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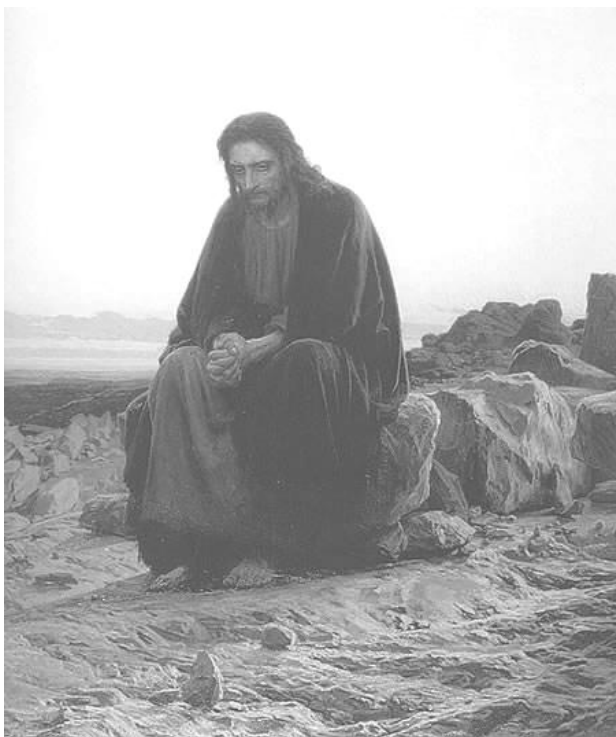
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The Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor

March 9, 2025

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 the **First Sunday in Lent**. 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, our maker and sustainer, we pray that we may call upon You for help in every temptation and every trial, and that we may find in You our strength and salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Beach Spring"

Wold

***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** *"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"* *LBW 230*

***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 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.



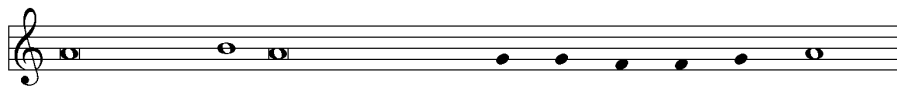
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of Your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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: DEUTERONOMY 26:1–11

A The First Lesson is from the 26th chapter of Deuteronomy.

“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³ And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

⁵ “And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶ And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷ Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹ And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹ And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM: PSALM 91:1–2, 9–16

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

²He shall say to the LORD,

**"You are my refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."**

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**there shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For He shall give His angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.

¹²**They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

¹⁴**Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy him,
and show him my salvation.**

SECOND LESSON:

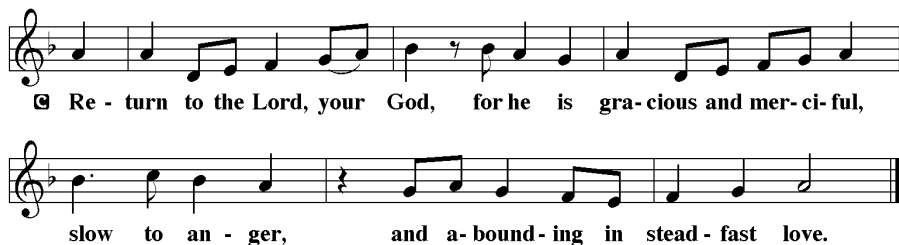
ROMANS 10:8b–13

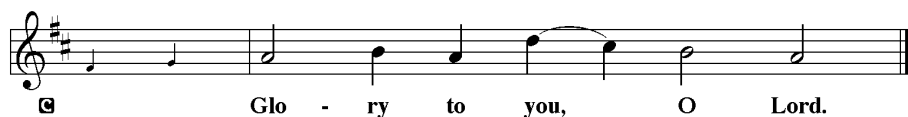
A The Second Lesson is from the Tenth chapter of Romans.

^{8b} “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

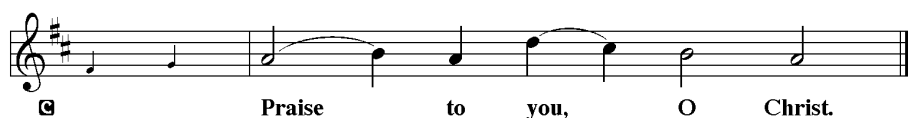
A Here ends the reading.

*VERSE



GOSPEL:**LUKE 4:1-13****P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.” ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.’” ⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’” ¹¹and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” ¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P The Gospel of the Lord.**CHILDREN’S SERMON*****HYMN** “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days” **LBW 99****SERMON** “The Nature of Life”**THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS***Page 198***THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM***Page 121*

*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

For the Church, the world, and all those in need, let us pray to our Lord, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

A brief silence

Lord, we sometimes forget that when Jesus was tempted by Satan that it was a real battle. We think it was easy for him, as if that excuses us when we give in to temptation. Have mercy on us. Give us faith, courage, and endurance.

Set your word in our hearts and on our lips, so even in times of trial, we confess and bless our Savior.

