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8:30 & 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



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

All-seeing, all-knowing, O merciful God, thank you for the opportunity to worship You this day. We offer up not only our bodies and minds, but also our souls and our spirits to You in the name of Jesus. Empower us to continue to serve You as believers and followers in Your Name. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Prelude”

Dubois

***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**

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

LBW 423

***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.**

*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal

*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.



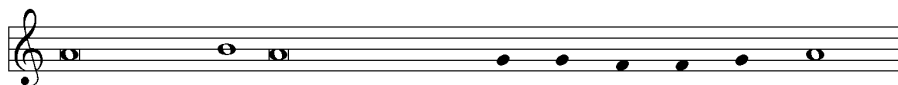
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.

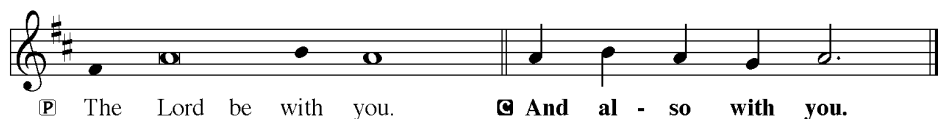


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Let us pray

Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that He may live in us and we in Him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 55:1-5

A The First Lesson is from the fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

"Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:**PSALM 145:8–9, 15–22**

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**⁹The LORD is loving to everyone
and His compassion is over all His works.**

¹⁵The LORD upholds all those who fall;
He lifts up those who are bowed down.

**¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon You, O LORD,
and You give them their food in due season.**

¹⁷You open wide Your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

**¹⁸The LORD is righteous in all His ways
and loving in all His works.**

¹⁹The LORD is near to those who call upon Him,
to all who call upon Him faithfully.

**²⁰He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;
He hears their cry and helps them.**

²¹The LORD preserves all those who love Him,
but He destroys all the wicked.

**²²My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND LESSON:**ROMANS 9:1–5**

A The Second Lesson is from the ninth chapter of Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

A Here ends the reading.

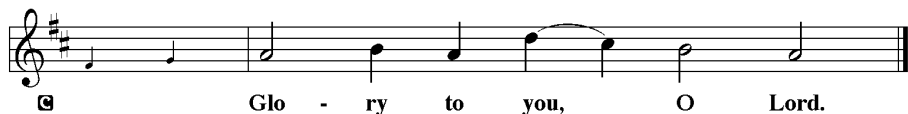
*VERSE



*GOSPEL

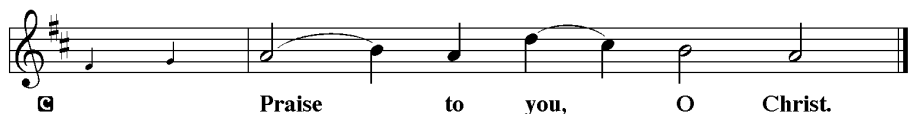
MATTHEW 14:13–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.



¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Riethmiller

***HYMN OF THE DAY** “The Church of Christ in Every Age” LBW 433

SERMON

Pastor Riethmiller

* 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

A Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their need.

Heavenly Father, thank you for daily bread that nourishes us our bodies and thank you for the Bread of Life, Jesus, that nourishes our souls. We ask that You give us this bread always and help us share with those who are famished.

