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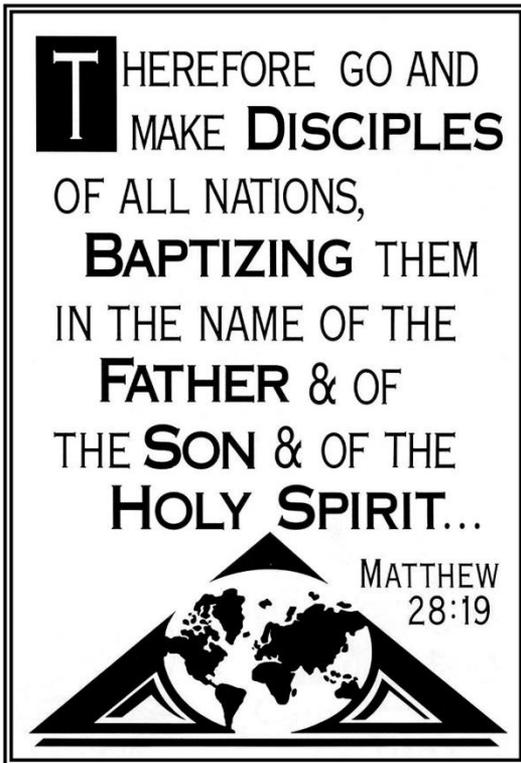
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

June 7, 2020

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 **Holy Trinity**. 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 God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit we come before You today to dwell within the mystery and magisterium of Your Holy Trinity. Envelop us with Your Holy Spirit that we might stand in the presence of Your glory and truly worship You. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Pethel

***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**

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

LBW 165

***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.

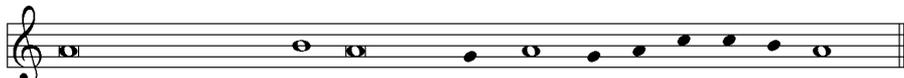
*Those who are able, please stand

LBW—Green Hymnal WOV—Blue Hymnal

***KYRIE**



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



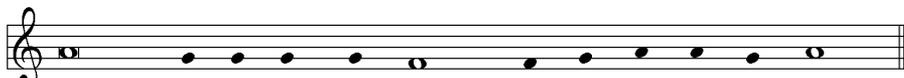
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



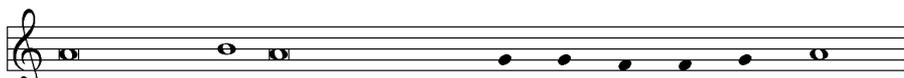
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C 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. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** 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.

Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by Your eternal Spirit, and revealing Your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship You, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON:

GENESIS 1:1—2:4

A The First Lesson is from the first & second chapters of Genesis.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸ And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so.

¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so.

¹⁶ And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.”

²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²² And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the

waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

Psalm 68:1–10, 33–36

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

**²Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;
as the wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

**⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens;
YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!**

⁵Father of orphans, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!

**⁶God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

**⁸the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

**¹⁰Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God,
You have made provision for the poor.**

³³Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the LORD.

**³⁴He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

³⁵Ascribe power to God;
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

**³⁶How wonderful is God in his holy places,
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!**

SECOND LESSON:

1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11

A The Second Lesson is from the fourth and fifth chapters of First Peter.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds

of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A Here ends the reading

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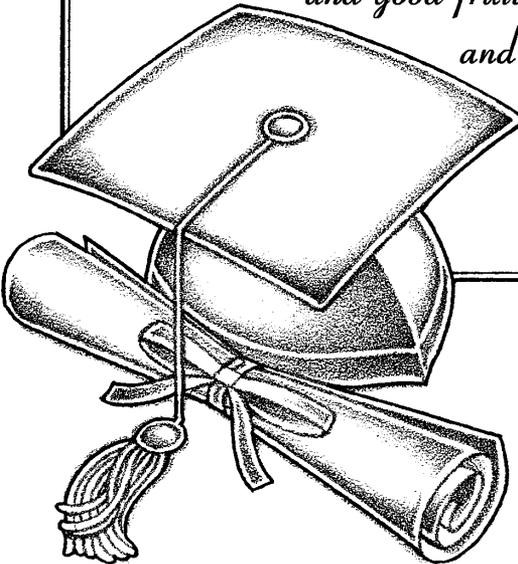
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*...the wisdom that
comes from heaven
is first of all pure; then
peace-loving, considerate,
submissive, full of mercy
and good fruit, impartial
and sincere.*