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

*PEACE

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

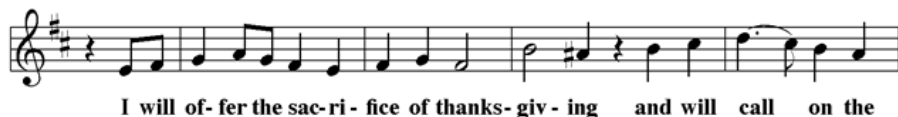
C And also with you.

ANTHEM

"God So Loved the World"

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*OFFERTORY



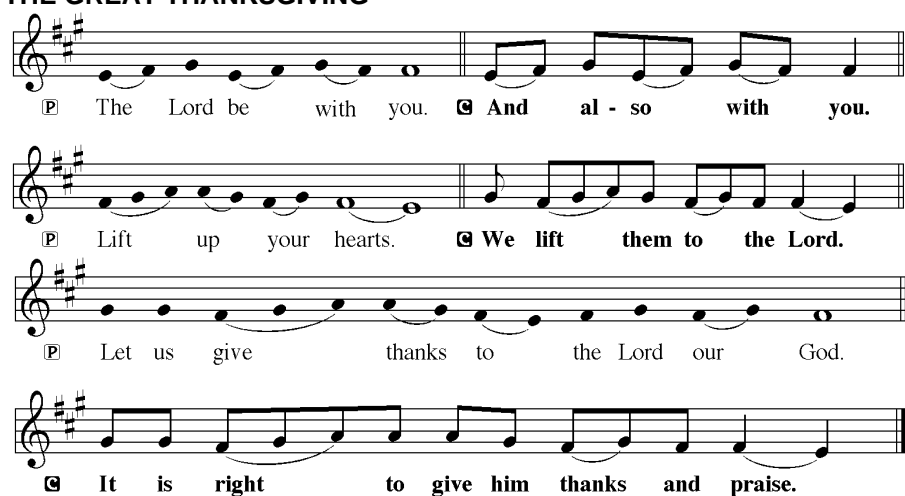


*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

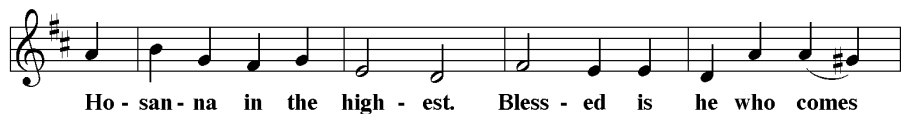
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



*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. You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

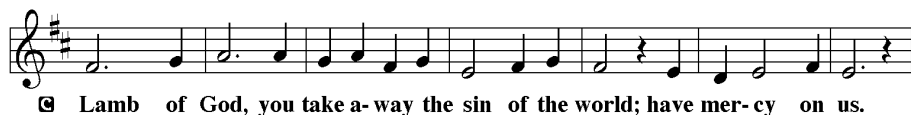
Do this for the remembrance of me.

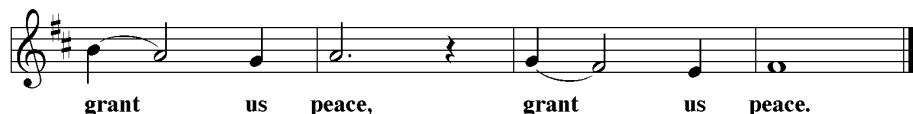
*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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





COMMUNION HYMNS: LBW 197, 385, 479, WOV 709, 740 (8x)

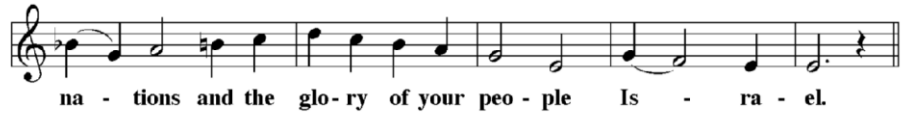
***COMMUNION**

*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**



*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.... Almighty God, You gave Your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to His; through the same 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.



CLOSING HYMN

"Borning Cry"

WOV 770

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Fugue on a German Tune"

Tambling

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

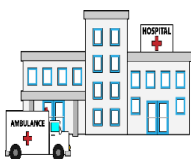


Everyone is invited for a time of fellowship following worship in the Gathering space after worship.



**Sacrament of
Holy Baptism**

**Today we welcome into the Church through the
Sacrament of Holy Baptism Marlee Jane Toy,
daughter of Colin Toy and Mackenzie Bure.**



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.***

Don't forget to check out your Church Web Site:

www.stjohnskittanning.org

Here you will find: Bulletins, Newsletters, Morning Prayers, Upcoming events and program information, Youth Events including photos from the recent QUAKE trip, and more.



Wednesday Evening Pastors' Study: Adult Catechism, 7:00 pm

This review is good for those who are preparing to join the congregation as an adult, for adult baptism or for those who just want to brush up on their catechism.

