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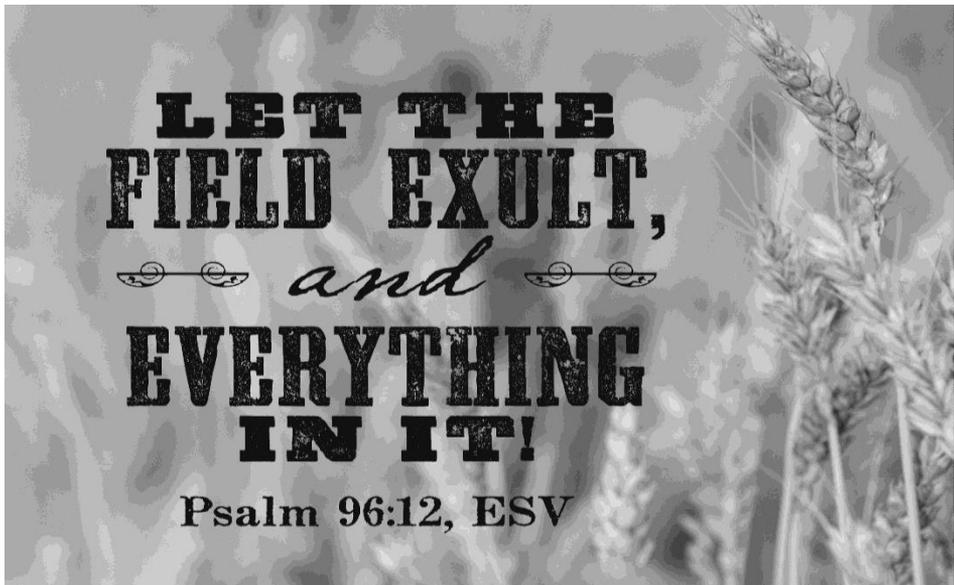
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

October 18, 2020

8:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



**LET THE
FIELD EXULT,
and
EVERYTHING
IN IT!**

Psalm 96:12, ESV

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 Festival of St. Luke, the Evangelist**. 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:

Make full our joy, O Lord, that in bearing fruit and in obeying Your commandments, it may overflow to others. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE**SEE INSERT*****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**SEE INSERT*****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.**

***DIALOG**

P: Holy is the Lord, the Almighty,

C: He was, He is, and He is to come.

P: He is worthy of glory and honor and praise.

C: He created all things. By His will they came to be.

P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

C: Worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.

P: By His blood He purchased for God.

C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.

P: Christ made of them a kingdom.

C: and priests to serve our God.

P: And they shall reign on earth forever.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you,

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You inspired Your servant Luke, the physician to reveal in his Gospel the love and healing power of Your Son. Give Your Church the same love and power to heal, to the glory of Your name; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 43:8-13

The First Lesson is from the forty-third chapter of Isaiah.

⁸ Lead out those who have eyes but are blind,
who have ears but are deaf.

⁹ All the nations gather together
and the peoples assemble.

Which of their gods foretold this
and proclaimed to us the former things?

Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right,
so that others may hear and say, "It is true."

¹⁰ "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord,
"and my servant whom I have chosen,

so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed,
nor will there be one after me.

¹¹ I, even I, am the Lord,
and apart from me there is no savior.

¹² I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—
I, and not some foreign god among you.

You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "that I am God.
Yes, and from ancient days I am he.

No one can deliver out of my hand.
When I act, who can reverse it?"

A Here ends the reading

Psalm:

Psalm 124

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—
let Israel now say—
**2 if it had not been the Lord who was on our side
when people rose up against us,**
³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
**4 then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;**
⁵ then over us would have gone
the raging waters.
**6 Blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth!**
⁷ We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped!
**8 Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

SECOND LESSON:

2 TIMOTHY 4:5-11

The Second Lesson is from the fourth chapter of 2nd Timothy.

⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.
⁹ Do your best to come to me soon. ¹⁰ For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia,[a] Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

A Here ends the reading

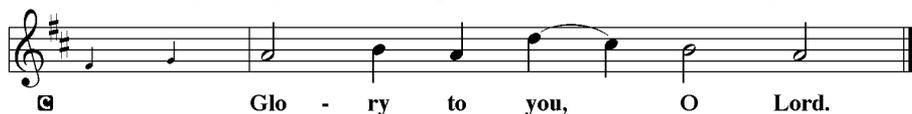
P Alleluia

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL:

LUKE 1:1-4, 24:44-53

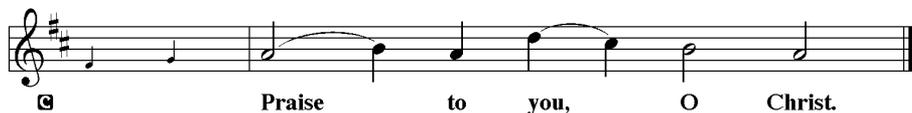
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter.