A LORD in Your mercy,

C 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

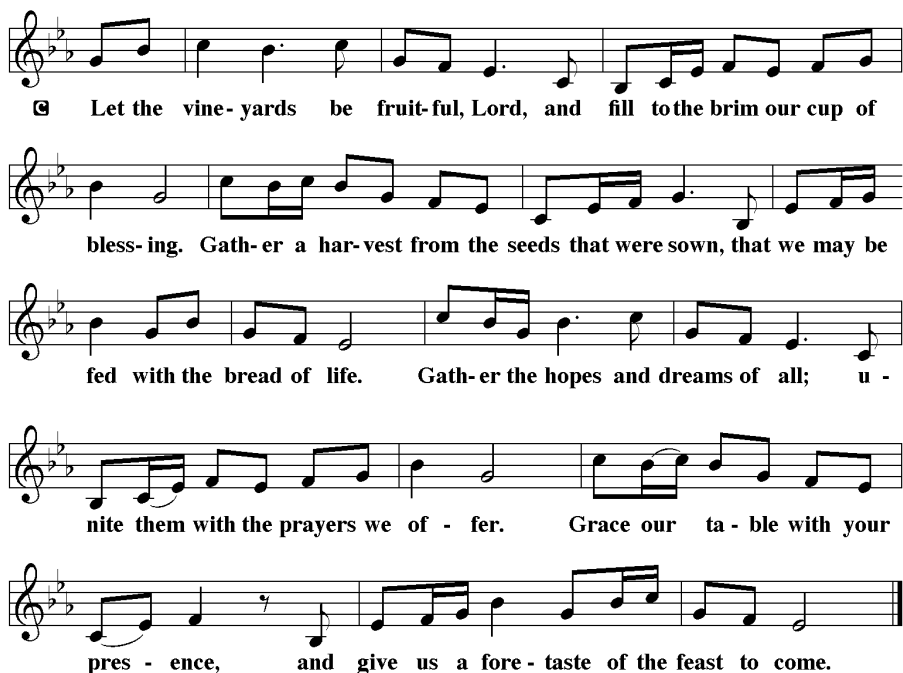
A brief silence

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Ninety-First Psalm"
Gene Hughes

MacDermid

*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

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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

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 testament 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**

AGNES DEI



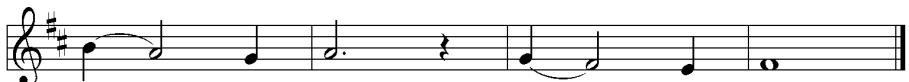
☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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 203, 214, 222, WOV 711, 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.*

The body of Christ, given for you.
Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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

C Amen

*CANTICLE



*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.



*CLOSING HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

LBW 390

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Marching to Zion"

arr. Young

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Please welcome Pastor Allen R. Riethmiller who is supplying for Pastor Johnson while he attends his nephew's wedding. Pastor Riethmiller is a retired pastor whose hobbies include waking up whenever he wants and reading. He has a wife, two sons, a daughter-in-law, an 11 month old granddaughter and two cats.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
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Monday 8/3	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	11:00 a.m.	Summer Lunch Program
	5:30 p.m.	VBS
	7:00 p.m.	Property Meeting
Tuesday 8/4	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	11:00 a.m.	Summer Lunch Program
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	5:30 p.m.	VBS
Wed 8/5	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	11:00 a.m.	Summer Lunch Program
	5:30 p.m.	VBS
Thursday 8/6	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	11:00 a.m.	Summer Lunch Program
	5:30 p.m.	VBS
Friday 8/7	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	11:00 a.m.	Summer Lunch Program
	5:30 p.m.	VBS
	6:00 p.m.	NALC Convocation
Saturday 8/8	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	2:00 p.m.	NALC Convocation
Sunday 8/9	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Worship



Families, Kids, join us for 3 nights of
Summer Fun Fair, in St. John's Parking lot
5:30pm-7:00pm 3 best weather days

AUGUST 3-7

Weather updates on our facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/582889269030346/>

or St. John's Kittanning facebook page

Sign up at <https://vbsmate.com/events/stjohnskittvbbs/19611>

Kids 5 and under parents please attend

VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS!

We will need the donations for food items and prize will set up a list in the VBS will be in the set up a little like carnival games,



recruiting families to take a station, like we did in the fall. Please let me know if you are interested. Remember, it's 3 nights, 1.5 hours. Decorations: We will need people to make some decorations, and games, artwork, etc... During the month of July, during the day. Please contact Julie if you can help.

following: Specific items, games, craft items and more...I back of the church. evening, and will be Trunk Or Treat with and stations. We are



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! in 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 the 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 Minister	Karen Waugaman (E)
	Rose Montgomery (L)
Lectors	Nancy Pierce (E)
	Charlesetta Bleakney (L)
Communion Assistants	Karen Waugaman, Nancy Pierce (E)
	Deb Bouch, Charlesetta Bleakney (L)
Camera Operator	Elizabeth 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

Join us any time for Daily Prayer

Every day, Monday through Saturday, at 8:00 am Pastor leads daily prayer on St. John's YouTube. Because it's on YouTube, you can tune in any time throughout the day. Bulletins to follow along are available on the website and there are print bulletins available at the doors. Because the readings for daily prayer follow the two-year lectionary, almost the entire Bible is read over two years.

*Please join us each day that we might lift up
our hearts and minds together to God.*

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.