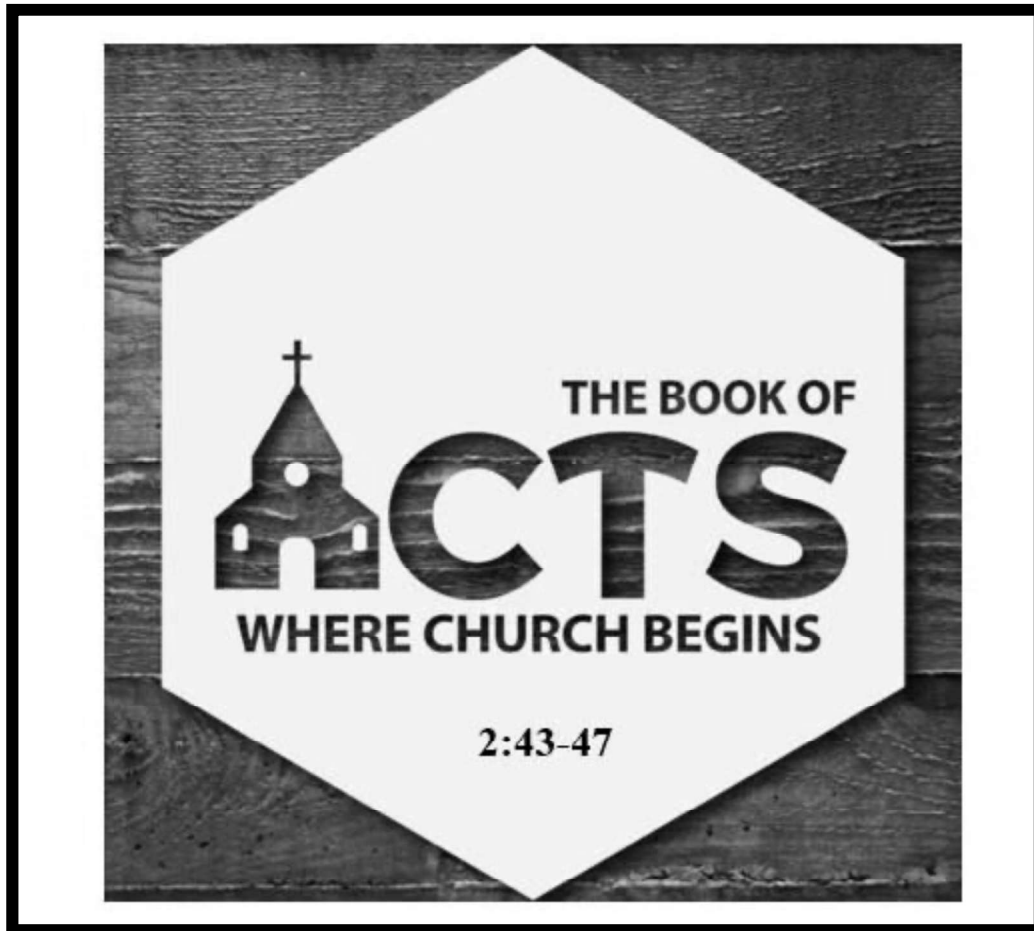


St. John's Sinking Valley

November 16th, 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 –**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Children's Message

Offertory

*** The Doxology**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Liturgy of the Word – LeeAnne Ayers

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

Proverbs 12:17

Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence, but a false witness utters deceit

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Acts 11:1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him 3 and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them." 4 Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: 5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. 6 I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. 7 Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.' 8 "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9 "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' 10 This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. 11 "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. 12 The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. 14 He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.' 15 "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. 16 Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" 18 When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

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 8:31-36

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” 33 They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” 34 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message-

Hymn-

The Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn-**

***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: Brenda, Krystal, Doreen, Ellen, Kathy, 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 see **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:

www.stjohnssinkingvalley.com

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

November	Reader	Count Offering
11/16/25	LeeAnne Ayers	Lauren Fleck Ryan Fleck
11/23/25	Ashley Detwiler	Lauren Fleck Ryan Fleck
11/30/25	Lauren Fleck	Lauren Fleck Ryan Fleck

Events / Meetings / Special Services

**November 26th – Thanksgiving Eve Service -
7:30 p.m.**

**December 21st - Christmas in the Valley
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service

We Care Meals

November 8, 2025 ~ November 22, 2025

December 13, 2025 ~ December 27, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Poinsettia Orders DUE TODAY!! – Order forms are on the back table for Christmas Poinsettias. Orders are due to Linda Lykens by **Sunday, November 16th**.

CHOIR Announcement! We will be preparing a choir for the Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service. If you would like to join us for the anthem entitled "GIVE THANKS", we will be rehearsing following worship on Sunday Nov 16th and 23rd.

Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday, November 26th – 7:30 p.m. – Please join us at St. John's as we will be hosting the Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service the with Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Good Samaritan Fund – November – This month we are collecting for the **Tyrone Food Bank**. Please prayerfully consider helping this important, local organization.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing / Decorating TODAY! – Please plan to stay after worship today to help pack shoeboxes and decorate!

Christmas in the Valley- 4pm-6pm

Join us for a night of food, fellowship and fun. Experience the beauty of St. John's advent decor, partake of tasty goodies and witness the splendor of the Christmas story through the ministry of Boston Bachert. From a very early age, Boston has trusted the Lord with his life. As a result, through him, he's been able to do things he never thought possible! When Boston was 7 years old, he was diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome, OCD, and auditory processing issues. He uses the skills he's developed in acrobatics, gospel illusions and tricks not only to entertain and connect with his audience, but also to share his own personal story of faith and overcoming. He shares how he chose to trust God with his struggles in life, and how Tourette's doesn't have to hold him back - it actually helps him be the performer that he is today! It also gives him a platform to help others and share Christ's love for each and every one of us.

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.

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).

Favorite Hymns – If you have a favorite hymn, please be sure to put it on the list on the back table.

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.