

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
Dana Klouser	Holy Communion Assistant
Delmar & Ginny Enders	Altar Guild Preparation
Jeff Buffington	Greeters
Reyann Cheatham	Lector
March and Jacob Schaffner	Acolytes
Joshua Paul	Lead Usher/Council President

For the month of March, 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 Brian and Sheila Barder.

This week's **Altar Flowers** are to the Glory of God in Honor of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on this Palm Sunday by Chris and Dana Klouser.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. 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!

Sunday Morning Liturgy – ELW Setting 10

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Order for Procession with Palms

Organ Introduction to Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn #344 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms: 31:9-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Acclamation (sung in unison): *(please remain seated)*

WE ARE TURNING, LORD, TO HEAR YOU; YOU ARE MERCIFUL AND KIND - SLOW TO ANGER, RICH IN BLESSING, AND WITH LOVE TO US INCLINED. (Pg. 205)

Passion Gospel Reading:

L: Announcement of the Reading

C: Hymn #703, v. 1-2

L: Mark 14:1-31

C: Hymn #703, v. 3-4

L: Mark 14:32-72

C: Hymn #353, v. 1-2

P: Mark 15:1-47

C: Hymn #353, v. 3-5

Silence for Meditation

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

Announcements

*Nicene Creed

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*Prayers of the Church

Offering of Our Gifts and Choir Anthem

*Offertory Hymn (#182) (sung as gifts are brought forward):

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL LORD, AND FILL TO THE BRIM OUR CUP OF BLESSING. GATHER A HARVEST FROM THE SEEDS THAT WERE SOWN, THAT WE MAY BE FED WITH THE BREAD OF LIFE. GATHER THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF ALL; UNITE THEM WITH THE PRAYERS WE OFFER NOW. GRACE OUR TABLE WITH YOUR PRESENCE AND GIVE US A FORETASTE OF THE FEAST TO COME.

*Offertory Prayer:

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

We Share in God's Supper

*Words of Institution of Holy Communion

*Our Lord's Prayer – traditional version on right

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We Partake of Our Lord's Supper (As we share in the sacrament, please join in singing the praise song "O Lamb of God"):

O LAMB OF GOD, YOU BEAR THE SIN OF ALL THE WORLD AWAY; YOU SUFFERED DEATH OUR LIVES TO SAVE: HAVE MERCY NOW, WE PRAY. O LAMB OF GOD, YOU BEAR THE SIN OF ALL THE WORLD AWAY; YOU SET US FREE FROM GUILT AND GRAVE: HAVE MERCY NOW, WE PRAY. O LAMB OF GOD, YOU BEAR THE SIN OF ALL THE WORLD AWAY; ETERNAL PEACE WITH GOD YOU MADE: GIVE US YOUR PEACE, WE PRAY. (Pg. 208)

*Post Communion Blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

All: **AMEN**

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

*Post Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray... Christ our Lord.

All: **AMEN**

*Blessing and Dismissal:

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

All: **AMEN**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

*Closing Hymn #343 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

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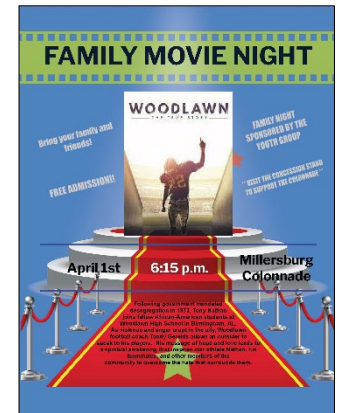
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