

Welcome to
St. John's Lutheran Church



Creation in Christ Sunday

Holy Communion

September 6, 2026

God's Work/Our Hands

St. John's Lutheran Church
5th and Race Streets (PO Box B)

Mifflinville, PA 18631

570-752-2289

stjohnsmifflin@verizon.net
www.stjohnslutheranmifflinville.com
Rev. Daniel Warntz, pastor

Creation in Christ Sunday
Holy Communion
September 6, 2026
God's Work/Our Hands

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our hope, our heart, our home.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end,

C **we confess that we participate in systems
that perpetuate oppression and injustice.**

**We are often numb to the pain of the world around us,
resistant to change that costs us something,
and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We sin against your good creation,
failing to be faithful stewards
of the land, the sea, and all their creatures.**

**Make your home among us once more, O God,
naming us beloved and opening our hearts
to do your will.**

Amen.

P All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you:
God knows you,

forgives you by the self-giving of † Jesus Christ,
and frees you to love the world as you have been loved.

Creation's story will not end
until mourning, crying, and pain are no more.

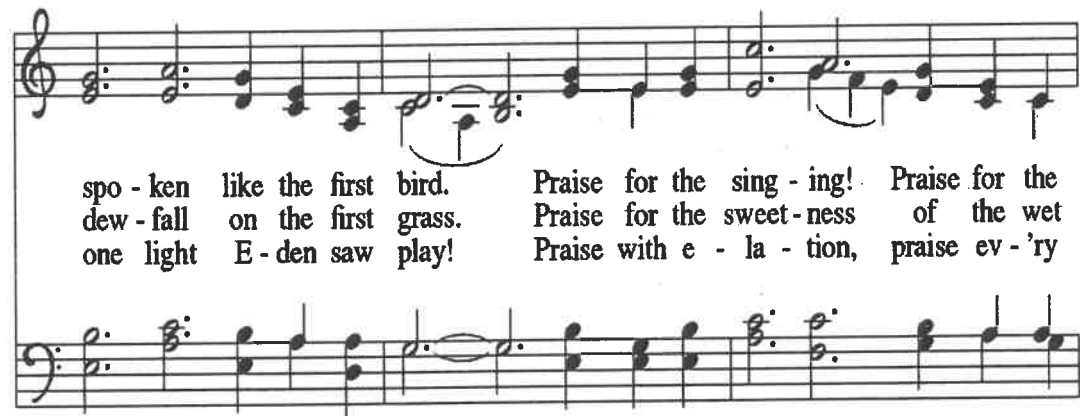
When everything else changes, God's love is steadfast and
sure. Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C Amen.

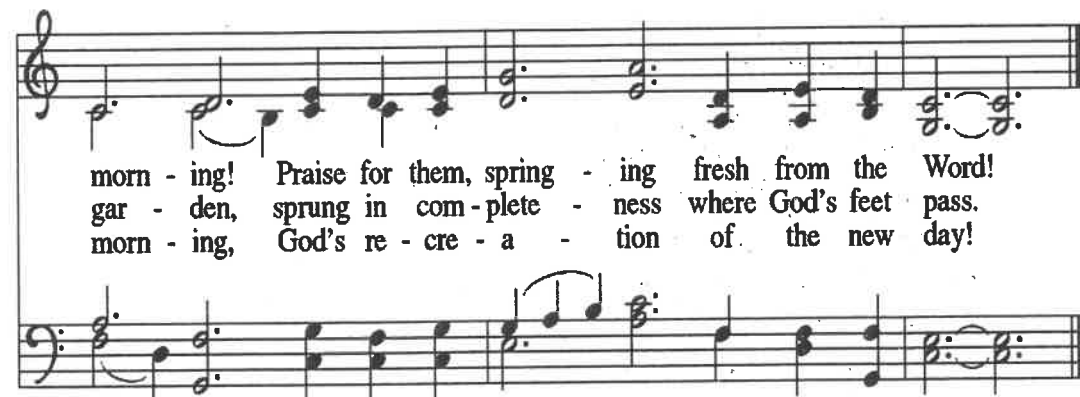
Morning Has Broken



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965
 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
 Text © Miss E. Farjeon Will Trust, by permission of David Higham Associates.
 Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

One License #A-701120

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass-ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer, re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

A reading from Genesis.

