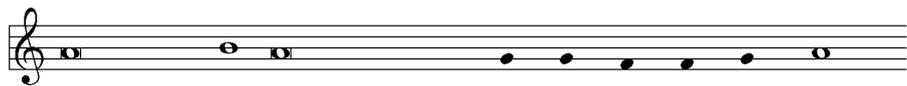
☩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

Lord God, You call us to work in Your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of Your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by Your wisdom; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

FIRST LESSON:

JEREMIAH 11:18-20

A The First Lesson is from the eleventh chapter of Jeremiah.

¹⁸ The LORD made it known to me and I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.

¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,

that his name be remembered no more.”
²⁰ But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM

PSALM 54

Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

**²Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

**⁴Behold, God is my helper;
it is the LORD who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**⁶I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

SECOND LESSON:

JAMES 3:13 - 4:8

A The Second Lesson is from the third and fourth chapters of James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world

makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

A Here ends the reading.

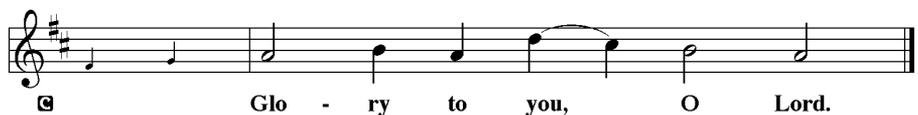
***VERSE**



GOSPEL:

MARK 9:30-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the ninth chapter.

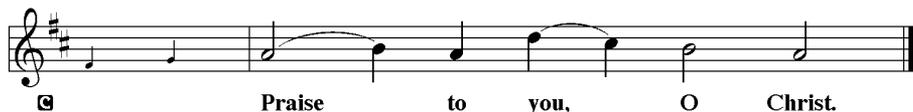


³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”

³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

LBW 474

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**

Trusting, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the goodness of our heavenly Father, let us pray in Jesus' name for the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Most holy Father, thank you for Jesus, our spotless and innocent lamb, slain to take away our sin, for willingly suffer betrayal, torture, and death for love of us. Thank you for saving us in the strong name of Jesus. 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

ANTHEM

"Yes, My Jesus Loves Me"

McDonald

*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 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

☞ 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.

*** PREFACE**

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:

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.

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.

*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 212, 210, 200, 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**



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 - jice 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.



C A - men

CLOSING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

LBW 369

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Festival Toccata"

Fletcher

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The flower chart for 2021 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. Flowers are \$50.00.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHNS

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of Our Salvation
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	4:30 p.m.	Ignition Youth Group Event
Monday 9/20	6:00 p.m.	Worship & Music meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Mutual Ministry meeting
Tuesday 9/21	6:00 p.m.	Faith Kidz
Wednesday 9/22	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:15 p.m.	First Communion Students
	8:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 9/23	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	11:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday 9/26	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Progressive Workshop Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Gr 6-12

CHILDREN'S HOUR

If you've got a child 2 to 5 years old... Join us for Children's Hour -

WEDNESDAY or THURSDAY

9:30-11:00am

Ages 2 -5yrs **Sign up Anytime**

Cost: \$1 wk Donation

Join us....for our Fun-and-Faith-Filled, exceptional program that is available for all potty-trained children ages 2 to 5 yrs old. Moms, Grandparents, Caregivers, Babies all welcome! Every week, we present a structured Children's program that blends preschool concepts with fun Biblical lessons. Children develop their creativity and imagination with crafts, games, Bible stories, lessons, snacks, and hands-on activities to learn Biblical values and have preschool fun! The cost is just a donation of \$1.00 per class/NOT required to pay to attend!

Please join us or tell someone that may be interested!!

...**Call 724-548-2051 or email stjohnskittanning@gmail.com**

Pastor's Study

Postponed and TBA for a later date!

We will begin by looking at the NALC Sacramental Practices statement. This is a good review of what the Small Catechism says about the sacraments, with added commentary/Bible Study.



First Communion Classes will be held for those entering 3rd grade and above who have not previously gone through first communion classes. The classes begin with a parents-only session on Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00 pm. Classes will be each Tuesday. First Communion for those properly prepared will be October 17th.

Sept 7	7:00 pm	Parents Only Meeting
Sept 15 - Oct 6	7:15 - 8:15 pm	Students Only
October 13	7:15 pm	Students and Parents

For more information contact Pastor Johnson.

