

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
Amy Gehring	Lector
Elsie & Emily Rabenold	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.

The **Altar Flowers** this morning are sponsored in loving memory of Aleta Schreffler by Amber & Aaron Schreffler and Family.

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 #764 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

*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 2:42-47
Psalm: 23

Second Reading: I Peter 2:19-25

*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: John 10:1-10

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*

Musical Anthem by Senior Choir

*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 Good News.

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

*Closing Hymn #502 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Berrysburg, Pa.**

Red Geranium Order Form for Pentecost
Sunday May 28, 2023

How many Plants:	Price per plant:	Total Amount of order:
_____	\$4.25 (4 1/2" pot)	_____

Please print desired memorial as you want it printed in the bulletin.

Presented by:

In honor of:

In memory of:

For the many blessings of:

Please return this order form with payment to a Flower Committee Member: Sheila Barder, Dana Klouser, Gail Billow or Fay Nichols.

Absolute last day to order May 14, 2023

Thank you for your support!!!!

Today, Sunday, April 30

- 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)

Monday, May 1

Philip & James, Apostles

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 9am "Blanket Bunch" Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief

Tuesday, May 2

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

Wednesday, May 3

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 6:30-8pm May Gathering of ***Celebration Club with Miss Laurie***

Thursday, May 4

On this National Day of Prayer we are all encouraged to be sure to take time, wherever we may be, to be in prayer for our country – that we might be a force for peace with justice and healing, both within our own borders and throughout God's world!

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

Friday, May 5

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

Saturday, May 6

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, May 7

Fifth 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 Sacrament of Holy Communion and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom)
- 2pm **RJ's Eagle Scout Court of Honor:** The Henry Family would like to invite the St. John Congregation to join us for the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Roy Henry, Jr (RJ) on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 215 St. John Road, Elizabethtown. The Court of Honor will begin at 2:00pm in the pavilion, and there will be a meal to follow. **Please RSVP by April 30th to Rachel or Roy Henry at 717-439-3897 or henryfamily2004@gmail.com**
- 4pm Congregational Council Meeting

Looking Ahead

Book Group - May 2023:

Join us for our May book group. We'll be discussing **The Book of Longings** by Sue Monk Kidd on **Monday, May 8, 6:30 pm** in the fellowship hall.

A few copies are available in the church library -- and more at your local public library, both physical copy and ebook. If you have questions or need to locate a book, please contact Ann (rahbruner@gmail.com).

Everyone is welcome!

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On the festival of **Ascension of Our Lord – Thursday, May 18**, which marks the 40th Day of our Easter journey, we will have a different kind of worship experience for the first time this year, an ecumenical one more akin to our Community Wednesdays in Lent. We will be joining with our neighbors of the Northern Cluster of United Church of Christ congregations for worship, which will take place at **Salem United Church of Christ in Elizabethville at 7:00pm**, with Pastor Tom and the other pastors sharing the worship leadership. Pastor Jeff Wagner, recently retired from the Lykens Valley Charge, will be this year's preacher and light refreshments will then follow the worship for all. In future years, we at St. John will take our turn with hosting and Pastor Tom will take his turn as preacher.

Jammin' with the Ladies!

This year as we prepare for the Strawberry Festival, the Women's group again are having an area for "Jammin' with the Ladies". We will have jams and jellies as well as the home-made breads. If anyone wants to help with items needed: Sugar, Sure Jell, Jars and lids, or financial help please contact Fay Nichols.

Our Faith Active in Worship – April 23, 2023

Current – Budget Goal

Current – Offerings Received	\$2,796
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$2,321
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$460
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$50
Total Attendance	\$295

Zoom – 11, In Person – 70

“St John’s Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of April 23, 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	\$122,455
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$11,360

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)
- **Marie Parnell** – Recovering from 4/23 Surgery for a Broken Hip at Penn Presbyterian Trauma Center in Philadelphia (**Home Address Best for Cards: 737 Third Ave., Prospect Park, PA 19076**)
- **Steven Schlegel** – Awaiting Appointment for Biopsy Results
- **Jean & Fred Weaver** – In Need of Prayer