

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	Pianist
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of May, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin, **Tree 4 Hope** and Support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania is sponsored by Dale and Carol Hassinger in thanksgiving for all our blessings. For good health, for family and friends.

Ascension Day Liturgy

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Piano Prelude and Silent Prayer

Prayers of Blessing for Seed and Soil

Opening Hymn #564 "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"

Greeting:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

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 1:1-11

Psalm: 47

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

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

We Proclaim Our Faith – Apostles' Creed:

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON, OUR LORD, WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED; HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER, AND HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND DEAD.

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. AMEN.

Piano Anthem

Prayers (Each petition ends with the words "Hear Us, O God" to which the congregation responds, **YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**)

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

Benediction:

P: Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift us up and restore us to wholeness.

C: **AMEN**

P: Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless us and send us to be his witnesses.

C: **AMEN**

P: God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh us in the gift of baptism this day and always.

C: **AMEN**

Closing Hymn #569 "The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended"

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.

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

Piano Postlude and Silent Prayer