ADULT *Sunday School*

Anyone who wishes to join the **Ladies of the Von Bora Sunday School class** every Sunday @ 9:00 a.m. is welcome. We meet in the Church chapel on the second floor of the Education building. Classes begin on Sunday, September 19th @ 9:00 a.m. Contact person is Nancy Pierce and all are welcome!



Looking for Volunteers to coordinate the stocking & maintaining of Katie's Cupboard

Open - no questions asked, **Katie's Cupboard** fills gaps in services provided by organizations with operating hours and/or requiring paperwork/documentation. **It also encourages community and love for neighbor.** Join us in supporting Katie's Cupboard project in two ways. Purchase items when grocery shopping and place inside the cupboard. Volunteer to work on the "keep it stocked committee" to find ways to sustain this outreach through the congregation and community.



Progressive Workshop Luncheon

Sunday, September 26, 2021
following Worship.

Sponsored by the Fellowship and Social Ministry Committees and Thrivent.

Bring your appetite and your generous donations to support the Progressive Workshop. The menu will consist of ham loaf, potatoes, green beans and dessert. Anyone who would like a meal for take-out, please contact the office @ 724-548-2051 by Friday, September 24th. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, but would like to make a donation, please mark your offering envelope: "Progressive Workshop" and place in the offering plate during worship. Thank you for your support!

***The honor of your presence is cordially requested
At a Mass of Thanksgiving in celebration of
The 50th Anniversary of Ordination***

Of

The Rev. James F. Neal

And

***In recognition of Robert H. Niggel's
50th Anniversay as Authorized Lay Worship Leader***

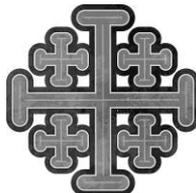
Sunday, the twenty-sixth of September

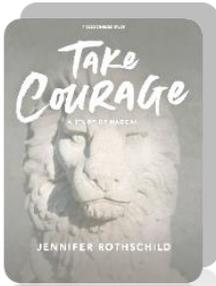
***In the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one at three-thirty
in the afternoon at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church
201 West Jefferson Street
Butler, Pennsylvania***

Reception to follow

No Gifts, please

***A Special Anniversary Offering will be received for
The North American Lutheran Seminary at Ambridge, PA***





St. John's Women's Ministry

We have 2 different times available for our Week One of our 8 week study.

- Tuesdays beginning, Sept. 14th at 6pm OR
- Thursdays, beginning Sept. 23rd after Children's Hour at 11:15am
- *Please note: Times may slightly vary and will be announced weekly.*

STUDY SNACKS DISCUSSION VIDEOS
FUN FELLOWSHIP *ZOOMAVAILABLE EVENTS & MORE

SEEKING HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND VISITORS

Now that Covid seems to be receding and most of our shut-ins have been vaccinated, it is time to renew our ministry of visitation to them.

Please prayerfully consider being a blessing to our home-bound members by becoming a part of our Homebound Ministry where we provide a critical connection for our homebound members to the full church community. When our members are homebound and unable to attend worship, the **Eucharistic Ministers** will bring them Holy Communion once a month. *This is not just any bread or wine, but the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, consecrated on the altar on Sunday morning.* Readings from the worship service and an update to current events through the bulletin are also shared during these home visits.

If you are currently bringing Holy Communion to Shut-ins, or would like to begin delivering the "Bread of Life," please see Pastor Johnson.

Homebound visitors make a monthly visit to a homebound member to offer words of prayer, encouragement and to share in the life of our faith. Touch others and be touched by being part of this important ministry. You may choose to be a Eucharistic Minister, homebound visitor or both. This is such a rewarding experience - sharing our faith, the life of the church and touching the lives of our senior members. Our list has grown and we need more members willing to make visits. Let's not let our homebound members feel as though they are forgotten.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pastor Johnson, 724-548-2051.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister	Karen Waugaman(E) Gene Hughes(L)
Lector	Naomi Smith(E) Cheryl Mechling(L)
Comm Assistants	Lori Young, Amber Zurn(E) Megan & Brett Taylor(L)
Acolyte	Brenna Zurn(E) Mollie Bouch (L)
Camera Operator	Robert John(E) Keith Livengood(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

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.



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