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
Clint and Amy Gehring Greeters
Joshua Paul 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.

Holy Saturday/Easter Eve, March 30

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, March 31

6:30pm Brief Sunrise Easter Worship (Outdoors In-Person)
7am First Annual Fred Weaver Memorial Easter Breakfast

9am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)
9am Youth Group Bible Time (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
March 29, 2024 7:00pm

Triduum Liturgy of Tenebrae

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

In Silence, We Gather to Worship
Announcements
Extinguishing of First Light
*Opening Hymn #660 "Lift High the Cross"
Extinguishing of Second Light
*Prayer of the Day
Extinguishing of Third Light

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Extinguishing of Fourth Light

Psalm: 22

Extinguishing of Fifth Light Second Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25 Extinguishing of Sixth Light

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. John

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!

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

*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.

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

*Concluding Verse and Response:

- P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
- C: BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.

*Closing Hymn #349 "Ah, Holy Jesus"

*In Silence, We Depart to Serve

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.

^{*}Silence for Prayer and Meditation

^{*} Please stand, if able to do so.