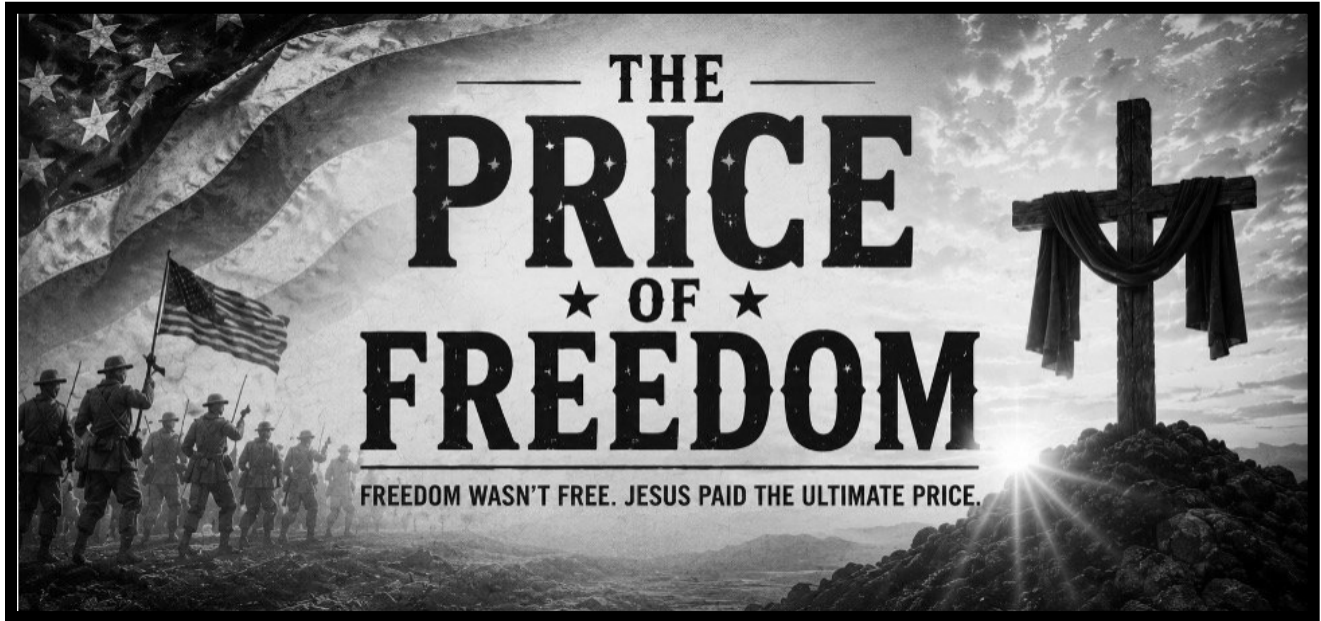


St. John's Sinking Valley
September 13th, 2026



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The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn:**

***The Apostle's Creed**

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

*** The Doxology**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Word of the Lord

Today's Old Testament Lesson

2nd Chronicles 7:11-16

11 When Solomon had finished the temple of the Lord and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the Lord and in his own palace, 12 the Lord appeared to him at night and said: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices. 13 "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, 14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. 16 I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

Today's New Testament Lesson

2nd Corinthians 3:7-18

7 Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, 8 will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? 9 If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! 10 For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. 11 And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts! 12 Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. 13 We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. 14 But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. 15 Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. 16 But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. **17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.** 18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

Seek Ye First

The Gospel Lesson

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-

***Communion**

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

Prayer

The Bread & Wine

-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.

***Prayer of Commitment**

C: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Closing Hymn-**

***Benediction -**

Organ Postlude –

Prayer Requests For: Karen B., Sally B., Nate, Michael L., Tom C., John & Sue M., Phillip, Toni H., Ronnie N., Brenda M., Krystal D., 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 and/or removed please let Drew (jesus2thevalley@gmail.com) or Carey (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:

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September	Reader	Count Offering
9/6/26	Lauren Fleck	Phyllis Hunter / Marty Williams
9/13/26	Madison Harper	Phyllis Hunter / Marty Williams
9/20/26	Ryan Fleck	Phyllis Hunter / Marty Williams
9/27/26	Remington Fleck	Phyllis Hunter / Marty Williams

Events / Meetings / Special Services

September 13th – Church Council Meeting

October 3rd – Tent. FallFest

December 20th – Tent. Christmas in the Valley

We Care Meals

Sept. 12, 2026 ~ Sept. 26, 2026

Oct. 10, 2026 ~ Oct. 24, 2026

Nov. 14, 2026 ~ Nov. 28, 2026

Dec. 12, 2026 ~ Dec. 26, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sinking Valley Farm Show – The Sinking Valley Farm Show will be this week from **September 15th – 19th**, at the Sinking Valley Fairgrounds.

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**Church Directory UPDATE!** – We are going to be printing more church directories in October. If anyone wishes to be added or has any changes, please reach out to Heidi Shetler at 814-327-1995. She will be printing more at the end of September and would like to open it up to additions or changes.

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Good Samaritan Fund September – Our Good Samaritan Recipient for the month of September is **Jillian Williams**. As many of you know, Jillian suffered a heart attack last month and required a stent. She is currently recovering and, unfortunately, is unable to work at this time, leaving her without an income. Please prayerfully consider supporting Jillian during this difficult time. Thank you for your love, prayers, and generosity as we come together as a church family to support Jillian.

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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.