

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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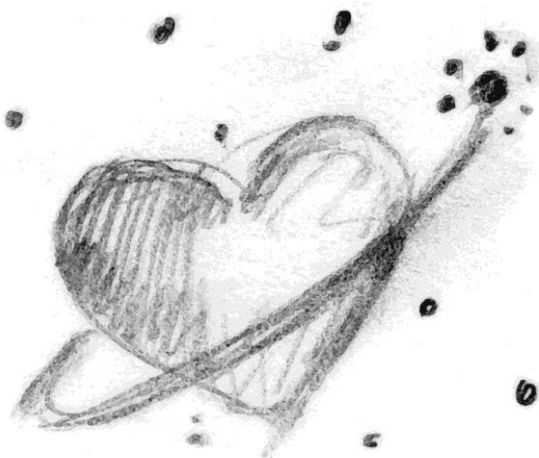
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

**September 13, 2020**

**11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE**



**“Forgive your  
brother or sister  
from your heart.”**

**MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV**

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 **Fifteenth 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:*

*Loving Father, whatever stage of life we are in – infant, child, adult, elder – we know we can turn to You for comfort. Thank you for our life, may we use it to serve and honor You. Amen.*

**PRELUDE**

*"Holy Manna"*

*arr. Wood*

**\*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**

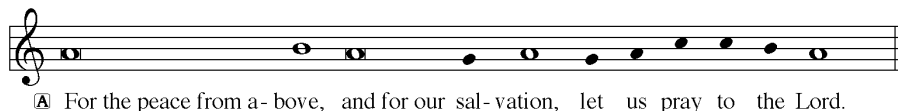
**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "God, Whose Almighty Word"**

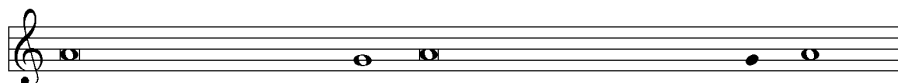
*LBW 400*

**\*GREETING**

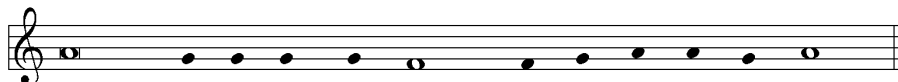
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**



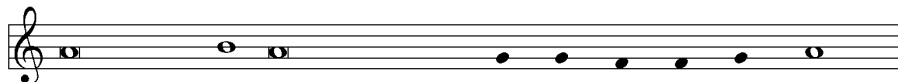
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



**C** 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.

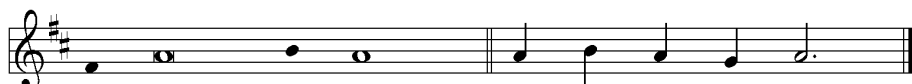


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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.

O God, You declare Your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace, that, pursuing what You have promised, we may share Your heavenly glory; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**FIRST LESSON:** Anthony Charles Reitano **GENESIS 50:15–21**

**A** The First Lesson is from the fiftieth chapter of Genesis.

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'"

And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**A** Here ends the reading.

**PSALM:**

Trent Abraham Stross

**PSALM 103:1–13**

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.**

<sup>3</sup>He forgives all your sins  
and heals all your infirmities;

<sup>4</sup>**he redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;**

<sup>5</sup>he satisfies you with good things,  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD executes righteousness  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>He made his ways known to Moses  
and his works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

<sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse us,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>**He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

<sup>12</sup>**As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our sins from us.**

<sup>13</sup>As a father cares for his children,  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

**SECOND LESSON:**

Haylee Fay Young

**ROMANS 14:1–12**

**A** The Second Lesson is from the fourteenth chapter of Romans.

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup> One person believes he may eat anything, while the

weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup> One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup> The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup> For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup> for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

<sup>12</sup> So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

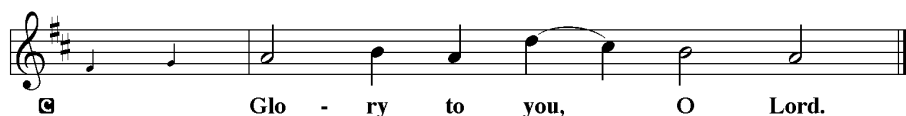
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**\*VERSE**



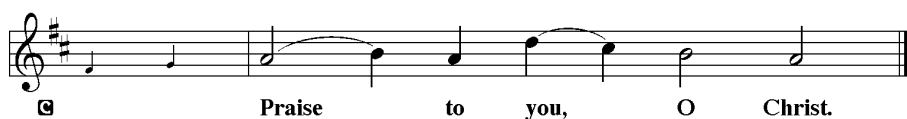
**GOSPEL:** Savannah Jo Purvis **MATTHEW 18:21–35**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 18th chapter.



