

February 11, 2024

10:45 a.m.

Transfiguration of Our Lord



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

North Versailles, Pennsylvania

A Place for Everyone



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*A Reconciling in Christ congregation
of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*



The Rev. Dr. Kimberly Greway, Pastor



Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church!

We are happy to have you with us today!

- You will find the entire worship service printed on the following pages. Words spoken or sung by the people are **in bold type**. Explanations of the structure and content of the service are *written like this*. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex (lobby).
- When asked to stand, please do so only as you are able and comfortable.
- **At St. John's, we practice an open table for communion.** All who seek God from any tradition or denomination are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer to have a blessing instead of communion, come forward and cross your arms over your chest or ask the pastor for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you have an alcohol sensitivity you may receive bread alone. If you would like communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.
- **Children are always a welcome part of worship** at St. John's, and the "Sermon for Young Disciples" is especially for them. You are invited to send (or bring) little ones to the front of the sanctuary at the appropriate time. Children's bulletins are available in the narthex (lobby) providing activities based on today's scripture readings.
- If you need to step out of the sanctuary with your child(ren) during worship, please know that you will still be able to hear the service from the **Narthex** (lobby). If you wish, you may also make use of the un-staffed **Nursery Room**, where you can also hear the service. You and your child can also use the **Prayground** which is in the front of the church on the left (streetside). There are drawing materials, quiet toys, and seats for children and adults.
- St. John's records and shares our worship services as a ministry to those who are unable to join us in person. Please be aware that videography, livestreaming, and other **recording** may be in progress during this service, and that we sometimes feature photos of church activities on our website and social media.
- **Hearing assistance devices** are available from an usher to enhance your worship experience.

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*Worship begins
with a chance to
prepare our
hearts and
minds to
encounter God.
Turn off your
electronic
devices and
bring your
conversations to
an end.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Quietly center your heart and mind for worship.
All may make the sign of the cross ✝, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We stand, as able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, creator of darkness and light,
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge, **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.
Amen.

*We stand facing
the baptismal
font,
remembering
that we have
been claimed as
God's children.*

*We have a
chance to lay
before God all
that has
happened this
past week and to
receive God's
gift of a fresh
start.*

*We stand,
as able.*

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

*We turn to face
the processional
cross
continually
facing it on its
way to the front
of the church.*



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.
Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

*The apostle Paul
concluded his
second letter to
the Corinthians
(13:13) with this
Trinitarian
greeting. His
other letters
contain similar
greetings.*

APOSTOLIC GREETING


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

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

*We sing praises
along with the
heavenly host
around the
throne of God
with words from
the Revelation to
John.*

Refrain




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

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

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**


Let us pray. Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

After the prayer,
we sit.

SERMON FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Heather Thomas

This is Where Children Belong James Ritchie



This, this is where chil dren be-long, wel comed as part of the wor-ship-ing throng.

Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

A reading from 2 Kings.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.



We sing one of
the ancient
scriptures found
in the Bible.

PSALTER: Psalm 50

The choir will sing the Psalm, and the congregation will sing the response.

Response:

To the up - right I will show the
sav - ing pow - er of God. To the God.

Choir

God has summoned all the earth and all creation gathers 'round.
From the rising of the sun to the shadows of night
my voice shall sing his praise. **Response**

I will bring a thankful heart. Justice and mercy be my cry.
I will not forget my God nor his promise to me,
for he alone is God. **Response**

I will offer God my praise; I will be faithful to my God.
I will call upon the Lord in my time of distress
and he will rescue me. **Response**

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We stand as if to welcome Jesus himself into our midst for the reading of the gospel, a message of good news from Jesus.

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 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O LORD.

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows.

*We stand,
as able.*

*Members of the Altar Guild will move forward
and gather around the baptismal font.*

Jesus on the Mountain Peak



1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!
sing be - fore him, first and last and on - ly One.



join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der:
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore him!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: BETHOLD, Mark Sedio, b. 1954

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We sit.

COMMISSION OF ALTAR GUILD

Today it is our privilege to recognize and support those who are engaged in the work of this congregation through the ministry of the Altar Guild; Cindy Luke, Brenda Neundorf, Carla Schlegel, Sandy Smith, Betsy Stevick.

Sisters, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others as you carry out the ministry of the Altar Guild in this congregation?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these your sisters in their service, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Throughout history, Christians have presented the basic beliefs of the church in documents called creeds.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

We respond to the good news presented in the scriptures and sermon by reciting one of the church's creeds, proclaiming our faith in the God who creates us, saves us, and makes us to be holy people.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

*We pray about
what is
happening in the
world.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

We kneel as able, or sit. A brief silence.