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

(cont'd)

¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. "

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

(cont'd)

³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord.

☐ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 148

God's splendor is over earth and heaven. (*Ps. 148:13*)

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹ mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

(cont'd)

- ¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
¹² **young men and maidens,
old and young together.**
¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth
and heaven.
¹⁴ **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and
Praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Acts 17:22a, 24-28

A reading from Acts.

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

^{22a} Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ²⁴ "The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,
'For we, too, are his offspring.'

The word of the Lord.

☐ **Thanks be to God.**

Stand for Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL: John 1:1-5

P The holy gospel according to John, the first chapter.

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

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit for the Sermon

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's fra - gile blend with
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: DUNEDIN, Vernon Griffiths, 1894-1985

Text © 1970 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Inc. All rights reserved.

Music © 1971 Faber Music Ltd.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

One License #A-701120

PRESENTATION AND COMMISSION OF BECKY TOTH.

The assembly is seated. Those being commissioned gather with the presiding minister before the assembly.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly, giving a brief description of the assignment for which those presented are being commissioned.

I have been authorized to commission Becky Toth, who has accepted the appointment as position to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Address and Questions

A reading from Romans: As in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. (Romans 12:4-8)

The presiding minister questions those being commissioned.

In the presence of this assembly will you accept this commission and commit yourselves to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

Response:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church and in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you endeavor in all things to conduct *yourself* as is fitting for an ambassador and servant of Jesus Christ?

Response:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

(cont'd)

Will you be faithful, understanding, and loving as you accompany the people among whom you will live and work?

Response:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

Amen.

The assembly stands.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, will you support *this messenger* of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?

Will you pray for *her*, help and honor *her* for *her* work's sake, and in all things strive to live in peace and unity in Christ?

☐ We will, and we ask God to help us.

PRAYER

☐ Let us pray.

Gracious God, as you have called workers to varied tasks in the world and in your church, so you have called Becky to this ministry. Grant *her* joy and a spirit of bold trust, that *her* work may stir up each of us to a life of fruitful service; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☐ Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God guide, bless, and keep you, that you may be faithful in the ministry to which you have been commissioned.

Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

[P] Hear us O God, our creator.

[C] Your mercy is great.

PEACE

[P] The peace of Christ be with you always.

[C] And also with you.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

Text and music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

OFFERING PRAYER

P O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

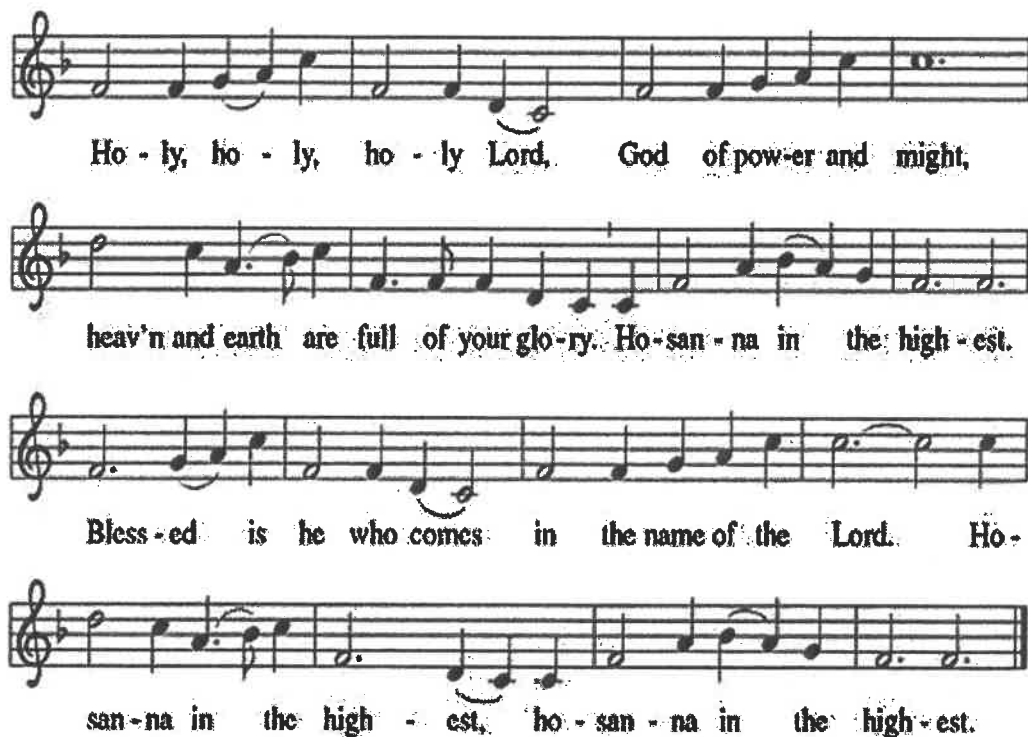
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and
praise to you,
almighty and merciful God, through your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things:
our Savior, Jesus Christ. (cont'd)