<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup> “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**\*HYMN**

*“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”*

*LBW 467*

**SERMON**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF INSTALLATION**

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

**PAGE 198**

## \*THE PRAYERS

Robert Matthew John

Let us Pray for the Church, the world, and one another.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for being so willing to cancel our debt. Keep us ever mindful of the costly generosity of your beloved Son. Give us his grace and strength, to willingly forgive the debts of those who have wronged us.

LORD in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*(Other intercessions are offered.)*

**L** Into your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

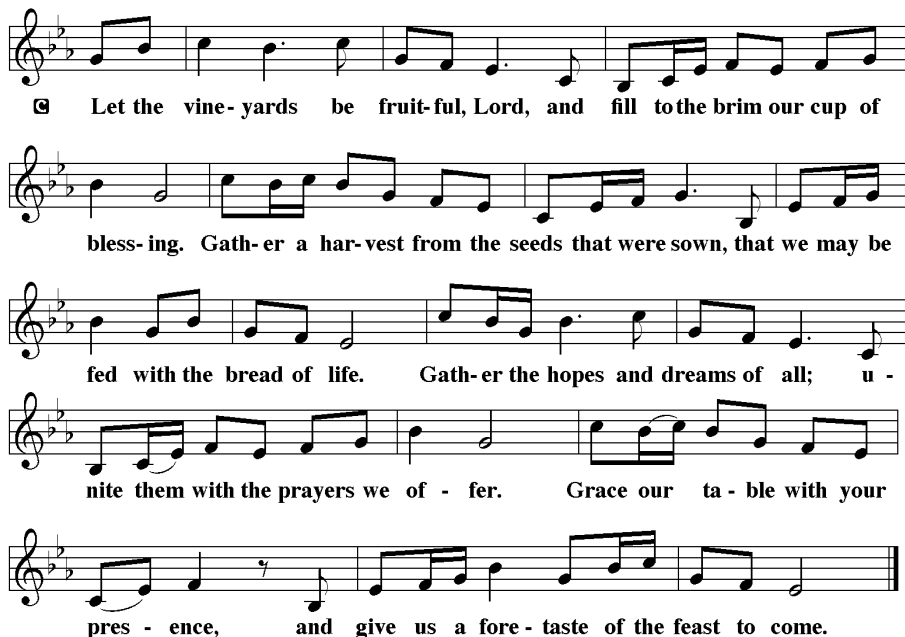
**C** Amen

## ANTHEM

*"How Can I Keep From Singing"*

*arr. Fettke*

## \*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

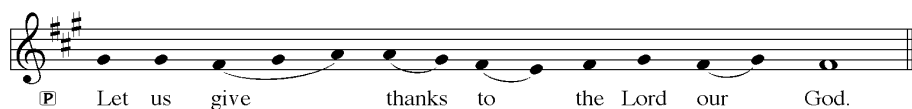
**A** Let us pray.

**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



## 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:



## EUCHARISTIC 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



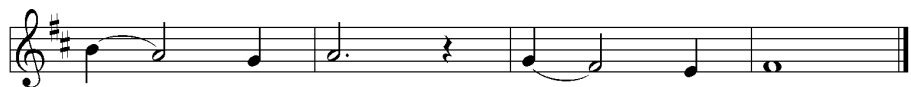
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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 210, WOV 710, 711, 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.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

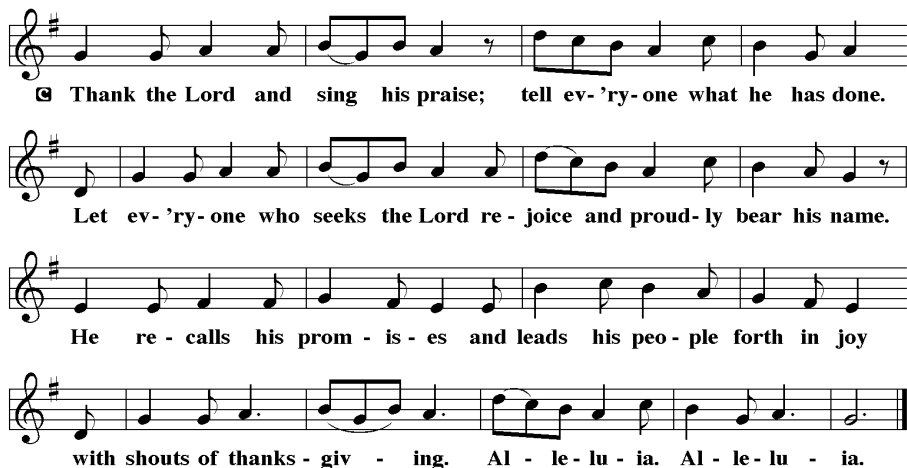
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

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

**C** Amen

**\*CANTICLE**



☪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry- one what he has done.

