

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Holy Baptism*  
**June 2, 2024**  
**9:30 a.m.**



**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
North Versailles, Pennsylvania

*A Place for Everyone*



*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 or take a cup of grape juice from the small wooden stand on the bell table. 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.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

What Is This Place

*We stand,  
as able.*



1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the  
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in  
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a

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



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,  
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders  
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives  
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak  
we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.  
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

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*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.**

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

## KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*After the prayer, we sit.*

## SERMON FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES And NOISY OFFERING

**Sherie Cannin**

*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.

*This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.*

*We recite one of the ancient scriptures found in the Bible.*

## **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

A reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALTER: Psalm 81:1-10**

*Read responsively.*

- <sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.**
- <sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast;
- <sup>4</sup>**for this is a statute for Israel,  
a law of the God of Jacob.**
- <sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land  
of Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know:
- <sup>6</sup>**"I eased your shoulder from the burden;  
your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**
- <sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at  
the waters of Meribah.
- <sup>8</sup>**Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**
- <sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not worship a foreign god.
- <sup>10</sup>**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of  
Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

*When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.*

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For 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.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

<sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.*

## **GOSPEL: Mark 2:23—3:6**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O LORD.**

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.” <sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows.*



We sing stanzas 1, 2 and 5

*During the hymn, the baptismal candidate comes forward to the font, and children are welcome to come to the front pews to better see the baptism.*

*At the conclusion of the hymn, we sit.*

We stand, as able.

We Come to You for Healing, Lord



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through  
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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***We sit.***

*In the responsibilities of baptism, we have the lifelong job description of every Christian.*

## **HOLY BAPTISM**

In holy baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*The presiding minister addresses the candidate:*

Adam, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support this Adam, and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Only by God's grace, a threefold renunciation of evil and sin clears the way for saying yes to God in a threefold confession of faith in the Triune God in the Apostles' Creed.*

*The presiding minister addresses the baptismal candidate:*

Adam, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses the baptismal candidate and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

*Water is poured into the font during the thanksgiving.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and

*Throughout history, Christians have presented the basic beliefs of the church in documents called creeds, which proclaim our faith in the God who creates us, saves us, and makes us to be holy people.*

*Martin Luther's "Flood Prayer" celebrates God's loving acts of creation, rescue, and restoration with and through water, and in the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection.*

anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BAPTISM**

*The presiding minister baptizes the candidate. Water is poured on the candidate's head:*

Adam, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

*Water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:*  
and of the Son,

*Water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:*  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The assembly **stands** and responds:*

**You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

*The Pastor and the newly baptized move to the center of the nave; worshippers are invited to move in and **lay hands one on another to make connection to the newly baptized for prayer and anointing in the Holy Spirit.***

*The presiding minister continues:*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*In a vision of  
God's Kingdom  
Isaiah (11:2-3)  
names the  
sevenfold gifts of  
the Spirit, which  
Jesus embodies  
and fulfills (Luke  
4:16-21) and  
which are ours  
in baptism.*

Sustain Adam with the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear, the reverence of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*All remain connected as the presiding minister anoints the newly baptized with oil, marking the sign of the cross on the forehead:*

Adam, child of God, you have been sealed  
by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

*The Pastor and the newly baptized return to the font and others return to their places, **standing**.*

## **WELCOME**

*A lighted candle is presented to the newly baptized, and this call of Jesus is spoken:*

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The minister and the newly baptized face the assembly.  
The congregation offers words of welcome.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*We sit.*

*Baptism is  
personal but  
never private:  
we are public  
witnesses to the  
grace of God  
sent to be doers  
of God's Word  
as the body of  
Christ.*

*The newly baptized is welcomed throughout the congregation as we sing words of assurance and love from God (ELW 732). As the hymn concludes the Pastor and the newly baptized return to their pews.*

## Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

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

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them. Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration, especially those we name before you now...

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, food pantries and Little Free Pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of 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.*

*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.*

## OFFERING HYMN

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.



## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

*We stand as  
able.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### 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.  
You reveal your glory  
as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,  
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.  
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:

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

## 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:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody. The third and fourth staves complete the phrase and end with a double bar line.

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

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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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.

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

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

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

*All who seek  
God and a  
deeper and  
stronger life in  
Christ are  
welcome to  
receive  
Communion.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Communion is distributed by intinction. Come forward by the center aisle. Extend your hands if you wish to receive and keep your hands folded if you wish to receive a blessing instead. After you receive the wafer, you may dip it partially into the wine before eating it. You may eat just wafer as Christ is fully present in each element.*

*Parents should indicate if children receive Communion.*

*Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available.*

*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 521.*

*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.

## O Day of Rest and Gladness



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;  
 3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n - ly man - na falls;  
 4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:  
 on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,  
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,  
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;  
 where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams  
 We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.  
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three - fold light was giv'n.  
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.  
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

*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. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**



Amen  
amen  
amen

## Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
- 2 Per - fect sub-mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per - fect sub-mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,

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



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ***OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED***

## ***OUR SERVICE BEGINS***

*Join us for Coffee Fellowship in the narthex  
to welcome guests and to visit with one another.*

We rejoice as Adam Wise is baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, receiving adoption by God, new life and salvation during our worship service this morning. Welcome Adam!

**Noisy Offering:** This month's noisy offering is designated for Glade Run. Glade Run was founded in 1854 by Rev. Dr. William Passavant in Zelienople. Glade Run has evolved over the years to meet the changing and increasingly challenging needs of children, adults, and families throughout western Pennsylvania and beyond. With a focus on education, mental health, autism, and unique therapeutic offerings, Glade Run has a long tradition of linking faith and service.

**Father's Day:** St John's has a tradition of helping us to remember and honor fathers as part of our worship on Father's Day. This year that tradition will continue, along with a way to bless others. An opportunity is provided for you to honor or remember your father, or a gentleman who is a father to you, by making a contribution (any amount, your discretion) toward the Altar Flowers for that day. Offerings received above the cost of the flowers will go to St. John's St. Afterschool Program. A special bulletin for Father's Day weekend will include the names of those who honored and remembered fathers by contributing to the flowers. Please complete a form (on the credenza in the narthex) and return it with your monetary gift. Place your form and money in the box on the credenza in the office, or mail it to the church office. **The forms & donations must be received in the office by Sunday, June 9.** The gift you give will be a blessing to others in the name of Christ.

**Crafters for a Cause:** The crafters can use your leftovers! If you are a crafter and have a fabric/yarn stash that you (or someone you know) are looking to get rid of...look no further! St. John's new craft group is looking for unused all cotton fabric, as well as acrylic and cotton yarn for them to use in their mission projects. Your donation can be dropped off in the church office.

**Worship in the Park:** Make plans to attend Worship in the Park on Sunday, June 23. Service will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the Cedar 1 Grove at White Oak Park, followed by a pot luck picnic lunch. Our fellowship committee will provide the chicken.

**Trash to Treasure Give-Away:** The Christian Ed Committee is busy planning activities for St John's Outdoor Worship in the Park on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. If anyone would like to donate an item or two for the "Trash to Treasure Give-Away", please bring your gently used (or new!) donations directly to the park that morning, but please be mindful of only bringing two items per person to donate.

**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 **June**, our question is: **"What dream or desire of yours are you grateful for and why?"** Note your thoughts in a place that you'll be able to find next month when we highlight the next question.



**Lutheran Disaster Response:** Severe storms across the Midwestern and Southern United States brought deadly tornadoes and flash flooding to millions of people. With your support our church stands ready to walk with our neighbors as they rebuild. Together we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need. If you wish to make a contribution to LDR for this cause, mail your contribution to: Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA, 22116-8009 **OR** online at <https://community.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse>.

**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 June is 6/15 and the request for June is soups and peanut butter. Please help fill our collection box to overflowing!

