

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 | Organist |
| Ty Troutman | Senior Choir Director |
| Courtney Foreman | Holy Communion Assistant |
| Mike and Carol Hubler | Altar Guild Preparation |
| Jeff and Heidi Lehman | Greeters |
| Reyann Cheatham | Lector |
| Caroline and Stella DeSoto | 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 presented by Delmar and Ginny Enders to the Glory of our Risen Lord for our many blessings.

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

Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer

*Easter Proclamation:

P: Christ is risen!
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*Opening Hymn #365 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

*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 Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: I Corinthians 15:1-11

*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 20:1-18

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

Announcements

*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 **WOV** #671 "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

EASTER 2024 FLOWERS PRESENTED BY:

Kim & Barry Williard, Jr.
For the many blessings of our family and friends

Dale & Carol Hassinger
In memory of loved ones

Fran Eure & Family
In memory of Fran & Joe Kraus
In memory of Doll & Kerm Bohner

Gail Billow, Corey, Holly, Granger & Bristol Scheib
In memory of Duane Billow, Warren and Betty Hassinger

Ira & Marilyn Antes
For the many blessings of Easter

Matt, Olivia & Madeline Williard
For the many blessings of our friends & family

Bob & Kim Hassinger
For the many blessings of the season

The DeSoto Family
In honor of the Risen Jesus

Chris and Dana Klouser
In honor of the empty tomb and Jesus's Resurrection

Roy and Rachel Henry
For the many blessings of our St. John Congregation

Judy & John Ferree
In honor of our Risen Savior and for our many blessings

The Gessner Family
In memory of Mary Gessner, beloved wife, mother, and Oma
March 27, 1942 – December 08, 2023

Today, March 31

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- **Cora Mace** – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022
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Our Faith Active in Worship – March 17, 2024

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| Current – Offerings Received | \$4,094 |
| Benevolence – Offerings Received | \$131 |
| Improvement – Offerings Received | \$26 |
| Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received | \$191 |
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Our Faith Active in Worship – March 24, 2024

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