

### Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### Our Mission

*St. John congregation, responding to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, unites together to preach and teach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission. With God's guidance and grace, we strive to boldly proclaim by word and action the reconciling Gospel of Jesus: Working together for justice and peace, and caring for those in need in our community and world. We invite everyone to join us wherever you are on your faith journey.*

*Adopted December 8, 2013*

### Serving Today

The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr.	Pastor
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
Judy Ferree	Organist
Ty Troutman	Senior Choir Director
John & Judy Ferree	Greeters
Courtney Foreman	Lector
Marc & Jacob Schaffner	Acolytes
Craig Peters	Lead Usher
Joshua Paul	Council President

For the month of April, the *Celebrate Insert, Tree 4 Hope*, and our support of one pastor for one month in the *Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania* is sponsored for April by Delmar and Ginny Enders in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

This week's **Altar Flowers** are presented to the Glory of God in Memory of husband, Jeffery Ressler by LuAnn Ressler

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book in the foyer and please worship with us again and join in other congregational family activities!

### Sunday Morning Liturgy – ELW Setting 10

#### God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements	
Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer	
*Confession and Forgiveness	Pg. 94-96
*Opening Hymn #365 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"	
*Apostolic Greeting	Pg. 203
*Kyrie (sung in unison)	Pg. 203
*Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God..." (sung in unison)	Pg. 204
*Prayer of the Day	

#### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Acts 3:12-29

Psalmody: Psalm 4

Second Reading: I John 3:1-7

\*Gospel Acclamation (sung in unison):

**ALLELUIA! LORD AND SAVIOR: OPEN NOW YOUR SAVING WORD. LET IT BURN LIKE FIRE WITHIN US; SPEAK UNTIL OUR HEARTS ARE STIRRED. ALLELUIA! LORD WE SING FOR THE GOOD NEWS THAT YOU BRING. (Pg 205)**

\*Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Response after the reading is announced: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Response after the reading is concluded: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Young Persons Go with Miss Laurie for Celebration Time

Sermon

#### We Respond to All That God Gives Us

We Proclaim Our Faith:

**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. (THIS MEANS THAT) I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST, TRUE GOD, BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER IN ETERNITY, AND ALSO A TRUE HUMAN BEING, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, IS MY LORD. HE HAS REDEEMED ME, A LOST AND CONDEMNED HUMAN BEING. HE HAS PURCHASED AND FREED ME FROM ALL SINS, FROM DEATH, AND FROM THE POWER OF THE DEVIL, NOT WITH GOLD OR SILVER BUT WITH HIS HOLY, PRECIOUS BLOOD AND WITH HIS INNOCENT SUFFERING AND DEATH. HE HAS DONE ALL THIS IN ORDER THAT I MAY BELONG TO HIM, LIVE UNDER HIM IN HIS KINGDOM, AND SERVE HIM IN ETERNAL RIGHTEOUSNESS, INNOCENCE, AND BLESSEDNESS, JUST AS HE IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD AND LIVES AND RULES ETERNALLY. THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.**

-Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*

Offering of Our Gifts and Choir Anthem

\*Offertory Hymn (#182) (sung as gifts are brought forward):

**CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME. CAST ME NOT AWAY FROM YOUR PRESENCE, AND TAKE NOT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME. RESTORE TO ME THE JOY OF YOUR SALVATION, AND UPHOLD ME WITH YOUR FREE SPIRIT.**

\*Prayers of the Church

\*Our Lord's Prayer – traditional version on right side of page

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#### God Sends Us to Share the Good News

\*Blessing:

P: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and bless us by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: AMEN**

\*Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Share the Easter Good News.

**C: WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD!**

\*Closing Hymn #379 "Now the Green Blade Rises"

\*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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\* Please stand, if able to do so.



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