James 3:17



Meet our 2020 Graduates

Elizabeth Grace John



Elizabeth is the daughter of Rick & Juanita John. Elizabeth graduated on May 22, 2020 from Lenape Vocational Technical School where she studied Biomedical Technology. She has been a member of St. John's since September 13, 2015, being baptized in May of 2002 at Worthington Evangelical Lutheran church and confirmed May 15, 2016 here at St. John's. Elizabeth's involvement at St. John's includes: Acolyte, camera operator, bell choir, Youth group, Bible bowl, VBS, and attending mission trips. While attending school, she participated in Skills USA, Armstrong High School Bowling Team and Junior Bowling League. She also is a Child Evangelism Fellowship volunteer and works at Worthington Market. Elizabeth plans to major in Biochemistry at Grove City college for an undergraduate degree and then to graduate school for a doctorate in pharmacy.

Jackson Patrick Lager



Jackson Patrick Lager is the son of Dennis & Valerie Lager. He graduated from West Shamokin High School on June 2, 2020. Jackson was baptized on September 23, 2001 and became a life-time member of St. John's. Jackson's involvement at St. John's includes acolyte, Bible Bowl, VBS, Fat Sunday worker, Youth Sunday, and Youth Group. In school, Jackson played football and volleyball, was National Honor Society secretary, and was the West Shamokin Football Wolfpack Award recipient. Jackson plans to attend Elizabethtown College for Political Science, go to law school, become a lawyer, and start a family.



Abigail Nicole Purvis

Abigail is the daughter of Al & Gale Purvis and graduated from Lenape Vocational Technical School on May 22, 2020. Abigail was baptized in April of 2002 and confirmed on June 4, 2017 and has been a member of St. John's since May 13, 2018. Abigail participated in the Praise band, spring concert and VBS at St. John's.

Abigail's accomplishments and awards include: Dominic Canterna Memorial award – June 7, 2016, Lenape student of the month – August 2018 and March 2020, Gold star competition – 2nd place – October 2018, Skills USA leadership conference – October 2018, Skills USA competition – Prepared speech 1st Local - November 2018, 1st Districts, January 2019, 2nd States, April 2019, Medical Math – Locals, 2nd - November 2019, Health Knowledge Bowl – Locals 2nd, November 2019, Districts – 1st January 2020, Skills USA – Senior Class Vice President 2019-2020, National Honor Society 2019-2020, President – AM Shop – Biomedical Technology 2018-2019, Treasurer – National Honor Society 2019-2020, Lion's Club – Kittanning Student of the Month – October 2019 and High Honor roll every grading period from 9th grade! Her hobbies include playing bass guitar for the Halfway Down band and Smail's Custom All-stars. Abigail's future plans are to attend BC3 for Nursing.



Benjamin Karl Swanson

Benjamin is the son of John & Rebecca Swanson and graduated from Armstrong Junior/Senior High School on June 2, 2020. He has been a member of St. John's since April 27, 2014 being baptized on June 29, 2002 and confirmed here on May 15, 2016.

Ben has been involved in St.

John's Youth group and Bible Bowl. His accomplishments and awards include: National Honor Society, Quiz bowl MVP, 1st place winner of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution Knight essay contest and 3rd place in the state contest, Top 10 of his graduating class and admission into Cook Honor College at IUP. Ben's hobbies and activities include Quiz Bowl, Math league, Track & field, Class cabinet and AHS Band & treasurer. Ben currently works at Shop-n-Save and plans on attending IUP for Economics and continuing onto Law school.

Tyler Michael McMahon



Tyler is the son of Ryan McMahon & Sherry Doane and the grandson of Melanie Mechling and Earl & Teresa Wack. He graduated from Armstrong Junior Senior High school on June 2, 2020. Tyler was baptized on June 24, 2016 and became a member of St. John's and was confirmed on May 20, 2018.

