

St. John's Lutheran Church

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October 10, 2021

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North America Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in the Service of the Word this morning as we celebrate **Twentieth 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 God, creator of all things, we thank You for providing the fields with Your blessings and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use Your gifts carefully, so that our land will continue to yield its increase; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Come Thou Almighty King”

arr. Whitney

***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**

“Come, You Thankful People, Come”

LBW 407

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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ 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, source of every blessing, Your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of Your Holy Spirit, lead us to acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON:

AMOS 5:6-7, 10-15

A The First Lesson is from the fifth chapter of Amos.

⁶ Seek the LORD and live,
lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,

⁷ O you who turn justice to wormwood
and cast down righteousness to the earth!

¹⁰ They hate him who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.

¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor
and you exact taxes of grain from him,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not dwell in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹² For I know how many are your transgressions
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and turn aside the needy in the gate.

¹³ Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴ Seek good, and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
as you have said.

¹⁵ Hate evil, and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:

PSALM 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**¹³Return, O LORD; how long will You tarry?
Be gracious to Your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by Your loving kindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

**¹⁵Make us glad by the measure of the days that You
afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show Your servants Your works
and Your splendor to their children.

**¹⁷May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND LESSON:

HEBREWS 4:12-16

A The Second Lesson is from the fourth chapter of Hebrews.

¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A Here ends the reading.

***VERSE**

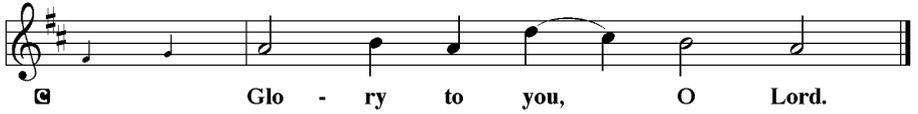
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

MARK 10:17-31

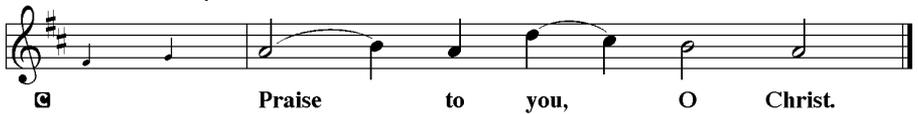
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the tenth chapter.



¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰ And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN’S SERMON

***HYMN**

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LBW 410

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

ANTHEM

"Simple Gifts"

Shaker Hymn

***OFFERTORY**

Create 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**

Let us intercede before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the sake
of the Church, the world and one another.

A brief silence

Thank you, dear Father, for the priceless gift of your dear Son, for the
wisdom, mercy, and salvation he brings, and most of all for bringing us
close to your heart. 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 ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



A - men

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Lift High the Cross"

LBW 377

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Finale on "Nun Danket"

Diggle

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A Nursery/Cry Room is available on the second floor of the Education Building for those who may need it.



**Harvest Home Sunday is
Today, October 10!**

Donations of non-perishable food items or monetary donations are being collected through October 10th and may be placed in

the chancel area of the sanctuary. Monetary donations should be marked on your offering envelopes "Food Bank". All food will be given to Katies Cupboard or the Kittanning Food Bank. There is GREAT need in our community and this is a wonderful way to share God's love by giving to our local food bank to help our neighbors in need.

PLEASE NOTE: Home-canned goods cannot be distributed through the Food Bank.

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
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday 10/11	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Tuesday 10/12	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 10/13	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	5:30 p.m.	Children's Chimes & Junior Choir
	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 10/14	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 10/17	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
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group

OCTOBER CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CALENDAR

October 2nd: Christock in Ford City, Day of Family Fun Celebrating Jesus! 12-5pm

October 10th: NEW Youth Group Member PartAy! Welcoming our new friends!

Old vs. Young Games! 6:30-8pm

October 17th: FLANNEL FEST 6:30-8pm

October 19th: Faith Kidz 6-7pm

October 24th: Flip Flop Night 6:30-8pm

October 28th: Trunk or Treat! 4:30-6pm

October 31st: Reformation Sunday after Worship, Family Fun!

Reformation Sunday



On Sunday, **October 31st**, following worship we will eat, drink and play games! This year it's for everyone from one to one-hundred and three. Bring your appetite for Reformation (Octoberfest) food and get ready to frolick the day away. Activities for everyone will abound. **Hot dogs, Brats, buns and drinks provided.**

A free will offering will be taken to help defray the cost of food. Be sure to wear **RED** on Sunday, October 31!

Pastor's Study Coming in November

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,

JOIN
the

STUDY GROUP
with added commentary/Bible Study.

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!

FALL 2021 begins Wednesday, Sept. 15th & Thursday, Sept. 16th at St. John's Lutheran Church 218 N. Jefferson, right next to the Library! Please join us or tell someone that may be interested!!...**Call 724-548-2051 or email stjohnskittanning@gmail.com**



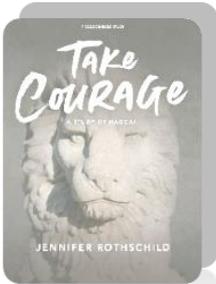
ADULT *Sunday School*

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.



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 *ZOOM AVAILBLE EVENTS & MORE



FALL GATHERING!

WNALC Hosting the Women's Fall Gathering

**** LOCATION CHANGE ****

Christ Rupp Lutheran Church
228 Rupp Church Road – 724-548-5124
Kittanning, PA 16201 just off US Rt. 422
Email: chrstrupplutheranchurch@gmail.com

10:00 – 10:30	Registration
10:30 – 11:00	Welcome and Announcements
11:00 – 11:30	Worship and Offering - Pastor Joyce Dix-Weiers
11:30 – 11:45	Break
11:45 – 12:30	Business Meeting - Jackie Waterson, President
	Roll Call and Last Gathering Minutes; Treasurers Report; Old and New Business
12:30 – 1:45	Lunch
1:45	Video on Camp
2:00	Prayer and Praise Closing

*** Collection for the Mission District and NALC Disaster Warehouse.
Gift Cards or Money will be accepted for this cause.*

*Please respond to Anita Wertheimer at anitawertheimer@gmail.com with
names of ladies attending the Gathering on October 16th, 2021. Thank You!*



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.



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.



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.

TRUNK OR TREAT!!!!

Thursday, Oct. 28th

4:30-6:00pm

At St. John's Parking Lot.

Treats, Games and FUN!

Bring Your car! We need volunteers to serve treats, & bring treats to share! Please see Julie for info.

Bad weather location: Social Hall.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers

Nancy Pierce(E)

Karen Waugaman(L)

Lectors

Julie Smith(E)

Connie Choncek(L)

Acolytes

Mitchell Wranich(E)

Brody Hodak(L)

Camera Operators

Nick Wranich(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



The flowers on the altar this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in celebration of Ruth Ann Hankey's 84th birthday given by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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.

GRACE
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