
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
Jeff and Heidi Lehman	Greeters
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.

Holy Saturday/Easter Eve, April 8

9am	Youth Group Members Meet to Set Up for Annual Easter Egg Hunt
10am	Annual Easter Egg Hunt
7pm	Easter Eve Quiet Worship of Readings and Prayer (Downstairs In-Person Only)

Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day, April 9

6:30am	Brief Sunrise Easter Worship (Outdoors In-Person)
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)

Good Friday

April 7, 2023

7:00pm

Triduum Liturgy of Tenebrae

Prayer of the Day

Hymn #660 "Lift High the Cross"

Jesus' Seven Last Words from the Cross:

I Father, Forgive Them

Reading: Luke 23:32-38

Silence for Meditation

Psalm 22:1-10 (*read responsively by verse*)

Silence for Meditation

Extinguishing of First Light

II Today, You Will Be With Me

Readings: Luke 23:39-43

Silence for Meditation

Psalm 54:1-4 (*read in unison*)

Silence for Meditation

Extinguishing of Second Light

III Woman, Here Is Your Son

Readings: John 19:23-27

Silence for Meditation

Psalm 4 (*read responsively by verse*)

Silence for Meditation

Extinguishing of Third Light

IV Why Have You Forsaken Me?

Readings: Matthew 27:39-46

Silence for Meditation

Psalm 22:11-20 (*read responsively by verse*)

Silence for Meditation

Extinguishing of Fourth Light

V I Am Thirsty

Readings: John 19:28-29

Silence for Meditation

Psalm 16 (*read responsively by verse*)

Silence for Meditation

Extinguishing of Fifth Light

VI It Is Finished

Readings: John 19:30

Silence for Meditation

Psalm 46 (*read responsively by verse*)

Silence for Meditation

Extinguishing of Sixth Light

VII Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit

Readings: Luke 23:46-56

Silence for Meditation

Psalm 22:21-31 (*read responsively by verse*)

Silence for Meditation

Removal of the Christ Candle:

Death and darkness have won! But after a loud crash (reminding us of the rending of the tomb), the Christ Candle, still burning, is returned to its place. With our God, even in the midst of the darkness of death, there is hope!

Hymn #349 "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Bidding Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer:

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.

Silence for Prayer and Meditation

Concluding Verse and Response:

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: **BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.**

Departure in Silence

Our worship ends again this evening without the usual Benediction or ending blessing because our worship (again) doesn't really end this evening. Instead, in the understanding of the Christian Church through the centuries, our worship from last evening through Easter Sunday morning forms one continuous whole over three days or "Triduum" in the traditional Latin. So, we again take a temporary pause until tomorrow evening and again go forth to do the work of God.

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* Please stand, if able to do so.