

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 4, 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.*

*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.*

## 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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.  
**Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and  
made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In  
the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God  
strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live  
in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*We stand,  
as able.*

What Feast of Love

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



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?  
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?  
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*We glorify the  
Triune God,  
Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit,  
singing the  
angels' song at  
Jesus' birth in  
Luke: 2.*



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!*



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!*



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.*



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And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*After the prayer, we sit.*

SERMON FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES  
AND NOISY OFFERING

Pr. Neumann

*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.

3  
Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

*A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.*

**FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>2</sup> The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'"

<sup>10</sup> And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup> "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

<sup>13</sup> In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it,

they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALTER: Psalm 78:23-29**

*Read in unison.*

- <sup>23</sup> **So God commanded the clouds above  
and opened the doors of heaven,  
<sup>24</sup> raining down manna upon them to eat  
and giving them grain from heaven.  
<sup>25</sup> So mortals ate the bread of angels;  
God provided for them food enough.  
<sup>26</sup> The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens  
and powerfully led out the south wind,  
<sup>27</sup> raining down flesh upon them like dust  
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,  
<sup>28</sup> letting them fall in the midst of the camp  
and round about the dwellings.  
<sup>29</sup> So the people ate and were well filled,  
for God gave them what they craved.**

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

*Christians share  
fundamental  
unity and  
diversity. Our  
unity consists in  
the one body,  
one Spirit, one  
Lord, one faith,  
one baptism,  
and one God.  
Our diversity is  
expressed in  
various forms of  
ministry whose  
goal is  
equipping the  
saints and  
building up  
Christ's one  
body.*

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16**

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup> But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup> (When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup> We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

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.*

*A - le - lu - ya,      a - le - lu - ya,      a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya,      a - le - lu - ya,      a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!*

*A - le - lu - ya,      a - le - lu - ya,*  
*Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,*

*a - le - lu - ya!      A - le - lu - ya!*  
*al - le - lu - ia!      Al - le - lu - ia!*



*Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.*

## **GOSPEL: John 6:24-35**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup> When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”

<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

<sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows.*

*We stand, as  
able.*

## I Received the Living God

*Refrain*



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.




I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

*Refrain*



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

*He is  
the  
Living  
God*

*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**

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. In the places experiencing the cold of winter, bring your warmth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Bread of life from heaven, you feed us. Fill all who hunger with needed nutrition and open our hearts to eliminate hunger in this world. May we see a day when all are fed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O Wisdom of truth, help us to understand your will for the church. Be with congregations experiencing transition, redevelopment, and the exciting yet frightening path of newness. May your wisdom be found at every step. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed. We remember any who are sick or suffering, especially those we name before you now...

Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **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.*

## OFFERING HYMN

ELW 183

### 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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

*We stand as  
able.*

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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:*

San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el  
earth. . . . . Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el  
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -  
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . . .

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.  
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*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.*

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

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.

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.**





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

## **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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

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

*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 518*.

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



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros,                      ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,                      have . . mer-cy up - on us.



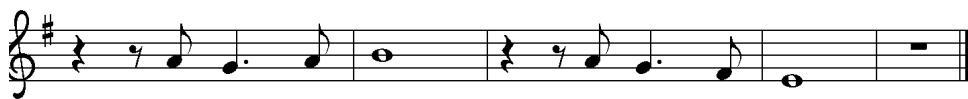
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ten pie-dad de no - so-tros,                      ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,                      have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz,                      da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace,                      grant us your peace.

## We Eat the Bread of Teaching

*Refrain*



We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are



giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er



joined, the great-est and the least, we all are



one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.

1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our  
 2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and  
 3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-  
 gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-  
 rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-



ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.  
 par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.  
 bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

*Refrain*



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*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. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**



Amen  
amen  
amen

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

## I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .  
5 Yes, Lord, . . . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
flesh for the life of the world, . . . . . and if you  
flesh of the Son of Man . . . . . and . . .  
I . . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -  
you . . . . . are the Christ, . . . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
eat . . . . . of this bread, you shall . . . live for -  
drink . . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . . of his  
lieve . . . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you  
Son . . . . . of . . . . . God, who . . . . . have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
ev - er, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
die, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
come in - to . . . . . the . . . . . world. . . . .

