

## 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.  
Laurie Little  
Judy Ferree  
Ty Troutman  
Sandra Lamenza  
Carl & Louise Baumgardner  
Caroline & Stella DeSoto  
Reyann Cheatham  
Joshua Paul

Pastor  
Young Christians Minister  
Organist  
Senior Choir Director  
Lead Usher  
Greeters  
Acolytes  
Lector  
Council President

For the month of January, the **Celebrate Inserts**, the support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania**, and the **Tree 4 Hope** are sponsored by Roy and Rachel Henry for God's many blessings.

The **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Marlene Bordner, Happiest 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Wishes to a Wonderful Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, Jean Weaver.

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 #676 "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"  
\*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: I Samuel 3:1-20  
Psalmody: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Second Reading: I Corinthians 6:12-20

\*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 1:43-51

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

Installation of New Congregational Council Members

We Proclaim Our Faith:

**I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. (THIS MEANS THAT) I BELIEVE THAT BY MY OWN UNDERSTANDING OR STRENGTH I CANNOT BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST MY LORD OR COME TO HIM, BUT INSTEAD THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS CALLED ME THROUGH THE GOSPEL, ENLIGHTENED ME WITH HIS GIFTS, MADE ME HOLY, AND KEPT ME IN THE TRUE FAITH, JUST AS HE CALLS, GATHERS, ENLIGHTENS, AND MAKES HOLY THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON EARTH AND KEEPS IT WITH JESUS CHRIST IN THE ONE COMMON, TRUE FAITH. DAILY IN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH THE HOLY SPIRIT ABUNDANTLY FORGIVES ALL SINS – MINE AND THOSE OF ALL BELIEVERS. ON THE LAST DAY THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL RAISE ME AND ALL THE DEAD AND WILL GIVE TO ME AND ALL BELIEVERS IN CHRIST ETERNAL LIFE. 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: God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless us and give us peace.

C: **AMEN**

\*Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

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

\*Closing Hymn #574 "Here I Am, Lord"

\*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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\* Please stand, if able to do so.



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***With No In-Person Attendance, No Offerings Count***

Total Attendance

***Zoom – 86 (No In-Person Worship)***

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