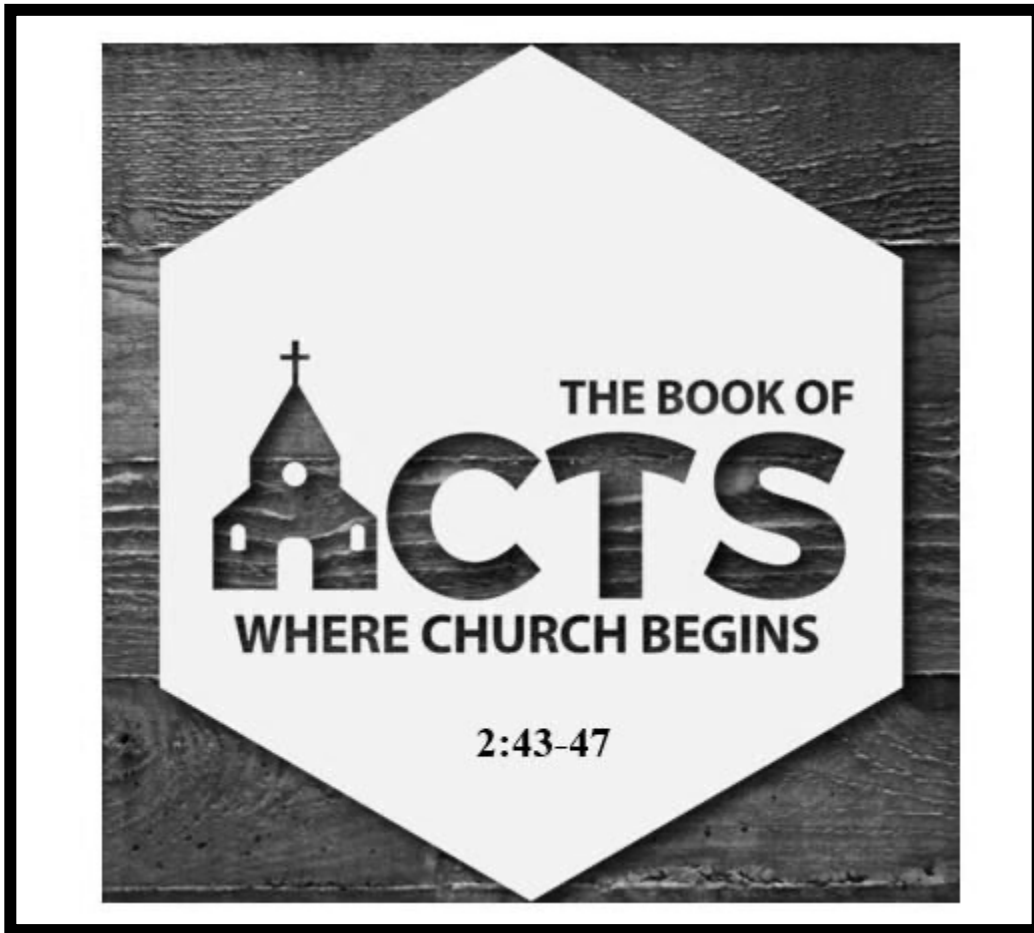


St. John's Sinking Valley

August 31st, 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 –**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Offertory

*** The Doxology**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Liturgy of the Word – Madison Harper

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

Job 17:9

Nevertheless, the righteous will hold to their ways,
and those with clean hands will grow stronger.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Acts 8:9-25

9 Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, 10 and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God." 11 They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. 12 But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. 14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. 15 When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money 19 and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." 20 Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! 21 You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. 22 Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. 23 For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin." 24 Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me." 25 After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

*L: The Holy Gospel according to John

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

John 3:16-17

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Message-

Earthly Treasures or Kingdom Building

Hymn-

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn-

Lift High the Cross

***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 –

Organ Postlude –

Prayer Requests For: Krystal, Doreen, Ellen, Kathy, Brandon, Emily, Craig, Gwen, Mikey, Terry, Jamie, Joe, Joyce, Georgette, Barb, John, Cody, Bob, Dave, The Lardieri Family, The Brua Family, Jim, Matt, 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 **Drew Baker**. In addition, if you have someone to be added to the prayer chain, please let 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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Scroll down the home page and click on the PDF "Online Giving DIRECTIONS" for more information. Click on the "Online Giving Web Site" link to create a free profile and get started.

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Reader/Offering Schedule

September	Reader	Count Offering
9/7/25	Ryan Fleck	Heidi Shetler / Randy Turiano
9/14/25	David Lang	Heidi Shetler / Randy Turiano
9/21/25	Remington Fleck	Heidi Shetler / Randy Turiano
9/28/25	Chad Pedersen	Heidi Shetler / Randy Turiano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Samaritan Fund – August – This month’s recipient is the family of Rachel (Harshman) Wiggins. As many of you may know, Mr. Bill Harshman recently suffered the heartbreaking loss of both his daughter, Rachel, and his wife, Anne, within just a few days of each other. Rachel is survived by her husband, Brandon, and their two children, Dakota and Cooper, who live in Latrobe. Please continue to keep the Harshman and Wiggins families in your thoughts and prayers as they endure this incredibly difficult time.

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**Tyrone Food Bank** - The food bank needs plastic grocery bags that they use to hand out food. Please drop them off at the food bank on Thursday mornings. If you would prefer to collect them here, at the church, she is willing to come out and pick them up. Thank you for your help!

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Yoga Class – Yoga class is canceled until further notice.

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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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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 Drew or a member of council.

UPCOMING DATES

Events / Meetings / Special Services

September 3rd – Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
October 4th – FallFest
November 26th – Thanksgiving Eve Service
December 21st (tent.) - Christmas in the Valley
December 24th – Christmas Eve Service

We Care Meals

September 13, 2025 ~ September 27, 2025
October 11, 2025 ~ October 25, 2025
November 8, 2025 ~ November 22, 2025
December 13, 2025 ~ December 27, 2025