*Refrain*  
All

“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

***OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED***

***OUR SERVICE BEGINS***

**On Vacation:** Pastor Kimberly will be out of the office through August 18. If you are in need of pastoral care, contact the office.

**Thank You!:** Thank you to Pr. Richard Neumann for preaching and presiding in Pastor Kimberly's absence; we are happy to have you. Welcome!

**Noisy Offering:** This month's Noisy Offering is designated to Camp Sequanota. Sequanota is a year-round, Christian-based retreat center and camp, located in the Laurel Highlands region of Pennsylvania. Camp Sequanota offers many activities to campers, as well as activities, events and workshops for adults. Sequanota is a place that grants guests the opportunity to connect to God, to nature and to others.

**Clean for a Cause:** Is it time to clean out your closets? Crafters for a Cause needs your help! The St John's crafters are in need of old men's button-down dress shirts (short or long sleeves), old t-shirts, cotton fabric, fleece, old jeans, and cotton or acrylic yarn. Donations can be left in the office. We will also gladly accept donations or gift cards to Joann Fabrics or Michaels!

**Crafters for a Cause:** The crafters will be meeting every Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. through the end of August. Join us!

**Concerts in the Park:** The Christian Ed/Youth committee would like to invite all members and friends of St John's to join us at Renzie Park in McKeesport for the McKeesport Concerts in the Park series at the Lion's Bandshell. The free concerts are on Sunday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. Weather permitting, we will meet in the area near the third big tree up from the right side of the bandshell stage. Bring a blanket or folding chair and join us for fellowship and great entertainment! The remaining concerts are **8/4**, Totally 80's Band; **8/11**, Scott, Rob and Greg of 'The Clarks'; **8/18**, Pendulum – CCR Tribute; **8/25**, Aftermath – Experience the 60's; **8/30**, Beatlemania; **8/31**, Bon Journey; **9/1**, The Jaggerz; and **9/2**, The Booze Brothers-followed by fireworks!

**Meet author Dr. Mingo:** Dr. Mingo, author of Have You Got Good Religion? will be speaking on September 12 at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She will speak about black church women from the civil rights era and the current relevance of their Christian activism. Dr. Mingo's research and scholarship expounds on ethics and Theo-Moral Imagination. If interested in attending, contact Linda Bullen at 561-315-7669 or [lindabullen@comcast.net](mailto:lindabullen@comcast.net) by September 1.

**Women's Retreat:** All women in the Southwestern PA Synod and Northwestern PA Synod are invited to a retreat this fall at Lutherlyn. The dates are Friday, September 20, through Sunday, September 22. You may choose to go for all three days or choose one or two days. For more information, contact the Synod office at 412-367-8222.

**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 **August**, our question is: **"Think about the impact you have had on others. What have you learned from the gratitude they have shared with you?"** Note your thoughts in a place that you'll be able to find next month when we highlight the next question.

**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 August is and 8/17; and the request for August is cereals and other wholesome, non-perishable breakfast foods. Please help fill our collection box to overflowing!

**Altar Flowers:** The Altar Flowers are sponsored to the of God by Sandy Smith in honor of Max's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**In Worship Today:**

**Greeters:** Sherie and Ali Cannin  
**Worship Assistant:** Marlene Gumbert  
**Acolyte:** Josh Cannin  
**Head Usher:** Joe Lundie  
**Ushers:** Doug Cannin; David Lundie  
**Young Disciples Leader:** Pastor Neumann  
**August Counters:** Susan and Bob Reimer

**In Worship week of 8/11/24**

**Greeters:** Judy Jamison; Bertie Palmieri  
**Worship Assistant:** Chuck Schaller  
**Acolyte:** Jack Sacriponte  
**Head Usher:** Joe Lundie  
**Ushers:** Brian Maderas; Joyce Tritsch  
**Young Disciples Leader:** Pastor Jennifer

