

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
Matt Williard	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of December, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts, our support of **Tree 4 Hope**, and our support of one pastor for one month in the Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania are all sponsored by Pastor Tom and Ann with love and gratitude to God and to our St. John Congregational Family for another year of faithful ministry accomplished in Jesus' name, shining forth as a Light on the Hill in the darkness of our world!

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this evening. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book in the foyer. As we celebrate our Lord's Supper, we welcome to our table all baptized Christians who have received the sacrament in their home congregations. All persons who do not yet commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please worship with us again and join in other congregational family activities!

THANK YOU to the members of the Decorating Committee for beautifying our church during this holiday seasons!

The Maurer Family Tree Farm of Dalmatia has graciously donated one of our beautiful Christmas trees this year.

2022 offering envelopes are available in the foyer. Please take yours, your family's, your neighbor's. Thank you for your help!

Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve
December 24, 2021

8:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Musical Prelude and Silent Prayer

Carol #289 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Apostolic Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm: 96 (The lector will read the odd-numbered verses. Please join in reading the bold print even-numbered verses.)

Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: Carol #267 "Joy to the World"

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-20

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

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

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

Carol #300 "The First Noel"

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Prayers

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings and Musical Anthem

Offertory Prayer:

A: Let us pray... our Savior and Lord. All: **AMEN.**

We Share in God's Supper and God Sends Us to Share the Good News

Jesus' Words of Institution of Holy Communion

Our Lord's Prayer – traditional version on right

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A Celebration of the Light (***As the light is passed to the congregation, symbolizing the spreading of Christ's light to all people, please remember – tip only unlighted candles to receive the flame from those already lighted.***)

Pastoral Prayer

Carol #281 "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

Blessing:

P: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine on us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

C: AMEN

Carol #270 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and Extinguishing of Candles

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Organ Postlude, We Receive Jesus' Body & Blood, and We Depart to Serve