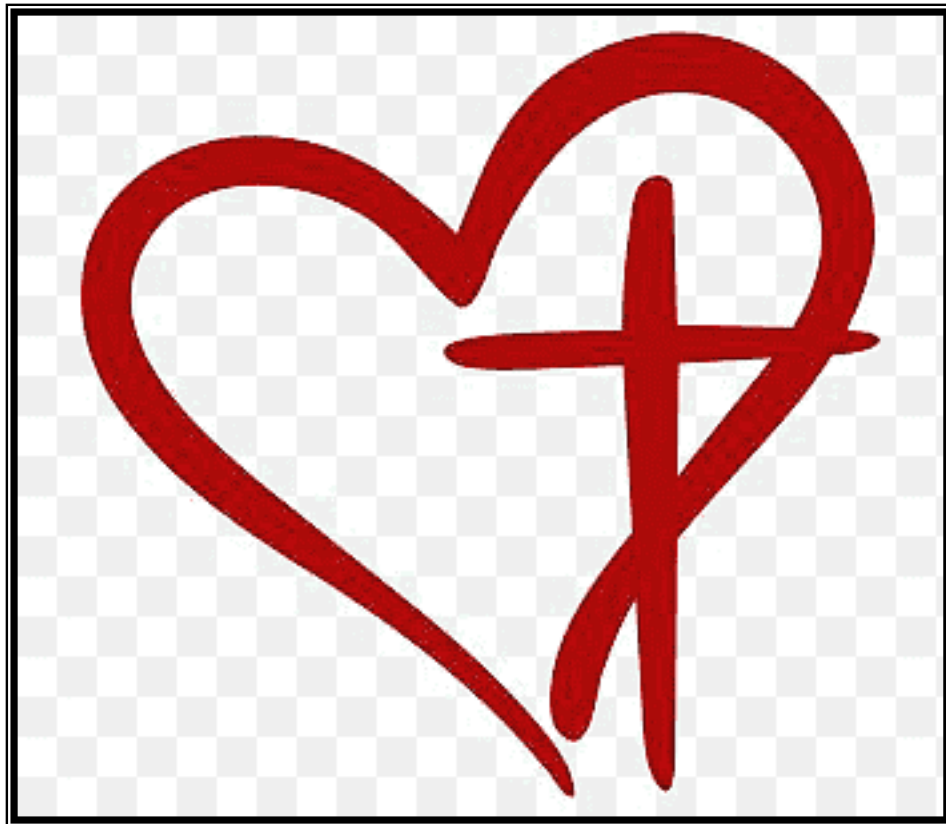


St. John's Sinking Valley
February 16, 2025



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The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –

Lighting of Candles: Acolyte –

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship –

***The Opening Hymn –**

***Apostle's Creed-**

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

*** The Doxology**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Liturgy of the Word – Madison Harper

Today's Old Testament Lesson comes from the book of Psalms

Psalms 86:15

15 But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Today's New Testament Lesson comes from the book of Romans

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

Thy Word

***L:**The Holy Gospel according to John

***C:** **Glory to you, O Lord**

John 15:9-17

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made

known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

L: The Gospel of the Lord
C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message-

AGAPE Love!

Hymn-

Oh How He Loves You and Me

***Communion**

1 st Corinthians 11:26-29 tells us... “ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves”

L: As we enter into this time of Communion, a time of remembering Christ as the Son of God, the sacrificial lamb, the very one who would take away the sins of the world, let us reflect on what He has done for us. For, if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us now confess our sin to God.

Silence for Reflection

L: Through our repentance and because of Christ’s great love for us which was poured out in his blood on the cross of Calvary, we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God!

**Congregation will be dismissed by pew to receive elements at the altar. Should you not be able to Come to the altar, the elements will be brought to your seat.*

***Closing Hymn-**

The Love of God

***St. John’s Mission Statement**

L: As a reminder of God’s goodness to us, we proclaim the Mission of our church together. Collectively,

C: We praise God for all His bountiful blessings. We desire to grow together in faith and love, acknowledging that we are a family, a congregation, and a community.

***Benediction—**

The Dismissal from Worship on the Bells

**Extinguishing of Candles – Let us look ahead with great anticipation to a New Year of God’s Glory!*

Organ Postlude –

Prayer Requests For: Ellen, Lori, Kathy, Brandon, Emily, Craig & Michelle, Gwen, Mikey, Terry, Jamie, Joe, Joyce, Georgette, Barb, John, Cody, Bob, Dave, The Lardieri Family, The Brua Family, Jim, Matt, Elaine, Ernie, Jaxon, Judy, Mary, Mike, The Kost Family, Bonnie, Janet, Sally, Jeff, Brian, Judy, Tom, Jason, Joyce, Albert, Carly and Justin, Jaclyn, Bob, Sr., Jill, Lana and Andrea, Kelsi, Fred, Sr., Kathy, Ken, Mary Lou, Curt, Sue, Kim, Wendy, Linda, Mark, Peggy, Sarah, Dalton, Nico, Michael, First Responders, Members of our Military and their families, Cancer treatment patients and the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church.

