

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

Carol Hubler

Pianist

Ty Troutman

Senior Choir Director

Delmar and Ginny Enders

Greeters

Derrick Henry and Grayson Foreman

Acolytes

Joshua Paul

Council President

For the month of April, our support of the **Celebrate Insert** and **Tree 4 Hope** is presented by Ty and Kim Troutman in memory of Ty's father Paul "Silas" Troutman whose birthday was in April. Our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is sponsored for April by Amber & Aaron Schreffler and Family in loving memory of David & Aleta Schreffler.

This week's **Altar Flowers** are presented by Wayne & Daisy Thomas in memory of Daisy's dad Paulino Ventura.

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 – Easter “Celebration” Worship

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements and Prelude

*Gathering Song - "Great is the Lord"

Great is the Lord. He is holy and just.

By His power, we trust in His love.

Great is the Lord. He is faithful and true.

By His mercy, He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.

Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice.

Now lift up your voice.

Great is the Lord!

(repeat)

Great is the Lord. He is faithful and true.

By His mercy, He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.

Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.

Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice.

Now lift up your voice.

Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

*Prayer of the Day

See Celebrate

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalms 16

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

*Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sunny Sermon with Miss Laurie

Sermon

See Celebrate

See Celebrate

See Celebrate

See Celebrate

We Rejoice in God's Word

*"Jesus Lives"

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

A New Creed:

WE ARE NOT ALONE,

WE LIVE IN GOD'S WORLD.

WE BELIEVE IN GOD:

WHO HAS CREATED AND IS CREATING,

WHO HAS COME IN JESUS,

THE WORD MADE FLESH,

TO RECONCILE AND MAKE NEW,

WHO WORKS IN US AND OTHERS

BY THE SPIRIT.

WE TRUST IN GOD.

WE ARE CALLED TO BE THE CHURCH:

TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE,

TO LIVE WITH RESPECT IN CREATION,

TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS,

TO SEEK JUSTICE AND RESIST EVIL,

TO PROCLAIM JESUS, CRUCIFIED AND RISEN,

OUR JUDGE AND OUR HOPE.

IN LIFE, IN DEATH, IN LIFE BEYOND DEATH,

GOD IS WITH US.

WE ARE NOT ALONE.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

-The United Church of Canada, 1968 Song for Reflection

“You Are My All In All”

You are my strength when I am weak; You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jewel; Lord to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame; rising again I bless Your name. You are my all in all.

When I fall down, You pick me up; when I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. (3 times)

Worthy is Your name. (2 times)

*Prayers/ The Lord's Prayer

See Celebrate

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

Easter Object Lesson with Sunny

*Benediction

*Sending Song - “Because He Lives”

God sent His son- they called Him, Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died, to buy my pardon.
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

(chorus):
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know, he holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a new born baby.
And feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still, the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because He lives!

(chorus)

Because He, because He, because He lives. Because He, because He lives!
(2 times)

God sent His son- they called Him, Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died, to buy my pardon.
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

(chorus)

And life is worth the living just because He lives!!
Because He lives!!

*Sending Statement

P: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

Today, Sunday, April 16

- 9am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
9am Confirmation Class (In-Person)
9am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
10:15am Easter Celebration Worship, with Sunny Sermon with Miss Laurie (In-Person and On Zoom)
11:15am Mutual Ministry Committee Meeting
2pm Gathering of the Women of the ELCA of St. John

Attention

All Women of St. John's Congregational Family!

A very important meeting is scheduled for April 16th at 2:00 p.m.

The future of our ministry together as the Women of St. John will need to be discussed and addressed and new ideas are most welcome.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Thank you.

Monday, April 17

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
9am "Blanket Bunch" Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief
6:30pm Book Discussion Group for April:
Walking the Bible movie, based on the book by Bruce Feiler – Everyone is welcome to bring food or drink to share.
Please call or email Ann 717.362.7895 rahbruner@gmail.com with any questions.
7pm Upper Dauphin Conference Cabinet Meeting at St. Michael, Klingerstown

Tuesday, April 18

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 19

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
9:30am The first quarter audit will be held here at the church – Please have all records there. Thank you – Pat Herb

Thursday, April 20

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, April 21

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Saturday, April 22

- Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, April 23

Third Sunday of Easter

- 9am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
- 9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
- 9am Confirmation Class (In-Person)
- 9am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
- 10:15am Worship, Including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom)

Looking Ahead

The Second Planning Meeting for our June 7 Annual Strawberry Festival will be held at the church on Monday, April 24, beginning at 7:00 P.M. All interested folks are welcome and encouraged to attend – Zoom attendance will also be an option.

Property Committee will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 25, beginning at 6:15 P.M. at the church.

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Sponsors are still needed for the altar flowers for Sunday, May 28 (festival Day of Pentecost and so inside worship with Holy Communion even though Memorial Day weekend). The cost to sponsor the altar flowers is \$35/week, with the signup sheet temporarily posted on the south closet door in the foyer. To sponsor this date in honor or in memory of loved ones or events, please either sign up in person or, if easier, please feel free to call or email Pastor Tom, who can take care of signing you up.

Pastor Tom is still seeking a male voting member (confirmed congregational family member who has communed and contributed in this or the prior year) to join him and Sandra Lamenza (our female voting member) in attending this year's Annual Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly, with the theme **Created for Community**. The business of the assembly will be held in two parts – on the evening of Friday, June 2, on Zoom (and so in the comfort of your own home) and on Saturday, June 3, in-person at Trinity Lutheran, Camp Hill. All costs for voting members are borne by our congregational family budget, so all that anyone willing to serve needs to be able to contribute is their time.

We have a new location for food donations for the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens. Please place those non-perishable food items on any shelf inside the north (right side, coming in the front doors) closet, where the door is labelled accordingly. As the contributions add up, deliveries will be made to the pantry by **Larry Gessner**. Thank you!

Our Faith Active in Worship – April 9, 2023

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,796
Current – Offerings Received	\$5,853
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$308
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$101
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$491
Total Attendance	Zoom – 30, In Person – 155

“St John’s Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of April 9, 2023

Final Total Project Cost (under \$220,000 Budgeted)	\$216,795
Memorials Interest Money Expended for Project	\$82,980
	(under \$88,000 Budgeted)
Total Financial Gifts Received	\$122,405
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$11,410

Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Cindy Carr** – At Home, Undergoing Treatment for Autoimmune Disorder and Resulting Organ Damage
- **Judy Cheatham** –Rm. #47B, Cadia Healthcare, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **Timothy Enders** – Rm. #120, The Gardens at York Terrace, 2401 W. Market St., Pottsville, 17901
- **Jane Grosser** – Rm. #705, Northern Dauphin Nursing and Rehab. Center, Millersburg, 17061
- **Cora Mace** – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022
- **Joyce Matter** – Rm. #128, Viva Senior Living at Harrisburg, 150 Kempton Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111 (717.909.0417)
- **Steven Schlegel** – Awaiting 4/20 Medical Appointment for Biopsy Results
- **Jean & Fred Weaver** – In Need of Prayer