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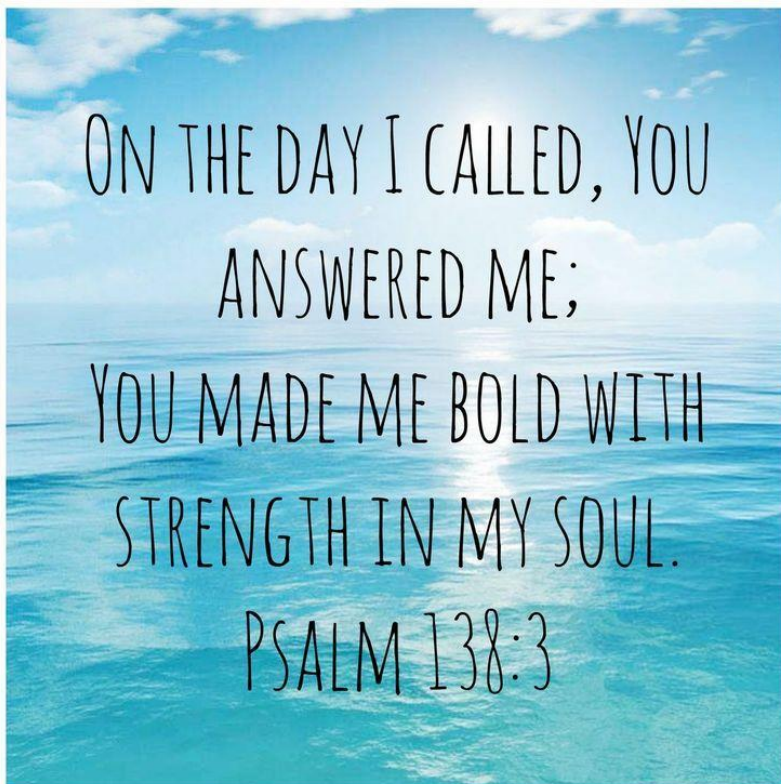
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

February 9, 2025

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE



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

Father in heaven, from whom alone come life and freedom, deepen our understanding and faith during our worship of You to the end that we may truly follow Your Holy will in our lives. Amen.

PRELUDE*Prelude on Two Folk Hymns**arr. Bristol****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"**LBW 165****GREETING**

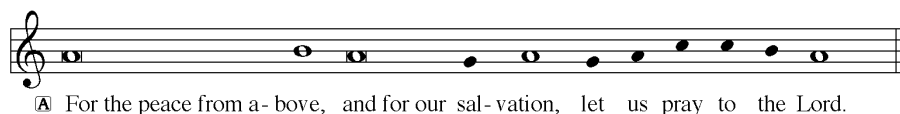
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

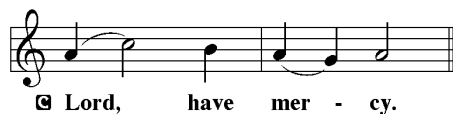
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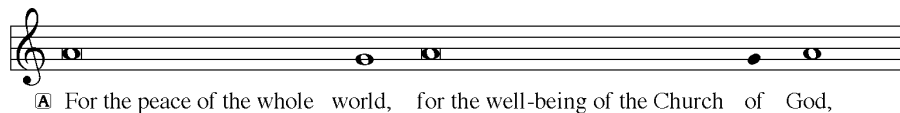
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



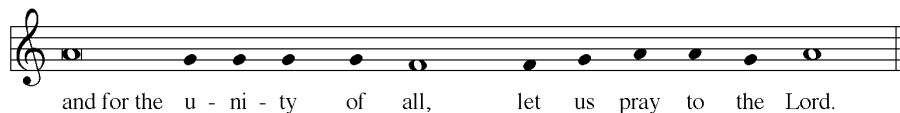
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



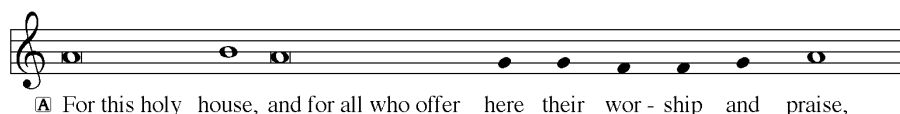
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

