

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

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| The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr. | Pastor |
| Laurie Little | Young Christians Minister |
| Judy Ferree | Keyboardist |
| Ty Troutman | Senior Choir Director |
| Barry and Kim Williard | Greeter |
| Joshua Paul | Lector |
| Christie Kahler | Lead Usher |
| Joshua Paul | Council President |

For the month of June:

Our support of the **Celebrate Insert** is sponsored by Mike and Carol Hubler in celebration of the birthdays for Esther, Shelley, Carol and June. And, for all things bright and wonderful, the Lord God made them all!

Tree 4 Hope is sponsored by Tim & Lori Motter in celebration of the graduate degrees for Nicholas Motter from University of the Arts in Philadelphia and Abby Francisco from Regis College in Boston.

Our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is presented by Sadie for her mom Tonya's birthday and by Ayden for his dad Bryan's birthday.

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!

Outdoor Worship Liturgy

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Keyboard Prelude and Silent Prayer

*Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

C: **AMEN.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(brief silence follows)

P: Just and gracious God,

C: **WE COME TO YOU FOR HEALING AND LIFE. OUR SINS HURT OTHERS AND DIMINISH US; WE CONFESS THEM TO YOU. OUR LIVES BEAR THE SCARS OF SIN; WE BRING THESE ALSO TO YOU. SHOW US YOUR MERCY, O GOD. BIND UP OUR WOUNDS, FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND FREE US TO LOVE, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR. AMEN.**

P: The Apostle Paul assures us: "When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross." Jesus says to us, "Your sins are forgiven." Be at peace and tell everyone how much God has done for us.

C: **AMEN.**

*Opening Hymn **LBW** #380 "O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True"

*Greeting:

P: From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

*Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm: 69:7-18

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

*Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

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

*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.**

*Prayers of the Church

*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.

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

*Blessing:

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

C: **AMEN**

*Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news

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

*Closing Hymn ***LBW*** #383 "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

*Keyboard Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

Today, Sunday, June 25

8:45am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
9:30am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)
9:30am **Outdoor Worship** in the Pavilion (In-Person and On Zoom)

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

Tuesday, June 27

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7pm Wrap-up Meeting for our Annual Strawberry Festival – all interested folks are invited to attend!

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8-10am *Pastor Tom's Office Hours*
10am *Pastor Tom on the Road for Pastoral Visits*

Thursday, June 29

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Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

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Looking Ahead

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Congregational Council will hold their Mid-Summer Meeting on Sunday, July 9, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

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Our Faith Active in Worship – June 18, 2023

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| Current – Budget Goal | \$2,796 |
| Current – Offerings Received | \$2,303 |
| Benevolence – Offerings Received | \$252 |
| Improvement – Offerings Received | \$28 |
| Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received | \$267 |
| Total Attendance | Zoom –14, In Person – 65 |

“St John’s Restoration 250” Financial Update – As of June 18, 2023

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| Final Total Project Cost (under \$220,000 Budgeted) | \$216,795 |
| Memorials Interest Money Expended for Project | \$82,380 |
| | (under \$88,000 Budgeted) |
| Total Financial Gifts Received | \$123,185 |
| Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received | \$11,230 |

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, Complete Care at Annapolis, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **Timothy Enders** – Rm. #120, The Gardens at York Terrace, 2401 W. Market St., Pottsville, 17901
- **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)
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