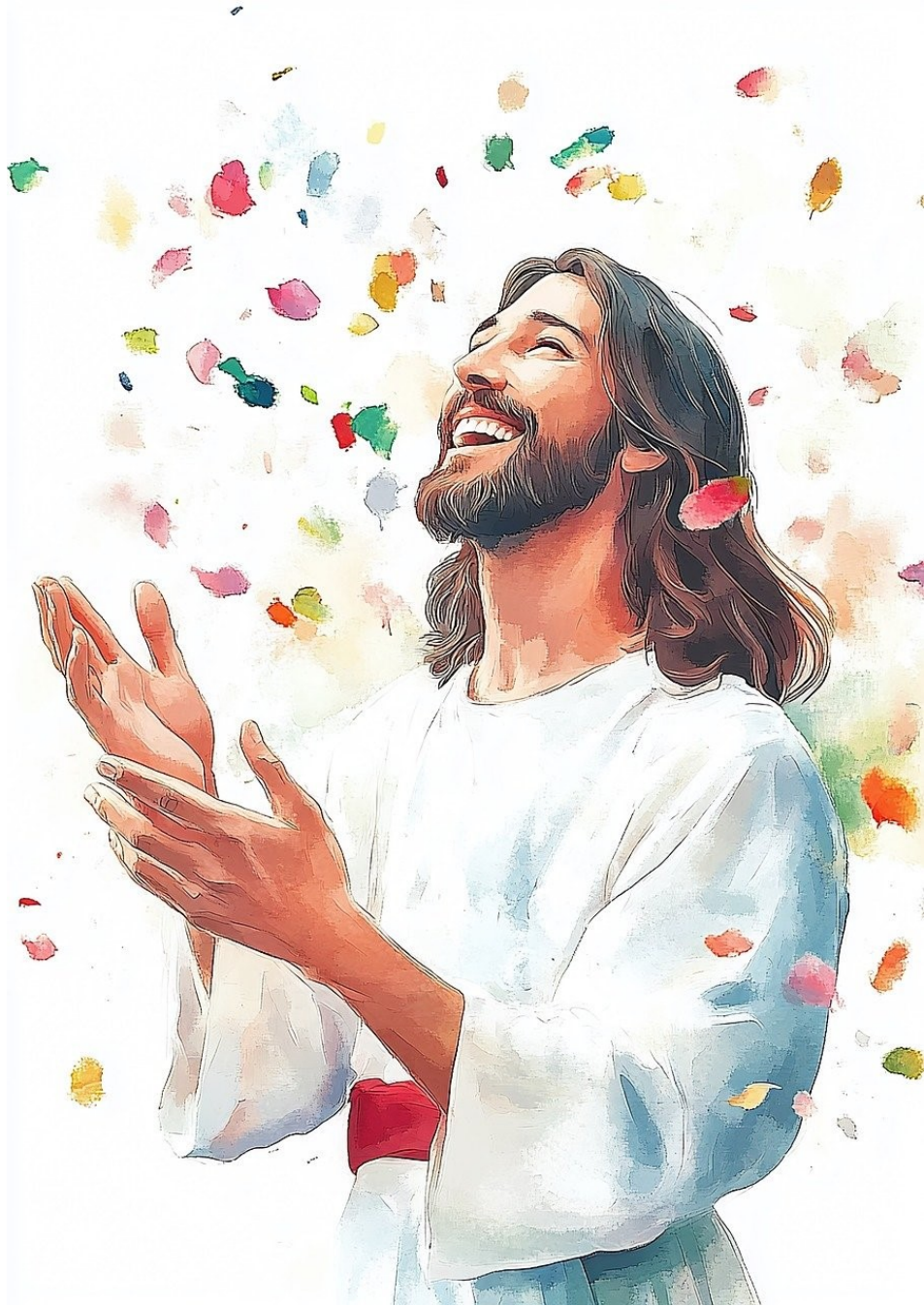


Welcome to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster



Saturday Worship

Rev. Jamie Retallack
716-848-9683

22nd Saturday after Pentecost
Saturday, November 8, 2025

The Prelude
The Greetings



Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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

Silence for Prayer & Confession

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from
your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and
do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We
ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your
abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast
love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, + in Christ
Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit
you are set free. **Amen.**

On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

- 1 On Jor - dan's storm - y bank I stand, and cast a wish - ful eye
- 2 All o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains shines one e - ter - nal day;
- 3 No chill - ing winds or poi - s'nous breath can reach that health - ful shore;
- 4 When shall I reach that hap - py place and be for - ev - er blest?



to Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos - ses - sions lie.
 there God the Son for - ev - er reigns and scat - ters night a - way.
 sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
 When shall I see my Sav - ior's face and in God's bos - om rest?



I am bound for the prom - ised land, I am bound for the prom - ised land;



oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom - ised land.

