

*Welcome to
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
By God's example, St. John's invites and welcomes everyone to
be ignited by the Spirit and to grow in God's love.
May all those seeking love, acceptance and support find it here.*

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost • June 28, 2026 • 9:30am



The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Our Mission:

Ignited by Spirit, Growing in Love



We strive to be a community that is open to the Spirit of God that moves, changes and inspires us to connect with God and one another, everyday, everywhere.

WELCOME

We are so glad you are here with us this morning. We pray that you will meet God in worship and that your faith will be strengthened as you prepare to go out into the world in the coming week. If you are a guest with us this morning, welcome to the family! We would love to share information with you about St. John's - fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate or sign the guest book in the narthex so we can reach out!

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Leonard Gibeon, David Mounts, Steve Keyser, Andrew Breuninger, Renee Fels, Rebecca Jellen, Richard Ditzler, Alyson Harvey, Marie Wolfe, Mary Eberle, Brandon Blanchard, Elizabeth Brossett and family, Paige Seasock, Tanner Antalosky, Will Morgan, Barry Long, Jim Martin, Mike Wolf, Michael Svanson, Linda Quinque, Marilyn Little-Logan, Ed & Pam Bowlin, Josephine D'Amico, Bob Schanely and Bob Ernst.

Names are kept on the prayer list for three weeks unless specifically requested by the family or for those struggling through long-term illness or treatment. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 215-234-4888 or stj.stown@verizon.net.

+ THE GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

The congregation is invited to observe the prelude time as one of reverent silence.

PRELUDE Land of Rest - setting by Howard Helvey

LIGHTING OF THE TRINITY CANDLE

We are a community of faith that is

Ignited by Spirit, Growing in Love.

We begin our worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN ELW 698 How Long, O God

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-14

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 13

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day?

How long shall my enemy triumph over me?

Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God;

give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

lest my enemy say, "I have defeated you,"

and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

But I trust in your unfailing love;

my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

I will sing to the LORD,

who has dealt with me richly.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

At the beginning of the reading:

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Rebecca Schanely

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 635 We Walk by Faith

APOSTLE'S 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 into hell. 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.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING Aria – Elizabeth Turner

OFFERTORY



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

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We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a - dore you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful Provider, we bring our gifts with trembling hands and trusting hearts. Like Abraham on the mountain, we don't always understand the path ahead, but we believe in your promise: that you will provide. We offer these gifts, not as bargains or sacrifices to earn your love, but as signs of our trust in you. Use them, we pray, to bless others—to meet needs, to heal hurts, to build hope. And as you provide for the world through us, keep us faithful to your calling, even when the way is unclear. May our giving be our “Here I am,” ready and willing to serve. **In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end with the phrase:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

We are bold to 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.

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW 796 How Firm a Foundation

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Finale – Eric H. Thiman

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, June 28	Heavenly Helpers Red Robin event 4-8 pm Private event in Fellowship Hall 1-5pm
Monday, June 29	Executive Committee meeting 7:30pm
Sunday, July 5	Heavenly Helper Hoagie orders due

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE		
Worship Attendance		
06/21/2026 worship service – 57 Zoom - 3		
	Total received between 06/07/2026 – 06/14/2026 \$6029.72	Amount Needed per 2 weeks in 2026 \$11,656
<i>Weekly average is based on the 2026 budget. The above numbers include electronic giving. Mint duty is being done every other week.</i>		

VBS – Thank you to all the volunteers, teachers, and the those who donated items to make this year’s #Kids Connect week a wonderful success and experience for the children. The sound of excitement, laughter and song were heard throughout the church!
Heavenly Helpers Today - Red Robin in Quakertown, dining in or take out between 4-8pm, mention Heavenly Helpers and we will receive 15% of the cost of your order. Contact Elaine Keller with questions. elaineakeller@comcast.net

The Open Link Reminder no food donation collection at the church on Saturday, July 4th –donate item drop off other then the scheduled days, please place them on the table inside the gym.
Grab and Go summer meals in need of volunteers at the distribution locations. Visit The Open Link website for more details.

First Monday Meal St John’s is scheduled to prepare and serve the July 6th meal at Pennsburg UCC. sign-up Genius link below to donate dinner items or to volunteer. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAEAC23A1F9C16-64527653-first> to donate dinner items or to volunteer. Questions: Contact Jamie @ 215.960.8340 or jernst169@gmail.com

Friday at the Firepit have begun, come out for an evening of fellowship. Relax and enjoy some sweet treats. Water and s’mores ingredients are provided. Don’t forget your lawn chairs. Next gathering July 24th. All are welcome!

Family Bathroom The family bathroom project has started. Designated fund for donations, write “Family Bathroom” on an envelope or you may donate online through St. John’s website!



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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Colleen Carlin & Brian Gegan – A/V team

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