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for any who are sick and suffering especially those we name before you now...
Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PEACE

Preparing for receiving the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we make sure there are no disagreements or grudges within the gathered group.

The peace of the LORD be with you always.

And also with you.

We sit.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Fellowship Pads and Offering

During the offering, we pass the fellowship pad to each person in the pew. Print your name and check the appropriate blocks, especially if communing. As the pad returns to its place by the center aisle, note the names of other worshippers, and greet them after the service.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Lately, Have You Seen the Sun”

OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

We stand and sing a song of joy and hope as the congregation's gifts to God are brought forward including bread and wine that we will share in Holy Communion.

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 the 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

*We stand as
able.*

Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The pastor leads
us in singing or
speaking these
joyful words.*

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also 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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
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 all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

This song which combines words sung by angels in heaven and words sung about Jesus on earth, is based upon Isaiah 6: 3 and Matthew 21:

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, holy, holy

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The pastor offers thanks for the many ways God has blessed us throughout history.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

After describing God at work through history we use words spoken by Jesus at the last supper that he had with his disciples.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

In the meantime we are reminded that we are called to work and make God's will a reality in our world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

*Jesus teaches
this prayer to his
disciples in
chapter six of
Matthew's
gospel.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.

Come and see.



DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All who seek God and a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. You may also come forward for a blessing instead – keep your hands folded if you want a blessing.

Parents should indicate if children receive Communion.

Communion is at the altar rail. *Come forward by the center aisle, get a glass, kneel (or stand if necessary) at the rail.*

Gluten free wafers are available.

You may eat just the wafer as Christ is fully present in each element. As soon as you have communed, you may return to your pew by the side aisles.

Let an usher know of your need for communion to be brought to you.

COMMUNION SONGS

During the distribution we sing “Lamb of God” and hymn ELW 316.

The witness of John the Baptist in John 1:29 becomes our witness and prayer as we receive Jesus in the communion meal.

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.

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

*We stand as
 able.*

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

ELW 671

*In preparation
for departure,
we turn as the
cross is carried
past us and face
the back of the
church.*

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me: **Refrain**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me: **Refrain**



Amen
amen
amen

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED

OUR SERVICE BEGINS

*Join us for Coffee Fellowship and lunch in Miller Hall
as we gather for the Congregation Meeting.*

Souper Bowl Sunday: Today is **Souper Bowl** Sunday! Our St. John's youth will be collecting money for the Souper Bowl of Caring – a nationwide special offering for the hungry that traditionally is hosted in conjunction with the Super Bowl. Our youth will be collecting your donations in the narthex after worship. **ALL** of the money that is collected goes to our local food pantry, MA's Pantry. We are asking everyone to donate so please remember to bring some cash or a check payable to "Ma's Pantry"!

"Blanket the World With Love" Sunday. Today has also been designated as "Blanket the World with Love" Sunday. You will find a heart and envelope in your bulletin in which you can make your donation. Donations to this cause will provide a needy person with a warm blanket that can be put to many uses.

Mardi Gras: Everyone is invited to join us for a Mardi Gras celebration on **Tuesday, February 13**, at 6:00 p.m. Join us for pancakes, sausage and potatoes served with some surprise entertainment! We look forward to celebrating with you as we turn our hearts and minds toward Lent.

Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday, February 14, is fast approaching. A service, with the imposition of ashes will be held at St. John's at 7:00 p.m. In addition, Pr. Kimberly will be offering prayer and ashes – Ash 'n Dash – in St. John's parking lot from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

MA's Pantry Items: The Mission Outreach committee is reminding you to include items for MA's Pantry each time you do your own food shopping. The remaining distribution date for February is 2/17, and the request for February is cereal and other wholesome, non-perishable breakfast foods. Please help fill our collection box to overflowing!

It's time to order your Easter Flowers! Yellow tulips are available again this Easter. The price is \$10.00 each. If you wish to order a tulip, please use the order form in this bulletin, and place it, along with payment, in the **box on the desk in the office**. Please do not place your order in the offering basket. For your convenience, there is also an order form on our website. The deadline for ordering is **February 25**. Checks should be made payable to St. John's and clearly marked *Easter Flowers*.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: Envelopes for you to use to contribute to Pastor's Discretionary Fund will be in your bulletin on February 18. This fund is intended to give the pastor discretion and authority to provide confidential financial support to people in need, very often in emergency situations. Donations to a Discretionary Fund are a traditional way to honor a pastor, contributing to their ministry and making it possible to respond quickly to the needs of members and the community. If you choose to donate, put your envelope in the offering plate. Donations in any amount are a blessing!