You laid the foundations of the world
 and enclosed the sea when it burst out of the womb.
 You brought forth all creatures of the earth
 and gave breath to humankind.
 Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing;
 all you create is a sign of hope for our journey.
 And so as the morning stars sing your praises,
 with the heavenly beings and all creation,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
 Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile
 tree of life.
 Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,
 the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
 Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the an-
 cient song:
 The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we
laud his resurrection.
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.
On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you
embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood
of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise
you again:
The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and Amen.

Amen, and Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION

P When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

C Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures. Come and share.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

When Long before Time

The Singer and the Song



- 1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,
- 2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,
- 3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,
- 4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
 and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,
 their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;
 its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,



and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,
 and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,
 the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
 the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,



and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—
 and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.
 the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.
 our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

5 The Light has returned as it came once before,
 the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,
 so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
 the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,
 to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,
 to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
 be glory forever, through life and through death.

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936

Music: THE SINGER AND THE SONG, Peter W. A. Davison

Text and music © Peter W. A. Davison, admin. Augsburg Fortress

One License #A-701120

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

POST COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

Text and music © 1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

BLESSING

- P** Creator God bless you and keep you.
Creating Christ shine through you with grace and mercy.
Creative Spirit nourish you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

This Is My Father's World



- 1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
- 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
- 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-ting grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

Public Domain

DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace. Flourish with creation.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

DEAR FRIENDS & MEMBERS, In an effort to have our prayer list as current and as accurate as possible, please indicate whether or not you would like to have a name continue to be included. Thank you!

Eric Alber Michelle Bahlavooni* Lori Bucci *
Derl Crawford *David Ferro* Carl Frank **Adam Gajkowski *
Jerry Hess* Jim Hess *Arthur Johnson* Jo Ann Johnson * Mar-
lene Karchner * *Dave Madara * Joyce McCarty* Vinnie Moro-
ney* Steve Novak* Henry Reinsburrow *Sheri Renner* Ray &
Sandy Sterner* Tom Termini* Mark Troup *Marlene Trotman*
Melissa Waltman* Pastor Daniel Warntz* *Sadie Whitmoyer*
Ron Wolfe *

THIS SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Outdoor Greeters : Paul & Wendy Zajac
Greeters & Ushers: Linda Chapin & Carolyn Bahlavooni
Lector: Diane Young
Communion Assistant: Diane Young
Altar Guild: Diane Young & Cindy Powlus
Offering Counters: Alison Whitmoyer & Carolyn Bahlavooni
Livestream Videographer: Emily Johnson
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

NEXT SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Outdoor Greeters : Carolyn Bahlavooni & Dan Comstock
Greeters & Ushers: David & Karen Bird
Lector: Lydia Ferro
Communion Assistant: Lydia Ferro
Altar Guild: Carolyn Bahlavooni & Vinniedee Hippensteel
Offering Counters: Janet Gibney & Liz Shotwell
Livestream Videographer: David Ferro
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Carolyn Bahlavooni
in honor of Michelle's birthday
Our Sanctuary Lamp this week burns to the Glory of God
by Carolyn Bahlavooni
In honor of Michelle's birthday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TABLE

Our Upcoming meal will be held on September 12th from
10:30am – Noon.

