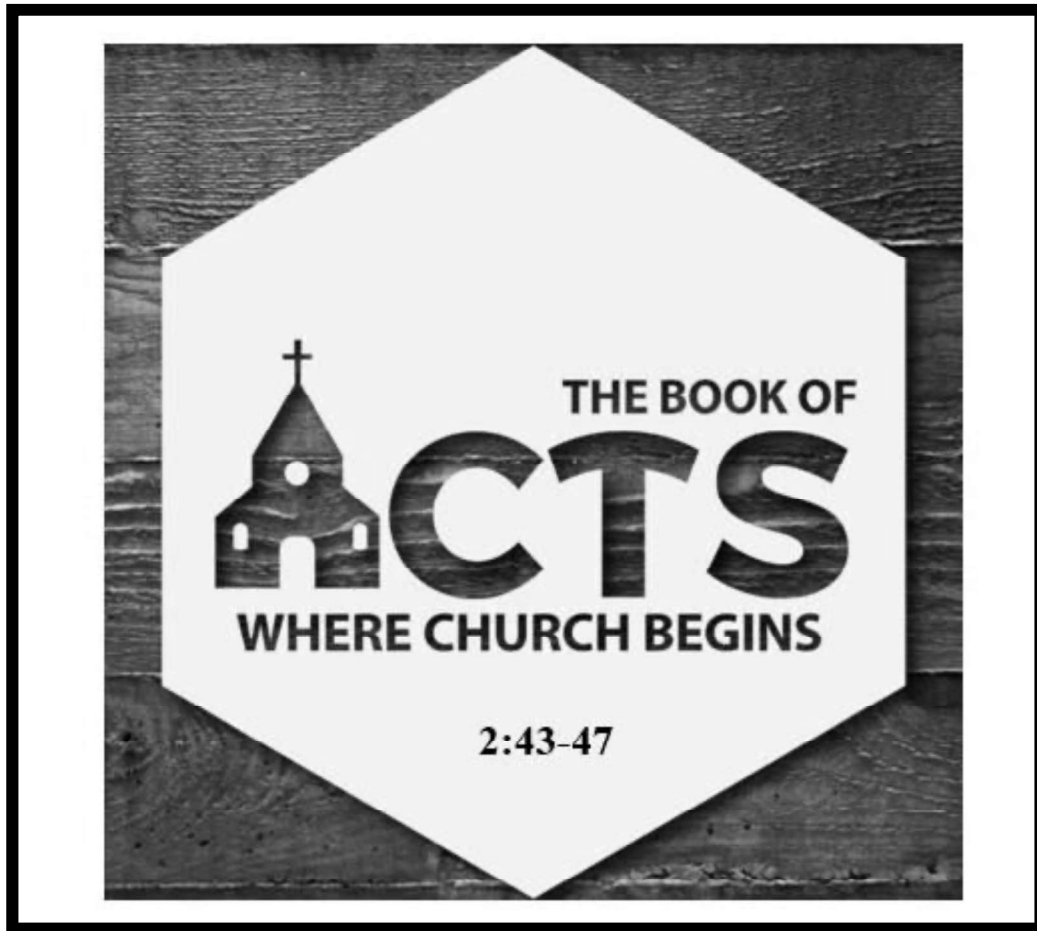


St. John's Sinking Valley
September 28th , 2025



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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 Are You Lord

Offertory

*** The Doxology**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Liturgy of the Word – Chad Pedersen

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

Lamentations 3:22-23

22 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

23 They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Acts 9:20-31

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. 20 At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. 21 All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" 22 Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah. 23 After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him, 24 but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. 25 But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall. 26 When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. 28 So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. 29 He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews, but they tried to kill him. 30 When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. 31 Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

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

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

Matthew 22:31-32

Jesus said to them, “I can guarantee this truth: Tax collectors and prostitutes are going into God’s kingdom ahead of you. John came to you and showed you the way that God wants you to live, but you didn’t believe him. The tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. But even after you had seen that, you didn’t change your minds and believe him.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message-

Hymn-

The Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn-**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***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
9/28/25	Chad Pedersen	Heidi Shetler / Randy Turiano
October	Reader	Count Offering
10/5/25	Lori Cushion	Charlene Detwiler / Joy Williams
10/12/25	Madison Coleman	Charlene Detwiler / Joy Williams
10/19/25	Lyndsey Fleck	Charlene Detwiler / Joy Williams
10/26/24	Aidan Luther	Charlene Detwiler / Joy Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Samaritan Fund – September – This month, the Good Samaritan Fund is dedicated to supporting the family of Daniel King. As many of you may recall, Daniel tragically lost his life in a house fire on July 25th. He is survived by his wife, Lindsay, and their two young children. The fire completely destroyed their home, leaving the family with unimaginable loss. Any support you can offer during this time would mean so much. Please continue to keep the King family in your thoughts and prayers as they face this heartbreaking journey.

Council Meeting – There will be a church council meeting this Wednesday, October 1st, at 6:30 p.m.

Trunk or Treat – Join us for a fun-filled Trunk or Treat event on **Friday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Farm Show parking lot!** If you'd like to participate by decorating your vehicle and handing out treats to the kids, please contact **Bobby Harpster**. Participants should arrive by **6:30 p.m.** to set up. The event begins at **7:00 p.m.**

Election Day Sandwich Sale – Support the **SV Volunteer Fire Company** by taking part in our **Community Sandwich Sale on Election Day!** Order forms are available on the back table. For questions or more information, please reach out to Deb Beauchamp.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing – Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 16th**, as we plan to pack the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Jennifer Carr, who is a coordinator for Operation Christmas Child will be visiting us in October to discuss this important ministry. Please on the lookout for a list of items needed to fill these shoeboxes soon. If you have any questions, please see Karen Baker or Mary Edna Lykens.

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.

UPCOMING DATES

Events / Meetings / Special Services

October 1st – Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

**November 16th – Shoebox Packing after
Worship**

November 26th – Thanksgiving Eve Service

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

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service

We Care Meals

October 11, 2025 ~ October 25, 2025

November 8, 2025 ~ November 22, 2025

December 13, 2025 ~ December 27, 2025