March 12 th	Ten Commandments
March 19 th	Apostles' Creed
March 26 th	Lord's Prayer
March 33 th	The Sacraments, Confession
March 40 th	Lutheran History/Theology/Liturgy



KMA Community Lenten Worship Services Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm

Mar 11	Living Water, 659 N Grant Ave	Rev. Brandon Cooper
Mar 18	St. Paul's Episcopal, 112 N Water St.	Ross Perrine
Mar 25	First United Methodist, 301 N Jefferson	Rev. Matthew Vatalare
Apr. 1	St. Luke's U.C.C., 333 N McKean St.	Rev. Carl Johnson
Apr. 8	Salvation Army, 205 S Jefferson Wy	Rev. Edward Walters

KMA Lenten Luncheons Schedule Wednesdays @ 12:00 p.m.

Mar 12	Grace Presbyterian, 155 N Jefferson St.	Rev. John Hopkins
Mar 19	First Methodist / Hope Center	Ross Perrine
Mar 26	St. Paul's Episcopal, 112 N Water St.	Rev. Brandon Cooper
Apr. 2	First Baptist, 334 Arch St.	Rev. Jeffrey Smith
Apr. 9	St. Mary's Catholic, 101 W High St	Father Eric Dinga

Lenten Men's Prayer Breakfasts

Saturday, March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12 19
at 8:00 a.m.



The men of St. John's will be meeting Saturday mornings for breakfast and study. Following the meal will be a brief program concluding by 9:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study . . .

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



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	5:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Youth Lenten Bible Study
	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bowling – King's Lanes
Tuesday 3/11	7:00 p.m.	KMA Worship at Living Water
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
Wednesday 3/12	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	Noon	KMA Luncheon
	5:30 p.m.	New Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Catechism
Thursday 3/13	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	Noon	Women's Study at Kings
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	5:30 p.m.	Habitat Volunteer Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Saturday 3/15	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sunday 3/16	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	12:30 – 1:30	Youth Group

Mark Your Calendars

March 30	Men's Banquet
April 6	Women's Banquet
April 20	Easter
May 4	Spring Concert
May 18	Youth Sunday
June 1	Grad Sunday
June 8	Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation
June 22	Over 80 Banquet



Men's Bounty of the Earth Banquet 2025 SUNDAY -March 23, 2025

Help! We need donations of game to serve at our Bounty of the Earth Men's Banquet. We will also be serving beef for those with less adventurous palettes.

Katie's Cupboard



Lent begins

Reverse Lent Calendar

*Instead of giving something UP during Lent,
please consider giving something away!*

5-Mar	Spaghetti O's		29-Mar	Body Wash
6-Mar	Peanut Butter		30-Mar	Dried Milk
7-Mar	Vienna Sausage		31-Mar	Syrup
8-Mar	Boxed Potatoes		1-Apr	Pancake Mix
9-Mar	Shelf-stable Juice		2-Apr	Mixed Vegetables
10-Mar	Grape Jelly		3-Apr	Dinty Moore
11-Mar	Tuna Helper		4-Apr	Tuna
12-Mar	Macaroni/Cheese		5-Apr	Cornbread Mix
13-Mar	Canned Fruit		6-Apr	Canned Beef Stew
14-Mar	Canned Tomatoes		7-Apr	Shampoo
15-Mar	Alfredo Sauce		8-Apr	<i>Your favorite food</i>
16-Mar	Feminine Products		9-Apr	Kleenex
17-Mar	Monetary Donation		10-Apr	Muffin Mix
18-Mar	Canned Meat		11-Apr	Canned Fruit
19-Mar	Baked Beans		12-Apr	Sugar
20-Mar	Box of Crackers		13-Apr	Laundry Detergent
21-Mar	Rice		14-Apr	Conditioner
22-Mar	Flour		15-Apr	Cleaning Products
23-Mar	Pasta		16-Apr	Toothbrush/Toothpaste
24-Mar	Spaghetti Sauce		17-Apr	Hand Soap
25-Mar	Cereal		18-Apr	Deodorant
26-Mar	Canned Meat		19-Apr	Mens' DISPOSABLE razor
27-Mar	Tomato Soup		20-Apr	SPAM
28-Mar	Granola Bars			



Easter Flowers

Flowers may be purchased to place in the church for Easter. Please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or mail it to St. John's Lutheran Church, 218 N. Jefferson Street, Kittanning PA. Please include payment; if check, make out to *St. John's Lutheran Church* with the designation "*Easter flowers*" in the memo line. **Orders must be placed by March 26.** The cost of the flowers is as follows:

_____ Lilies	\$11.00
_____ Tulips	\$9.00
_____ Daffodils	\$9.00

In memory of

Given by:

In honor of _____

Given by: _____

_____ I will take my flower(s) after Easter Worship.

_____ Please take my flower(s) to a shut-in.

Paid (circle): Yes / Will pay later _____

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Assisting Ministers
Lectors
Comm Assistants
Acolyte
Welcome Teams
Camera Operator

Nancy Pierce
Sara Shafer
Sara Shafer & Gene Hughes
Ashlynn Zurn
The Zurns
Bill Bouch

STAFF MEMBERS

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

Julie Smith
Angela B. Clever
Howard Barnes
Rebecca Veith
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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