**Altar Flowers:** The Altar Flowers are sponsored to the Glory of God by Ed and Dotty Sites in observance of their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

In Worship Today:

**Greeters:** Carla Schlegel; Bertie Palmieri  
**Worship Assistant:** Bob Reimer  
**Acolyte:** Josh Cannin  
**Head Usher:** Kenneth Hendrata  
**Ushers:** Sherie & Doug Cannin  
**Young Disciples Leader:** Sherie Cannin

In Worship Next Week – 6/9/24

**Greeters:** Joyce Tritsch  
**Worship Assistant:** Chuck Schaller  
**Acolyte:** Owen Thomas  
**Head Usher:** Ed Ward  
**Ushers:** Toni Marconi; Margie Trunzo  
**Young Disciples Leader:** Pastor Kimberly  
**Communion Bread:** Sarah Lundie

## Important Dates

### This Week:

* <b>Today, June 2</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Traditional Worship</b>
* Mon., June 3	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM	12 Step Group – Miller Hall, Library
* Tues., June 4	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Crafters for a Cause Game Night
* Sat., June 8	9:00 to 11:00 AM	12 Step Group

### Coming Up:

* <b>Sun., June 9</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Traditional Worship</b>
* Mon., June 10	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM	EA AARP 12 Step Group – Miller Hall, Library
* Tues., June 11	7:00 PM	Council – In-person
* Fri., June 14	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM	Synod Assembly, Penn West California
* Sat., June 15	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM	12 Step Group Synod Assembly; Penn West California
* <b>Sun., June 16</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Traditional Worship</b>

## ***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.*

### ***June is LGBTQ Pride Month***

We give thanks for the gifts, wisdom, leadership, and faith of our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and siblings in Christ. We ask the Spirit to embolden us in advocating for social, institutional, and legislative change that reflects justice, total inclusion, and God's boundless love for humanity in all its diversity. Amen

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*Linda Hoffman Charlett*, ongoing prayers.

*Jenny Baur*, health concerns, (daughter of

Jan Burkhart and daughter in law of

Jerry & Sherry Baur).

*Nancy Cutler*, health concerns.

*Stephen Kennedy*, recovering from cancer surgery, (cousin of Judi Rogers).

*Pastor Kimberly*, ongoing health concerns.

*Sarah Lundie*, recovering from ankle surgery.

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

*Karen Mitchell*, breast cancer, (cousin of Judy Sabolic).

*Andrea Mulligan*, heart catheterization

June 6, (daughter of Joan & Bill Berresford; sister of Heather Thomas).

*Mary Ellen Pfeifer*, recovering in Magee TCU undergoing physical therapy.

*Fran Thompson*, hospitalization and rehab.

✝ We pray for the family of Carl Dickson, who died.

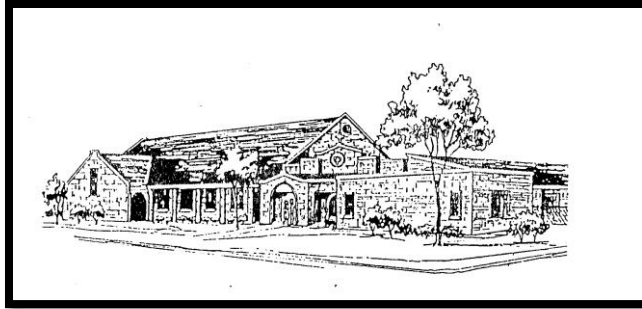
✝ We pray that peace can be restored to the people of Ukraine and Russia and to the Middle East.

✝ We pray for loved ones who are homebound, in care facilities, or in need of on-going prayer, including: Shirley Dickson; Sarah Haag; Sally, Marty and Samantha Kerchner; Ron Kramer; Dan McNamar; Ron Nerger; Craig Peterson; Dotty Sites; Ruthie Smith; Fran Thompson; 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.

***Names in bold are new or updated this week.***

*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](http://stjohnsnorthversailles.com). If appropriate, include a brief reason and relationship. This list is cleared and updated monthly.*



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to support those in need,  
and to reach out into the community  
with God's healing and love.**



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