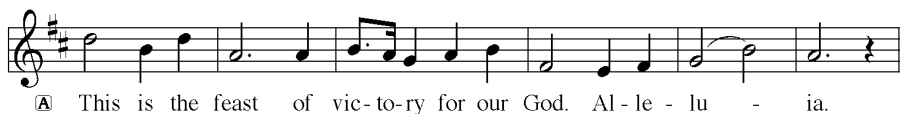


let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

*HYMN OF PRAISE



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



☩ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



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



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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



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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You sent Your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON:

ISAIAH 6:1-13

A The First Lesson is from the sixth chapter of Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” ⁹ And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

“Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.”

¹⁰ Make the heart of this people dull,
and their ears heavy,
and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.”

¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”

And he said:

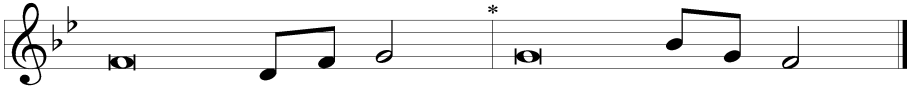
“Until cities lie waste without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is a desolate waste,

¹² and the LORD removes people far away,
and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

¹³ And though a tenth remain in it,
it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak,
whose stump remains
when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM:**Psalm 138**

I will give thanks to You, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;*
before the gods I will ¹ sing Your praise.

**²I will bow down toward Your holy temple
and ¹ praise Your name,*
because of Your ¹ love and faithfulness;**

³for You have glori- ¹ fied Your name*
and Your word a- ¹ bove all things.

**⁴When I called, You ¹ answered me;*
You increased my ¹ strength within me.**

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise ¹ You, O LORD,*
when they have heard the words ¹ of Your mouth.

**⁶They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,*
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.**

⁷Though the LORD be high, He cares ¹ for the lowly;*
He perceives the haughty ¹ from afar.

**⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You ¹ keep me safe;*
You stretch forth Your hand against
the fury of my enemies;
Your right ¹ hand shall save me.**

⁹The LORD will make good His pur- ¹ pose for me;*
O LORD, Your love endures forever;
do not abandon the works ¹ of Your hands.

SECOND LESSON:**1 Corinthians 15:1–11**

The Second Lesson is from the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any

of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.
¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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: Luke 5:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P The Gospel of the LORD.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN**

“Jesus calls us: o'er the Tumult”

LBW 494

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**

A Let us draw near to the Light of Christ, offering prayer and supplication on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Thank you, dear Father, for seeking and sending us, even though, like Peter, we are sinners! Thank you for providing every spiritual gift, so we can follow Jesus and proclaim the Gospel to other sinners.

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered.)

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

C Amen

ANTHEM

“People Need the Lord”

arr. Marsh

***OFFERTORY**



C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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. 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.

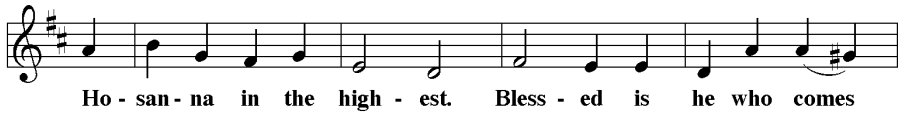
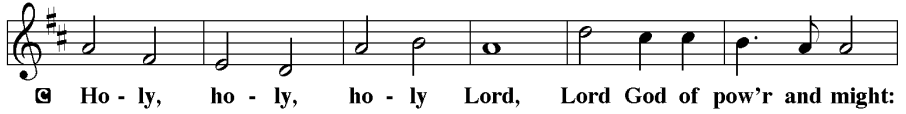
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.
 ☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.
 ☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 ☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*** PREFACE**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, He lived among us to reveal Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

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

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new 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 198, 214, 247, 535

*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.
Gluten-Free Communion Wafers are available, please inform the Pastor of your needs.*

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**

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 \times Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



CLOSING HYMN

"The Spirit Send Us Forth to Serve"

WOV 723

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

Ridout

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



Everyone is invited for a time of fellowship following worship in the Gathering space. Please plan to stay and celebrate with Pastor Baker.



