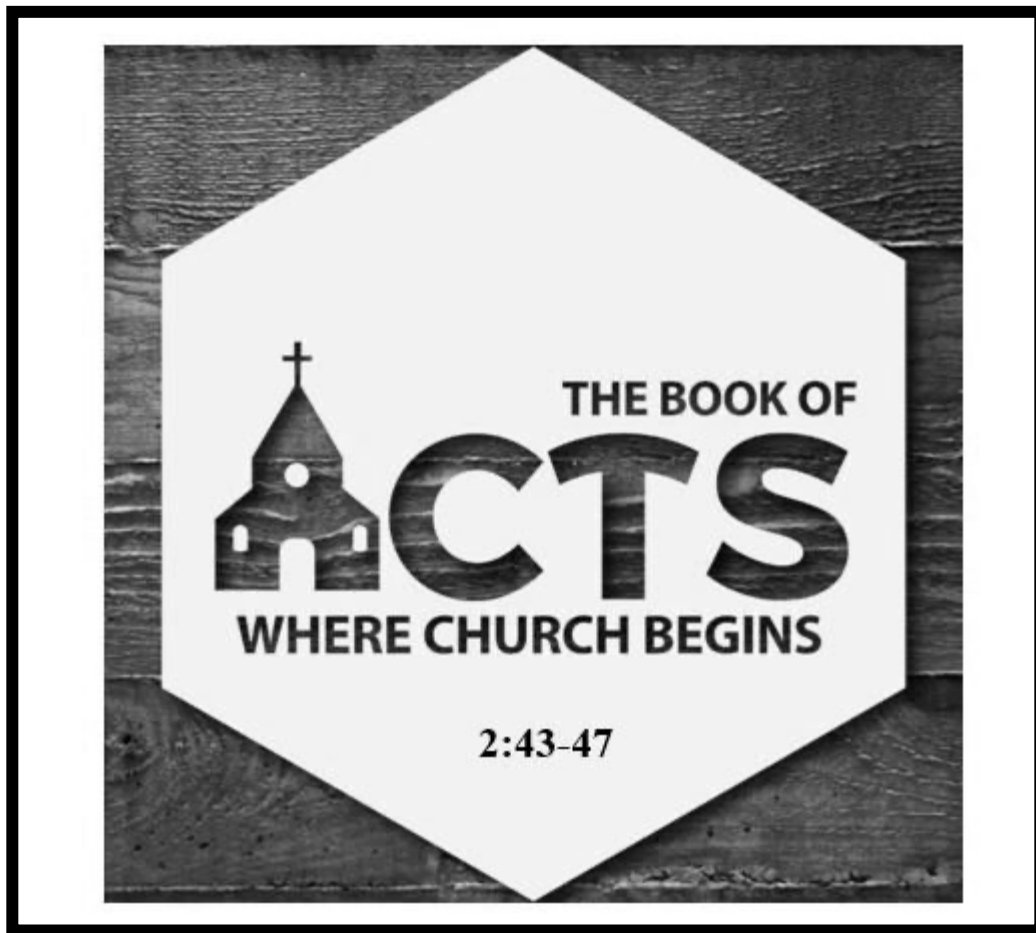


# *St. John's Sinking Valley*

*August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



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\* = Please stand as you are able

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –

Lighting of Candles: Acolyte –

*Opening Prayer*

**Call to Worship –**

**\*The Opening Hymn –**

**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

**Offertory**

**\* The Doxology**

**\* Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***The Liturgy of the Word – Lauren Fleck***

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

**Psalm 98:4-9**

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;  
5 make music to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,  
6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—  
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.  
7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.  
8 Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together for joy;  
9 let them sing before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.  
L: The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**Acts 8:1-8**

And Saul approved of their killing him.  
On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. 2 Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. 3 But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. 4 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. 5 Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. 6 When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. 7 For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. 8 So there was great joy in that city.  
L: The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Gospel Response –**

\*L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

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

**Luke 2:9-11**

<sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Message-*

**Earthly Treasures or Kingdom Building**

*Hymn-*

**It Is Well With My Soul**

**The Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn-**

**Blessed Assurance**

**\*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](mailto: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**

| <b>August</b> | <b>Reader</b>  | <b>Count Offering</b>            |
|---------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 8/24/15       | Lauren Fleck   | Howie Overcash<br>Marty Williams |
| 8/31/25       | Madison Harper | Howie Overcash<br>Marty Williams |

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**August 24<sup>th</sup> – Faith Night @ Altoona Curve**  
**September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.**  
**October 4<sup>th</sup> – FallFest**  
**November 26<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
**December 21<sup>st</sup> (tent.) - Christmas in the Valley**

### 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**