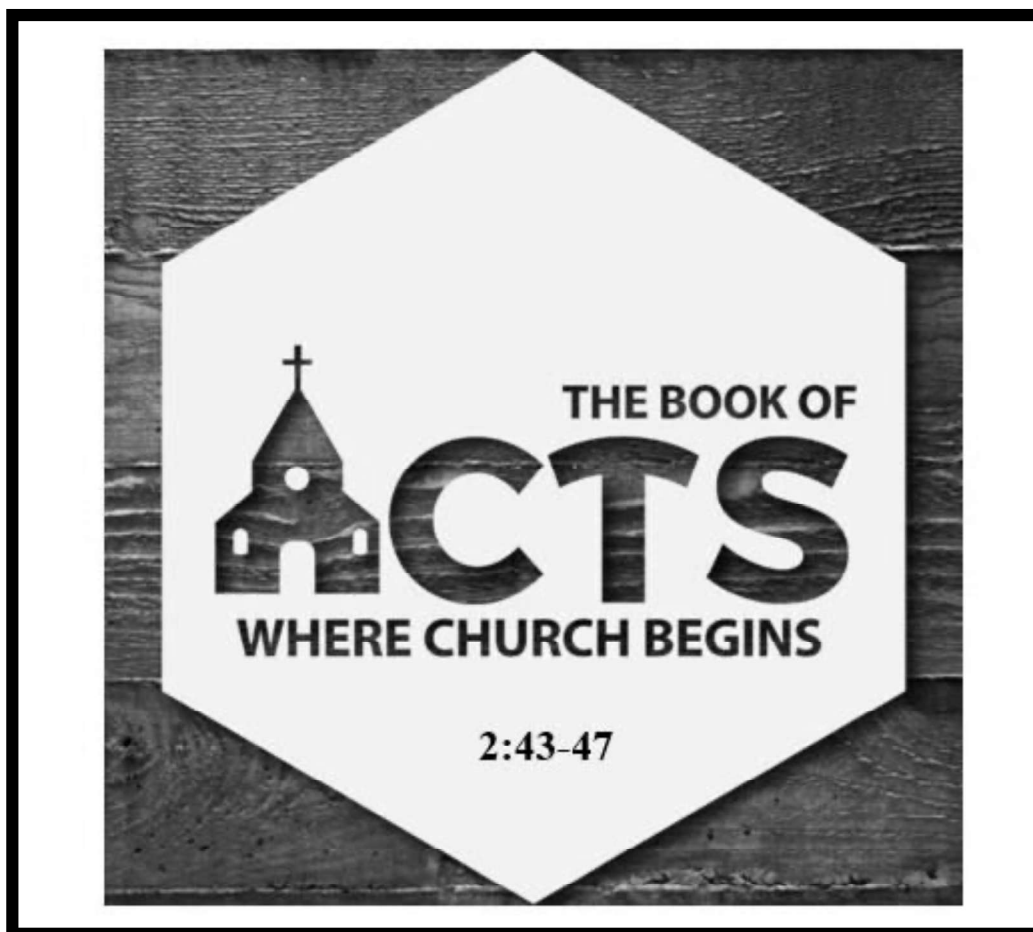


St. John's Sinking Valley
October 5th, 2025



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The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –

Lighting of Candles: Acolyte –

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship –

***The Opening Hymn –**

Offertory

*** The Doxology**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Liturgy of the Word – Lori Cushion

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

Psalm 133:1-3

1 How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!

2 It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.

3 It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

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 John

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

John 17:13-19

13 “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. 14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by [d] the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

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: 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 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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Reader/Offering Schedule

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
10/26/25	Aidan Luther	Charlene Detwiler / Joy Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Samaritan Fund – October – Sharon Abraham has recently gone through an unexpected health journey. Two months ago she was doctoring for what she was told was a tension headache. After 3 weeks of the pain continuing, dizziness and then double vision, her health worsened. After 30 hours of no one hearing from her a wellness check was instituted which found her almost passed out from exhaustion. She had no strength and her nutrition was poor. She was life flighted to the Dubois trauma hospital with a brain bleed. After a few weeks of hospital stays and rehab, she was sent home. However, she had not yet gained enough strength to be living independently.

She is back in a facility for short term respite and rehab. As a career missionary, she and her husband Sam lived for the Lord and trusted him for their provisions. As such, she has financial needs different from others. During this time of additional care, many items are not covered by her insurance. The Good Samaritan fund will be a tremendous blessing to her on her road to recovery. Please keep Sharon in your prayers during this difficult time she is going through.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

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 **Bobbie Harpster** at **(814) 650-2277**. 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

**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