The flower chart for 2025 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. You may also call the church office. **Flowers have increased to \$75.00 for the 2025 year.**



Heading into the hospital?

If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please contact the office @ 724-548-2051. Because of confidentiality issues, the hospitals are not as helpful in notifying us as they once were.

Katie's Cupboard

Many thanks to the folks who donated/gifted the sets of shelves for storing donated items. Our fellowship hall is much neater and contained and items are much more organized.

Did you know~ For your consideration: If you are a member of the rewards program at **Sprankle's Neighborhood Market**, they have "free item Friday". You just need to make a purchase, pick up said the item (it's free) and then you can donate to Katie's.

Shop-N-Save always has their brand items and some great BOGO sales as well. Keep in mind if you don't need "4" of something, Katie's will gladly take the overage.

It's about time to think of spring cleaning and the Lenten reflection/cleaning of our hearts. If you could take and "March" your way to the local stores (**Dollar Tree** cleaning products work just fine) any cleaning item would be welcome.

We are also beginning to shelf pet items. Meeting someone at the cupboard, they were so thankful for the tuna, not only for themselves but to share with their pet. Yes, Jesus reminds us to love and care for all God's animals.

If you would care to volunteer, have great ideas to further this ministry, offer suggestions ~please contact any member of council, **Amber Zurn** 724/902-9471 or **Tammy Fleeger** 724/664-1773.

We also welcome cash donations so that the Social Ministry Committee can do the shopping for you. Thank you for your support!

SPARK

February 18, 2025 - - - **6:15-7:30pm**

Preschool-6th Grade - - - COST: FREE!

Dinner, Bible Story, Exciting Games, Fun, Crafts and More!

Parents, stay or run some errands.

NEXT Spark Date March 18th 2025

Text **SPARK** to 724 276 5321

for weather updates, announcements and reminders

REGISTER YOUR CHILD AT

www.tinyurl.com/sparkstjohnskittanning



Women's Bible Study

will return at the King's restaurant on **Thursday, February 13th at noon**. Any questions, please contact Rose Montgomery at rosetrix38@comcast.net. All are welcome!



Youth Events

Sunday Feb. 16th: Youth Group

6:30-8pm



Sunday Feb. 23rd: Family Skate at the Belmont

2:30-4pm

(after date confirmed)

Cost: \$6, \$2 Skate Rental



...WELCOME TO... *church*

Today we welcome The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM, who is the pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Harrisburg and a former pastor at St Peter's, Middletown and Messiah, Harrisburg. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in flute performance from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and may be found playing or singing in Harrisburg area churches. Pastor Baker earned her Master of Divinity at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and a Master of Sacred Theology concentration in Pastoral Care and Counseling from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors of Dauphin County's Suicide Prevention Taskforce (ASPIRE) and is a previous board member of the Harrisburg affiliate of Family Promise (a housing agency for families). Pastor Baker lives with her husband (Pastor Joel Petruschke), children (Mary and Jonah), 2 cats (Sylvester and Boof), and dog (Gracie).



*Historical binders can be
found in the Gathering Space.
They will be available throughout the year.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHNS

Today 2/9	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
Monday 2/10	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Wednesday 2/12	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	5:30 p.m.	New Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor's Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 2/13	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Sunday 2/16	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of our Salvation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group



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You can now make a contribution to our church through a mobile app!

Scan the QR code for St. John's Lutheran Church: **Options Include:** *Local Expenses, Improvement Fund, Benevolence, Capital Appeal, Evangelism, Sunday School, Youth, World Hunger, Katie's Cupboard and Other.* **When choosing "Other" please indicate which fund you are contributing to.** Thank you for supporting your church.



**“Give according to your income,
lest God make your income
according to your giving.”**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Minister	Jonah Petruschke
Lector	Colvin Adkins
Communion Assistants	Lance & Christine Whiteman, Elijah & Sophia Holt
Acolyte	Lizzie Smoyer
Welcome team	Deb & Jack Griffin
Camera Operator	Keith Livengood

STAFF MEMBERS

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	Angela B. Clever
Sexton	TBA
Organist/Choir 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.

*For 200 years St. John's
has been a bright beacon
of Christ's light and life
for the world.*

*200 years and the work continues:
That all might know
Christ's Love.*

GRACE
happens



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