Let ev- 'ry- one who seeks the Lord re- joice 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**

Landon Lee Crissman

**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.



☪ A - men

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

WOV 721

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*"Psalm Tune Postlude on "Martyrs"*

*Grace*



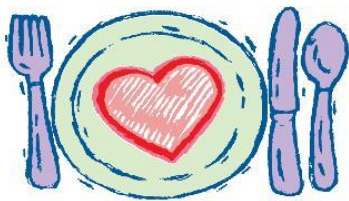
Congratulations to our Confirmands:

*Landon Lee Crissman  
Robert Matthew John  
Savannah Jo Purvis  
Anthony Charles Reitano  
Trent Abraham Stross  
Haylee Fay Young*

*Please join us after worship today for a  
Reception for the confirmands!*

### **Prayer Chain**

The Prayer Chain Group Email will now be handled by Rose Montgomery. You can send your requests to Rose by email [rosetrix\\_38@comcast.net](mailto:rosetrix_38@comcast.net) or phone: 724-548-1218. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, please email Rose Montgomery to receive prayer requests via email or call Carole Cable, 724-548-2758, to receive requests by phone.



### Progressive Workshop Luncheon

Sunday, September 27, 2020

following Worship.

Sponsored by the Fellowship  
and Social Ministry Committees.

Bring your appetite and your

generous donations to support the Progressive Workshop. 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!



### **Harvest Home Sunday is October 11, 2020**

Donations of non-perishable food items or monetary donations are being collected September through October 11, 2020 to be given to the Kittanning Food

Bank and may be placed in front of the church pulpit to be given to the Kittanning Food Bank. Monetary donations can be marked on your offering envelope "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.*

**YOUTH  
GROUP**

**Youth Group Kick Off**

**Picnic Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00-8:00pm**

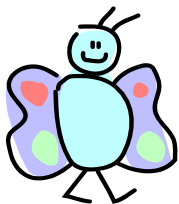
**At the Biblical Life Institute in Slate Lick**

**Bonfire  
Night**

**Sunday Night Youth Group Begins**

**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm, Grades 6-12**

**Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. 6:30pm, Grades 6**



## Childrens Hour

will begin Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

9:30am-11:00am, weekly

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! We will be using 2 different rooms for each week, as to keep germ spreading to a minimum. \*If any event occurs where we would need to cancel, we will then continue our facebook live classes.



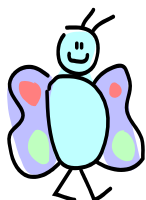
## Sunday School

will begin for all ages, masks encouraged, social distancing... Some will be facebook live... for those who aren't able to make it.

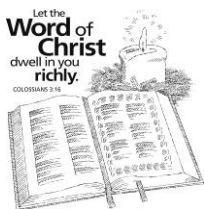
Beginning Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am. Kiddos will learn amazing Bible Stories with our Dig In Curriculum. And Big Kids will study the Word of God, that

transforms us every time we read it!

## FIREFLIES PROGRAM



We would like to begin our program again, to minister to the needs of the children in our Community. **Volunteers are needed** to help with activities, as well as, meeting other needs, like snacks, supplies, tutoring and more. If you would like to help out, please let Julie know. Let's shine the Light of Christ! We will aim to begin Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, unless circumstances change.



## Pastor's Sunday School Class

The Word of God

You're Invited:

Bible Study

in

Pastor's Sunday School Classroom

Beginning September 20, 2020

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY	9:45 a.m.	Rally day breakfast
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Rally Sunday Communion
	After Worship	Fellowship Hour in Courtyard
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Kick-Off—Biblical Life
Monday 9/14	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Fireflies
Tuesday 9/15	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 9/16	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	6:00 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Hand Bells
Thursday 9/17	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 & 7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Friday 9/18	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	7:00 p.m.	Fireflies
Saturday 9/19	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Sunday 9/20	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Junior Choir
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:30 p.m.	Ignition

# GRACE *happens*



at  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
Kittanning, PA

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister  
Lector  
Comm. Assistants  
Camera Operator

Dan Dodd  
Confirmands  
Landon Lee Crissman  
Bill Bouch

## STAFF MEMBERS

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

Julie Smith  
Christine Lettrich  
Michael Craft  
Rebecca Veith  
Elizabeth Cramer



**The flowers on the altar** this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Alan and Betty Mitchell.

## 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.