¹ In as much as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for[a] the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN

SEE INSERT

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**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Thank you, dear Lord, for St. Luke, for his orderly, clear, loving portrait of Jesus' words and deeds. Help us to treasure his words, to follow his Savior and ours and to proclaim the Gospel of salvation to the ends of the earth.

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

SEE INSERT

OFFERING

***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 also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: it is right to give Him thanks and praise

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER IV

P We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

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.



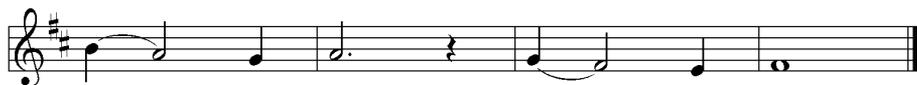
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

SEE INSERT

*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.
Tell Pastor if you need a gluten free waifer.*

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

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

***A:** Pour out the Spirit of Your Love, Oh Lord,
and unite the wills of those You have fed with one heavenly food;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***C: Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

P As you go on your way may Christ go with you.
May He go before you to show you the way;
May He go behind you to encourage you;
Beside you to befriend you;
Above you to watch over you and within you to give peace.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

***C Amen.**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

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***DISMISSAL**

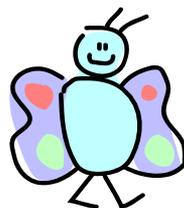
A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SEE INSERT

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Children's Hour



9:30am-11am, Every Wednesday and Thursday
We will provide a safe, and clean environment for the kids to gather in small groups, and learn amazing Bible Stories, cute crafts, preschool concepts, and fun activities! As we grow up in faith! *If any event occurs where we would need to cancel, we will then continue our facebook live classes. So far, we will continue to have both Wednesday and Thursday Classes. If changes are needed, we will only be continuing our Wednesday class. We are using masks, and desk barriers as well as individual craft and play items, and disinfecting wipes.

Wear Red Next Sunday

Next Sunday, October 25th, following worship we will eat, drink and play games! This year it's for everyone from one to one hundred and two. Bring your appetite for Reformation (Octoberfest) food and get ready to frolick the day away. Activities for everyone will abound. .

Hot dogs, Brats, buns, mashed potatoes and drinks will be provided. A free will offering will be taken to help defray the cost of food. Be sure to wear RED on Sunday, October 25th!

Reformation
Sunday





Sunday School IS BACK!

And WE MISS YOU!

Classes for all ages, masks encouraged, & social distancing... Some will be facebook live... for those who aren't able to make it. Lessons available, too! We are encouraging masks, and we have desk barriers as well as individual craft and play items, and disinfecting wipes..... Every Sunday at 9:45am. Kiddos will learn amazing Bible Stories with our Dig In Curriculum and Big Kids will study the Word of God, that transforms us every time we read it

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY	8:30 a.m.	Rock of Salvation: Communion
	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.	No Youth Group
Monday 10/19	7:00 p.m.	Mutual Ministry Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Fireflies
Tuesday 10/20	6:00 p.m.	Faith Girlz
Wed 10/21	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Hand Bells
Thurs 10/22	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter Mailing
	2:45 & 7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday 10/25	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Reformation Sunday: Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Flannel Fest



**2020 Annual Mid-Northeast Mission District
Convocation**

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Saturday, October 31, 2020

St. John's Lutheran Church
218 N. Jefferson Street
Kittanning, PA.

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. - Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

This fantastic day will include:

Festival Eucharist
Keynote address on being “Steadfast at Home”
Elections – including Election of a Dean
Budget 2021
Luncheon Fellowship
Stuff-the-Truck – NALC Disaster Preparedness/Response
Ministry Displays

**Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!
Registration due Monday, Oct. 26th by noon
to the office.**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister

Julie Smith (E)

Lector

Charlie Bleakney (L)

Jill Wranich (E)

Communion Assistants

Dan Dodd (L)

Jill & Nick Wranich(E)

Camera Operator

Megan & Bret Taylor (L)

Robert John (E)

William Bouch (L)

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry

Julie Smith

Secretary

Christine Lettrich

Sexton

Michael Craft

Organist/Vocal Choirs 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.

GRACE
happens



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