2024 Stewardship Focus: The focus of Stewardship for 2024 is "An Attitude of Gratitude." Each month we'll offer you a different question about gratitude to prompt you to think about gratitude in a variety of ways. You might want to keep a gratitude journal for the year, or a simple paper with each answer for each month. For February, our question is: "**List five things you are grateful for that your senses allow you to experience**". Note your thoughts in a place that you'll be able to find next month when we highlight the next question.

The Altar Flowers are sponsored to the Glory of God by Carla Schlegel in honor of loved ones' birthdays.

In Worship Today:

Greeters: Richard & Marissa Barr
Worship Assistant: Bob Reimer
Acolyte: Owen Thomas
Head Usher: Joe Lundie
Ushers: Bertie Palmieri; Joyce Tritsch
Coffee Fellowship: Debi Maurizi

In Worship Next Week – 2/18/24

Greeters: Judy Jamison; Sandy Smith
Worship Assistant: Marlene Gumbert
Acolyte: Jack Sacriponte
Head Usher: Ed Ward
Ushers: Cindy & Rick Luke
Coffee Fellowship: Carla Schlegel

Important Dates

This Week:

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| * Today, Feb 11 | 9:30 AM
9:30 AM
10:45 AM | Adult Coffee and Conversation
Sunday School
Traditional Worship |
| * Mon., Feb. 12 | 11:00 AM
6:30 – 9:00 PM
7:30 PM | EA AARP - Miller Hall
12 Step Group – Miller Hall, Library
Bell Choir |
| * Tues., Feb. 13 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Mardi Gras in Miller Hall |
| * Wed., Feb. 14
<i>Ash Wednesday</i> | 3:00 – 6:00 PM
3:30 – 6:00 PM
7:00 PM | Ash ‘n Dash – St. John’s parking lot
St. Afterschool
Ash Wednesday Service |
| * Sat., Feb. 17 | 9:00 – 11:00 AM | 12 Step Group |

Coming Up:

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| * Sun., Feb 18
<i>First Sunday in Lent</i> | 9:30 AM
9:30 AM
10:45 AM | Adult Coffee and Conversation
Sunday School
Traditional Worship |
| * Mon., Feb. 19 | President’s Day
11:00 AM
6:30 – 9:00 PM
7:30 PM | Office Closed
EA AARP - Miller Hall
12 Step Group – Miller Hall, Library
Bell Choir |
| * Tues., Feb. 20 | 4:30 – 6:30
7:00 PM | Craft Group
Council via Zoom |
| * Wed., Feb. 21 | 3:30 – 6:00 PM
7:00 PM | St. Afterschool
Women of the ELCA via Zoom |
| * Sat., Feb. 24 | 9:00 – 11:00 AM | 12 Step Group |
| * Sun., Feb 25
<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> | 9:30 AM
9:30 AM
10:45 AM | Adult Coffee and Conversation
Sunday School
Traditional Worship |

We Remember in Our Prayers

You are invited to use this page in your devotion and prayer time.

Names in bold are new or updated this week.

We praise God for the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger and the ways God continues to use our collective assets to impact the world and serve our neighbors in need. Amen

Adapted from ELCA Prayer Ventures



Linda Hoffman Charlett, ongoing prayers.

Nancy Cutler, health concerns.

Shirley Dickson, Vincentian Home, North Hills.

Pam Gordon, lung cancer, (sister of Joan Berresford).

Tim Hess, recovering at home with lymphedema.

Luca Iera, 9 yr. old with brain cancer, (family friend of Debi Maurizi).

Lucas, baby grandson of Donna Barnes, (family friend of Debi Maurizi).

Pastor Kimberly, ongoing health concerns.

Janean Miller, breast cancer, sister-in-law of Justin Felt.

Tony Palmieri, recovering from stroke, UPMC East.

Dee Simon, health issues, at home.

Dotty Sites, at home.

Ruthie Smith, health concer

✝ We pray that peace can be restored to the people of Ukraine and Russia and to the Middle East.

✝ We pray for loved ones who are homebound, in care facilities, or in need of on-going prayer, including: Sarah Haag; Sally, Marty and Samantha Kerchner; Ron Kramer; Dan McNamar; Ron Nерger; Craig Peterson; Ruthie Smith; Lew Thompson; Ed Ward; Janice Winkles; Joy Young; Edith Zoric.

✝ We pray for ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton; SWPA Synod Bishop Kurt Kusserow, and the synod staff.

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To have friends or loved ones placed on the prayer list, contact the church office by email or phone; complete the blue prayer list form found on the table in the lobby; or complete the form on the website at stjohnsnorthversailles.com. If appropriate, include a brief reason and relationship. This list is cleared and updated monthly.



**St. John's Lutheran Church exists
to nurture people of all ages
on the journey of faith in Jesus Christ,
to support those in need,
and to reach out into the community
with God's healing and love.**



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