Tyler has been involved in Bible Bowl, and very active in Youth Group. He has attended youth group mission Trips to Rochester, NY, and Atlantic City, NJ. He

has actively served in church for worship, choir, VBS, and many other church events. Tyler has achieved academic success in Honor and High Honor Roll, in advanced Math, Science and English classes, among others. Tyler also has been involved in the Armstrong Riverhawks Choir, Districts and Armstrong County Chorus, and musicals. Tyler plans to attend Penn State University for Chemical Engineering.



Brandon Joseph Choncek

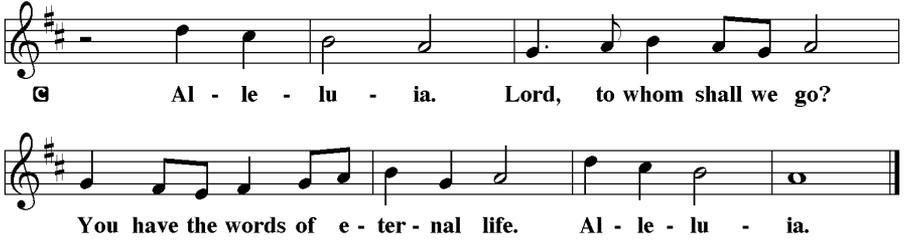
Brandon is the son of Chris & Connie Choncek. Brandon graduated from Robert Morris University on May 9, 2020 with a major in Psychology and a minor in History. Brandon is a life-long member of St. John's, baptized in July of 1998 and confirmed on May 27, 2012. Brandon will be attending Slippery Rock University to pursue his Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.



Zachary Thomas Steiner

Zachary is the son of Jeff Steiner and Tammy Byrne and the grandson of Larry & Janet Means. He is a lifelong member of St. John's and was baptized on February 2, 2000. Zac graduated from Armstrong Junior Senior High School in 2018. From there, Zac became the first Junior College Corps of Cadets -self-prep-or any GMC cadet- to receive an appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The Midshipman was also chosen to be a starting kicker in the USMMA football team. Zac enrolled at GMC in fall of 2019 as a Coast Guard Academy scholar, but quickly switched to the USMMA after the academy's head football coach reached out to him about halfway through the academic year. As a USMMA graduate, Zac will have several options where he goes next, either active duty, in any of our five military branches, or begin a career in the maritime industry. He was a walk-on player for the GMC football team during the 2019 season, serving as a backup kicker for the Bulldogs. He will be playing NCAA Division III football as USMMA. He made the Dean's List during both terms he attended the GMC-Milledgeville Campus, while completing the difficult Corps of Cadets Service Academy Prep Program. He received his appointment in February 2020 and has chosen to study Maritime Logistics and Security as his major course of study at the USMMA.

***VERSE**

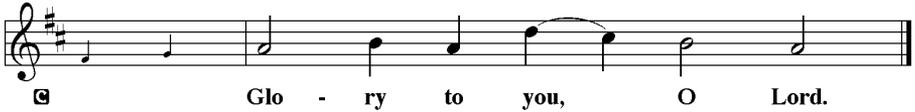


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

MATTHEW 28:16-20

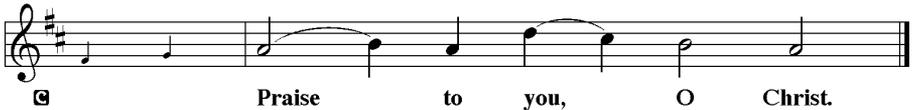
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Father Most Holy"

LBW 169

SERMON

"Frankly, the Trinity is not the sort of doctrine people invent."

—Robert M. Bowman Jr.

***ATHANASIAN CREED**

Whoever wants to be saved
 should above all cling to the catholic faith.

**Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable
 will doubtless perish eternally.**

Now this is the catholic faith:
 We worship one God in trinity
 and the Trinity in unity,
 neither confusing the persons
 nor dividing the divine being.