**Important Dates**

**This Week:**

|                   |                                      |                                                              |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| * Today, August 4 | 9:30 AM                              | Traditional Worship                                          |
| * Mon., August 5  | 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM                    | 12 Step Group – Miller Hall, Library                         |
| * Tues., August 6 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM                    | Crafters for a Cause<br><b>DAY OF GIVING for MA'S PANTRY</b> |
| * Sat., August 10 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM<br>Noon – 6:00 PM | 12 Step Group<br>Private Party – Miller Hall                 |

**Coming Up:**

|                    |                                         |                                                 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| * Sun., August 11  | 9:30 AM                                 | Traditional Worship                             |
| * Mon., August 12  | 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM<br>6:30 PM – 9:00 PM | EA AARP<br>12 Step Group – Miller Hall, Library |
| * Tues., August 13 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM                       | Crafters for a Cause                            |
| * Sat., August 17  | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM                      | 12 Step Group                                   |
| * Sun., August 18  | 9:30 AM                                 | Traditional Worship                             |

NOTE: THE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 8/13 HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL PASTOR KIMBERLY'S RETURN FROM VACATION. COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE NOTIFIED VIA EMAIL OF THE NEW DATE.



# **MA's Pantry Day of Giving:**

The Pittsburgh Foundation has invited MA's Pantry to partner in the Day of Giving again this year! MA's Pantry has been very successful over the last several years by participating in the Day of Giving thanks to everyone that generously gives. On this Day of Giving, the Pittsburgh Foundation will match gifts made for MA's Pantry dollar for dollar for gifts of \$25 or more.

In 2023, we realized \$37,642.00. **This year our goal is \$40,000**, but we need your help:

**On Tuesday, August 6 – AND August 6 ONLY**  
gifts made to MA's Pantry will be matched by the Pittsburgh Foundation.  
**Here's how it works:**

1. Gifts may **ONLY** be made **ONLINE** by going to

**<https://www.pittsburghgives.org>**.

2. Persons going to this website to donate will select MA's Pantry, designate it, and follow the simple on-line instructions. It's easy. Just remember MA's Pantry. You will see the MA's Pantry logo.

3. Gifts must be of \$25 or more.

4. Gifts will be matched up to \$1,000 but will be accepted in any amount over that.

## ***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 thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the Moravian Church in America, a full communion partner since 1999, and one of the oldest Protestant denominations in Christianity. We pray for the church, its members, and its leaders, that together we will find strength, resources, and encouragement for the work of sharing the gospel, serving our neighbor, and growing the church.

Amen

*Adapted from ELCA Prayer Ventures*



*Linda Hoffman Charlett*, ongoing prayers.

*Jenny Baur*, health concerns, (daughter of

Jan Burkhart and daughter in law of

Jerry & Sherry Baur).

*Ashley Beam*, prayers for comfort.

*Joan Berresford*, home, broken foot.

*Loretta Costa*, prayers for her and her family.

*Nancy Cutler*, health concerns.

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

*Ron Kramer*, recovering from pacemaker surgery.

*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).

*Mary Ellen Pfeifer*, recovering from a broken  
hip at home.

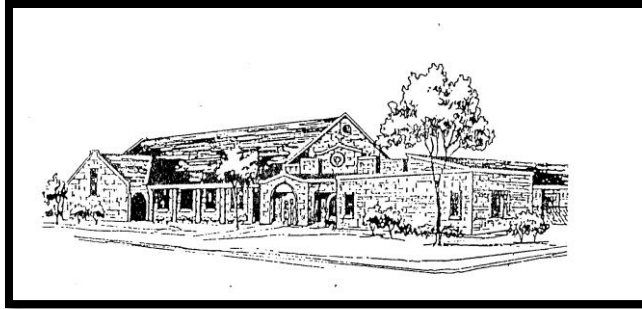
✝ We pray that peace can be restored to the people of Ukraine and Russia and to the Middle East.

✝ 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.

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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](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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