If you would like anyone added (or if someone can be removed) please let Carey Williams (brooke2235@yahoo.com) know. Thank You.

Pastoral Care – For anyone needing pastoral care, Drew Baker is our Worship Leader. Please feel free to contact him at 814-932-4085. Drew's Email: jesus2thevalley@gmail.com

Prayer Chain – There is a prayer support chain in place. If anyone would like to commit to praying and being part of the chain, please contact Charlene Detwiler or Drew Baker. In addition, if you have someone to be added to the prayer chain, please let Charlene or Drew know.

Give to St. John's online for a one-time or a recurring gift using the church's website:

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Reader/Acolyte/Offering Schedule

February	Reader	Acolyte	Count Offering
2/9/25	Lauren Fleck		Charlene Detwiler Joy Williams
2/16/25	Madison Harper		Charlene Detwiler Joy Williams
2/23/25	Ryan Fleck		Charlene Detwiler Joy Williams

Reader/Acolyte/Offering Schedule

March	Reader	Acolyte	Count Offering
3/2/25	David Lang		Heidi Shetler Randy Turiano
3/9/25	Remington Fleck		Heidi Shetler Randy Turiano
3/16/25	Chad Pedersen		Heidi Shetler Randy Turiano
3/23/25	Lori Cushion		Heidi Shetler Randy Turiano
3/30/25	Madison Coleman		Heidi Shetler Randy Turiano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4th Annual Pie & Praise – March 29, 2025 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Basket Donations for Pie & Praise – We are looking for basket donations for our 4th Annual Pie & Praise. If you are interested in donating a basket, please see Heidi Shetler. Donations need to be dropped off the Sunday, March 23rd. If you have any questions, please call/text (814) 327-1995, or see Heidi. Thank you in advance for your help!!!!

Pie Donations – We also need pies!!!! If you are willing to donate your favorite pie to be auctioned and/or served, please sign up on the table at the back of the church. Thank you for your help in making our 4th Annual Pie & Praise a success. Any questions, please see Charlene Detwiler.

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**Good Samaritan Fund – February** – This week's Good Samaritan recipient is for BEN Blessed. This ministry meets the basic needs of people who are homeless in Altoona. Please note: any cash donations they receive they use to purchase needed items – they do not hand out cash. Here are some of the items they purchase to help support the homeless – Gift Cards for meals/travel size toiletries/package snack items/water/hats/gloves/rain ponchos/hand warmers/sock, and small bibles. Please prayerfully consider helping this important ministry.

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REMINDER - Good Samaritan Fund Recipients – The Good Samaritan Fund was established to help anyone in need. If you know of anyone (individuals/families/missions), please pick up a form on the back table, complete it and put it in the offering plate or in the basket on the back table.

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**Annual Joint Church Picnic - August 17, 2025** - Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Joint Church Picnic with the Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church. ***If you are interested in the planning, please fill out the sign up form on the back table.***

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Sunday Evening Bible Study – Adult Bible Study will continue to meet Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Drew Baker (814-932-4085), or Jerry & Heidi Shetler (814-327-4808 / 814-686-2347).

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**Favorite Hymns** – If you have a favorite hymn, please be sure to put it on the list on the back table.  
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We Care Meals - We Care Meals, providing free meals for people in the Community on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, some recipients are elderly, young, home bound, recovering from illness or accident, or just could use a good meal and a smiling face delivering the meal. If you know of “**ANY ONE**”, please contact Jeanne Fleck.

UPCOMING DATES

Events / Meetings / Special Services

**February 9th – Church Council Meeting Following
Worship**

March 5th – Ash Wednesday Service

March 29th – 4th Annual Pie & Praise

April 17th – Maundy Thursday Service

April 18th – Good Friday Service

June – Strawberry Festival (date to be determined)

**August 17th – Annual Joint Picnic w/ Sinking Valley
Presbyterian**

December 21st (tent.) - Christmas in the Valley

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service

We Care Meals

January 11, 2025	~	January 25, 2025
February 8, 2025	~	February 22, 2025
March 8, 2025	~	March 22, 2025
April 12, 2025	~	April 26, 2025
May 10, 2025	~	May 24, 2025
June 14, 2025	~	June 28, 2025
July 12, 2025	~	July 28, 2025
August 9, 2025	~	August 23, 2025
September 13, 2025	~	September 27, 2025
October 11, 2025	~	October 25, 2025
November 8, 2025	~	November 22, 2025
December 13, 2025	~	December 27, 2025