**For the Father is one person,
the Son is another,
and the Spirit is still another.**

But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
is one, equal in glory,
coeternal in majesty.

**What the Father is,
the Son is,
and so is the Holy Spirit.**

Uncreated is the Father;
uncreated is the Son;
uncreated is the Spirit.

**The Father is infinite;
the Son is infinite;
the Holy Spirit is infinite.**

Eternal is the Father;
eternal is the Son;
eternal is the Spirit:

**And yet there are not three eternal beings,
but one who is eternal;**

as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings,
but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

**Almighty is the Father;
almighty is the Son;
almighty is the Spirit:**

And yet there are not three almighty beings,
but one who is almighty.

**Thus the Father is God;
the Son is God;
the Holy Spirit is God:**

And yet there are not three gods,
but one God.

**Thus the Father is Lord;
the Son is Lord;
the Holy Spirit is Lord:**

And yet there are not three lords,
but one Lord.

**As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge
each distinct person as God and Lord,
so catholic religion forbids us
to say that there are three gods or lords.**

The Father was neither made
nor created nor begotten;

**the Son was neither made nor created,
but was alone begotten of the Father;**

the Spirit was neither made nor created,
but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

**Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;
one Son, not three sons;
one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.**

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after,
greater or less than the other;

**but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;
and so we must worship the Trinity in unity
and the one God in three persons.**

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

**It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe
that our Lord Jesus became flesh.**

For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:
That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,
is both God and man.

**He is God, begotten before all worlds
from the being of the Father,**

and he is man, born in the world
from the being of his mother—

**existing fully as God,
and fully as man**

with a rational soul and a human body;
equal to the Father in divinity,
subordinate to the Father in humanity.

**Although he is God and man,
he is not divided,
but is one Christ.**

He is united because God
has taken humanity into himself;
he does not transform deity into humanity.

**He is completely one in the unity of his person,
without confusing his natures.**

For as the rational soul and body are one person,
so the one Christ is God and man.

He suffered death for our salvation.

He descended into hell
and rose again from the dead.

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.

**At his coming all people shall rise bodily
to give an account of their own deeds.**

Those who have done good will enter eternal life,
those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith.

**One cannot be saved
without believing this firmly and faithfully.**

ANTHEM

"Holy Is the Lord Medley"

arr. Marsh

***OFFERTORY**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***THE PRAYERS**

Led by the Holy Spirit, and with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Embolden Your church to reach out to the ends of the earth that all may become Your disciples. Bless the ministry of all the baptized, that they may speak boldly of Your love.

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 \times Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Q A - men

CLOSING HYMN “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

LBW 467

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Father”

Southbridge

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St. John's Lutheran Church

is honoring our

members over 80 years young!

Our Over 80 members are

invited to enjoy a luncheon

After worship

Next Sunday, June 14, 2020

In the Social Hall

Please respond to the church office by June 8

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Worship: Graduates Recognition Socially Distanced Fellowship
Monday 6/8	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Council Meeting
Tuesday 6/9	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Wed 6/10	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer Children's Hour Party
Thursday 6/11	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Children's Hour Party Women's Bible Study
Friday 6/12	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Saturday 6/13	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Today	11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Worship: Over 80 Recognition Over 80 Dinner



Beginning June 21st, we will hold two Sunday morning worship services; 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. There is no reason to miss praising our Lord!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The First Article

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given me and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day.

God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil. All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

The Second Article

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ--true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary--is my Lord. At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil--not with silver or gold,

but with his holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this he has done that I may be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

The Third Article

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.

What does this mean?

**I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort
believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him.**

**But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel,
enlightened me with his gifts,
and sanctified and kept me in true faith.**

**In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies
the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it united
with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian church day after day
he fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the last day he will raise me and all the dead
and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life.**

This is most certainly true.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister
Lector

Graduates
Graduates

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry
Secretary
Sexton
Organist/Choir Director/Director of Music
Sr. Choir Accompanist

Julie Smith
Christine Lettrich
Mike Craft
Rebecca Veith
Elizabeth Cramer



The flowers on the altar this morning are placed to the glory of God and in honor of Keith Livengood's 60th birthday by his 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.