Sign-up sheets for The Welcome Table are in the rear of the
sanctuary, or you can call **Lydia (570-204-2516)** to volunteer.

Please Note: Drop off times for donations **will be announced**
on Sunday mornings. Other drop off times will be during **reg-**
ular office hours and Saturday, the morning of after 9:00 AM
for other times please contact Lydia.

FILL THE SHELVES

Today is Fill The Shelves Sunday. If you have forgotten you can
always drop them off during office hours.

WELCA MEETS

Our next Women of the ELCA meeting will take place on
Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00 PM.

GATHERING TIME

Our next Gathering Time will take place on **Sunday, September**
13th.

Please consider sponsoring . Sign up sheets are on the table in the
sanctuary.

RAISE RIGHT ORDERS

Our next Raise Right order will be due on **Sunday, September**
13th.

COUNCIL MEETS

Council will meet on **Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 PM.**

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Our next Senior Luncheon will take place on **Wednesday, September 16th at 12:00 PM at Morris Restaurant.** Please contact Jan Peifer by **Tuesday, September 15th** if you plan to attend. She can be reached at **570-204-7531.**

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 PM.** Anyone who has experienced grief due to the recent or past death of a loved one is welcome to attend. This is an informal group whose purpose is to talk about any issues group members may be experiencing related to loss. Refreshments will be served.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Sunday School will begin again on **Sunday, September 13th.** All ages are invited to participate from a preschool to sixth grade.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

If you wish to give directly towards the **Outer Stairway Project** or the **New AC Unit**, please notate that on your envelope or in the memo line of your check.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We are hoping to form a new **Fundraising Committee** to come up with new ideas on how we can raise money toward our various projects. If you are interested in joining and want to share ideas, please **contact Don Bogert or Janet Gibney, our Council Representative.**

RUNNING TOILETS

Please be sure to check that flushed toilets are not running when you exit the restroom. A toilet was left running for an indeterminate amount of time in our downstairs resulting in an extra 30,000 gallons of water usage on our Aqua bill.

I joined the choir because I enjoy singing.... more



CHIME & VOCAL CHOIR

Chime Choir & Vocal Choir will start on Thursday, September 17th at 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM respectively. All are welcome to join. No experience is required. Fun is always had by all!

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Creation in Christ Sunday
Sunday, September 6, 2026
Eucharist: 9:00 AM

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Monday, Sept 7, 2026
Office Hours
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday, Sept 8, 2026
Office Hours
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Wednesday, Sept 9, 2026
Office Hours
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
WELCA meets
6:00 PM

Thursday, Sept 10, 2026
Office Hours
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Friday Sept 11, 2026
Office Closed

Saturday, Sept 12, 2026
Office closed
Welcome Table
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Sunday, Sept 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
Gathering Time

CONTACT PERSONS:

Don Bogert, Council President:
Email: bogertcontract@epix.net
Phone: 570-441-3449

Tina Baucher, Council
Vice-President:
Email: t-baucher@hotmail.com
Phone: 570-441-5245

Dave Ferro, Council Secretary:
Email: jdavidferro@gmail.com
Phone: 570-204-3616

Wendy Zajac, Treasurer:
Email: wzajac61@gmail.com
Phone: 570-336-7023

Pastor: Reverend Daniel Warntz
Email: theorgandude30@gmail.com
Phone: 570-752-2289 (office)
Cell: 814-360-4602

Last Sunday Attendance : 37

Offering Amount Needed Weekly:

Current: \$2,878.00
Benevolence: \$135.00
New Building: \$401.00

Offering Amounts Received:

Current: \$ 762.00
Benevolence: \$85.00
New Building: \$ 117.00

St. John's Website: www.stjohnslutheranmifflinville.com
Join St. John's Lutheran Church, Mifflinville, PA