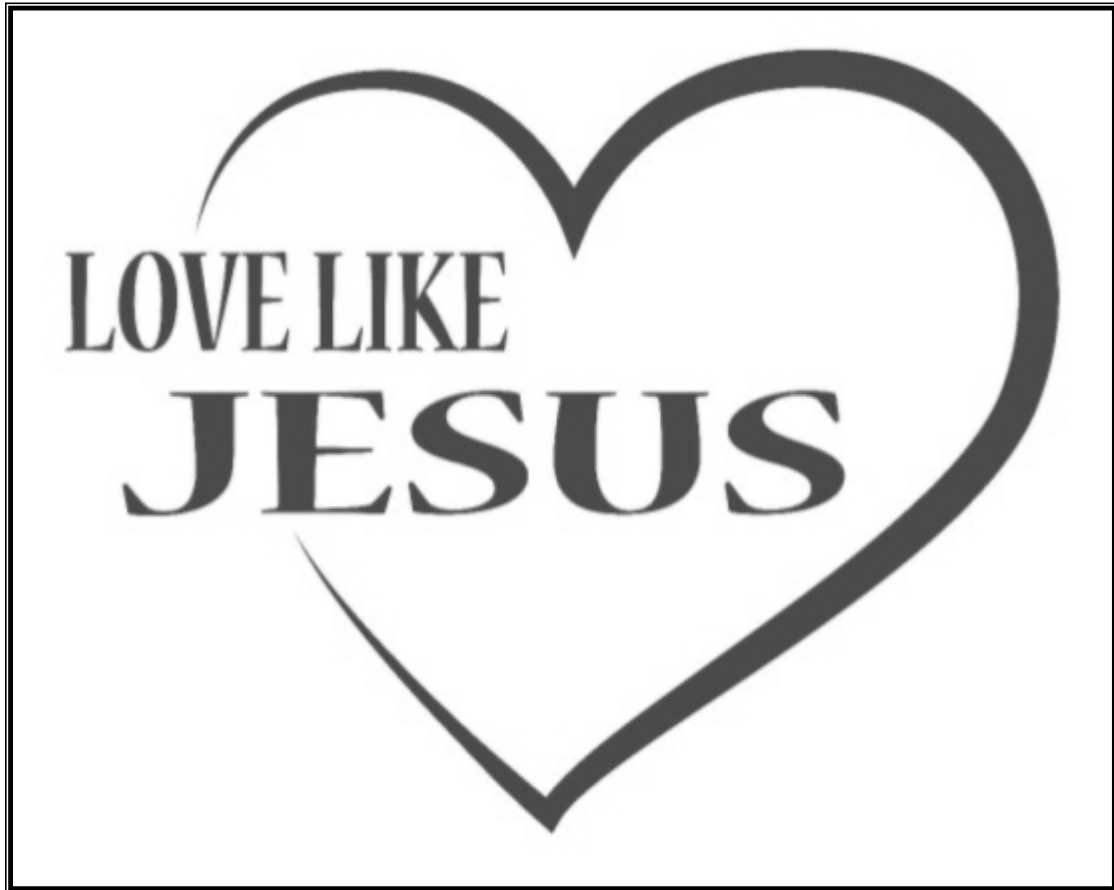


St. John's Sinking Valley
February 2, 2025



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The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –

Lighting of Candles: Acolyte –

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship –

***The Opening Hymn –**

***Apostle's Creed-**

Offertory

*** The Doxology**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Liturgy of the Word – Ashley Detwiler

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

Deuteronomy 7:7-13

7 The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. 8 But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. 10 But those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him. 11 Therefore, take care to follow the commands, decrees and laws I give you today. 12 If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your ancestors. 13 He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Today's New Testament Lesson comes from the book of 1st Corinthians

1st Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

***The Gospel Response –**

Thy Word

*L: The Holy Gospel according to John

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

John 13:34-35

34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message-

An Introduction to LOVE!

Hymn-

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn –**

Love Lifted Me

***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 – Let us look ahead with great anticipation to a New Year of God's Glory!*

Organ Postlude –

Prayer Requests For: Lori, Kathy, Brandon, Emily, Craig & Michelle, Gwen, Mikey, Terry, Jamie, Joe, Joyce, Georgette, Barb, John, Cody, Bob, Dave, The Lardieri Family, The Brua Family, Jim, Matt, Elaine, 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 contact Charlene Detwiler or Drew Baker. In addition, if you have someone to be added to the prayer chain, please let Charlene or Drew know.

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Reader/Acolyte/Offering Schedule

February	Reader	Acolyte	Count Offering
2/2/25	Ashley Detwiler		Charlene Detwiler Joy Williams
2/9/25	Lauren Fleck		Charlene Detwiler Joy Williams
2/16/25	Madison Harper		Charlene Detwiler Joy Williams
2/23/25	Ryan Fleck		Charlene Detwiler Joy Williams
March	Reader	Acolyte	Count Offering
3/2/25	David Lang		Heidi Shetler Randy Turiano
3/9/25	Remington Fleck		Heidi Shetler Randy Turiano
3/16/25	Chad Pedersen		Heidi Shetler Randy Turiano
3/23/25	Lori Cushion		Heidi Shetler Randy Turiano
3/30/25	Madison Coleman		Heidi Shetler Randy Turiano

UPCOMING DATES

Events / Meetings / Special Services

February 5th – Church Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

March 5th – Ash Wednesday Service

March 29th – 4th Annual Pie & Praise

April 17th – Maundy Thursday Service

April 18th – Good Friday Service

June – Strawberry Festival (date to be determined)

**August 17th – Annual Joint Picnic w/ Sinking Valley
Presbyterian**

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

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service

We Care Meals

January 11, 2025	~	January 25, 2025
February 8, 2025	~	February 22, 2025
March 8, 2025	~	March 22, 2025
April 12, 2025	~	April 26, 2025
May 10, 2025	~	May 24, 2025
June 14, 2025	~	June 28, 2025
July 12, 2025	~	July 28, 2025
August 9, 2025	~	August 23, 2025
September 13, 2025	~	September 27, 2025
October 11, 2025	~	October 25, 2025
November 8, 2025	~	November 22, 2025
December 13, 2025	~	December 27, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Council Meeting** – There is a council meeting on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend.  
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**Annual Joint Church Picnic - August 17, 2025** - Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Joint Church Picnic with the Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church. *If you are interested in the planning, please fill out the sign up form on the back table.*  
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**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pie & Praise – March 29, 2025** – In addition, please mark your calendar Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> for the 4th Annual Pie and Praise. More details will follow.  
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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 Jeanne Fleck.  
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**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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