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727–1795

Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836–1899

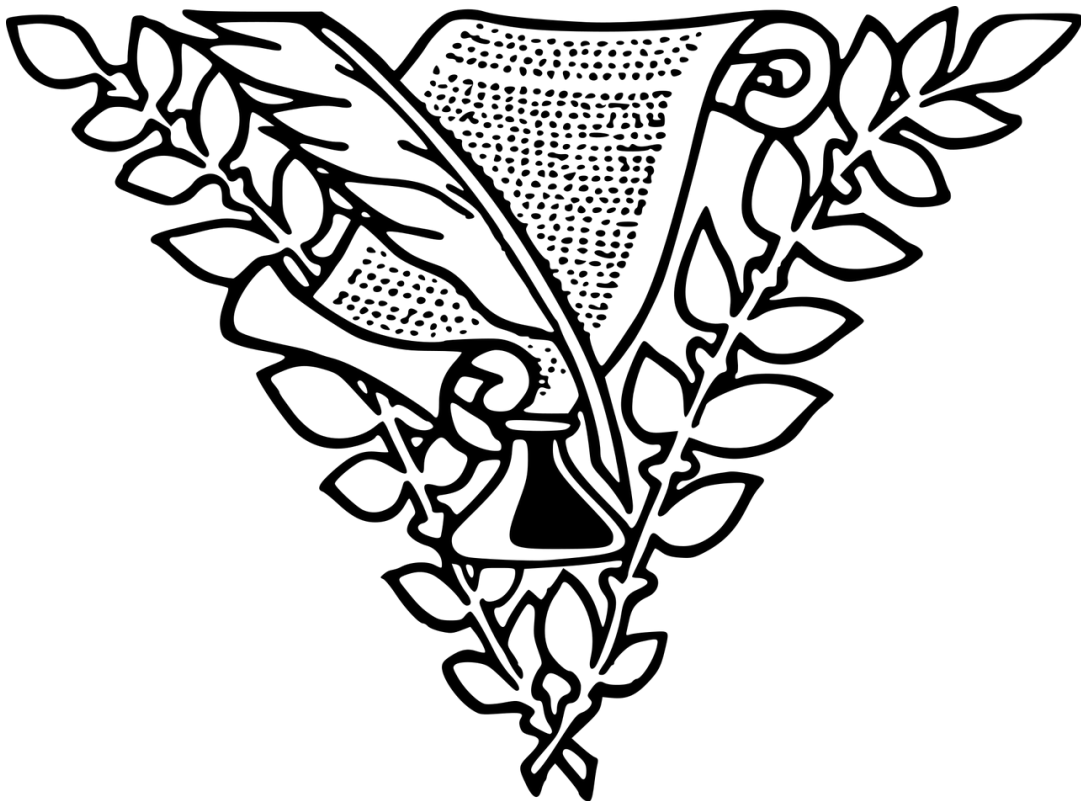
The Prayer of the Day

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you re-new and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Sav-ior and Lord. Amen.

The First Reading
Job 19:23-27a

“O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Psalm 17:1-9
Read Responsively

Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

**Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

**I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.

**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise against them.

**Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

The Second Reading
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

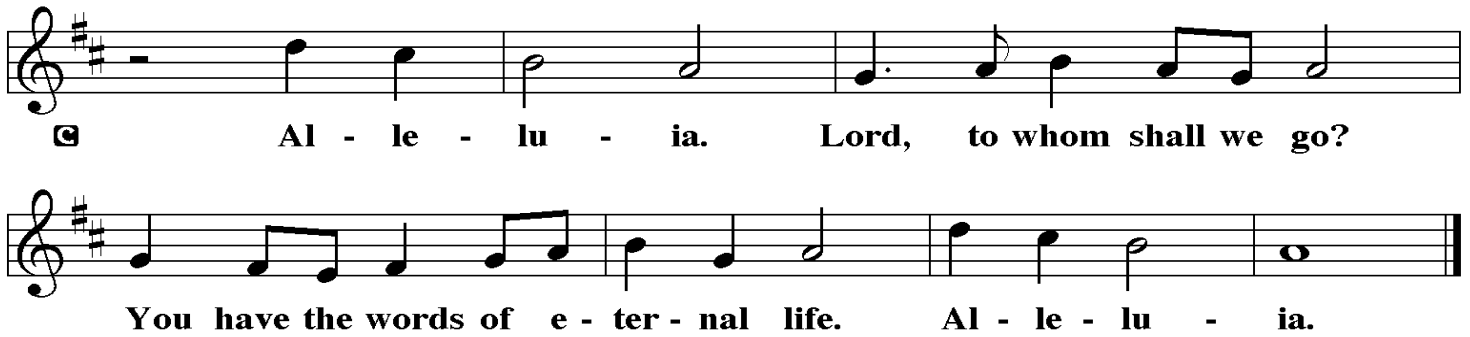
As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia



The Gospel Reading Luke 20:27-38 **Glory to you, O God.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

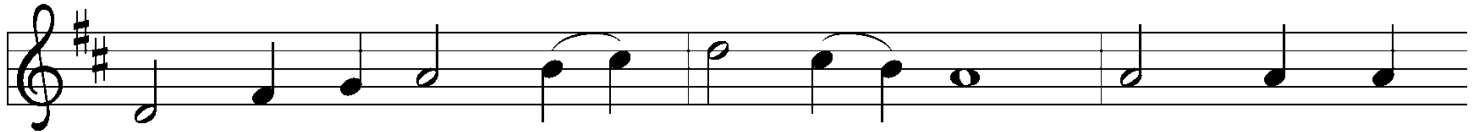
This is the Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon
Rev. Jamie Retallack

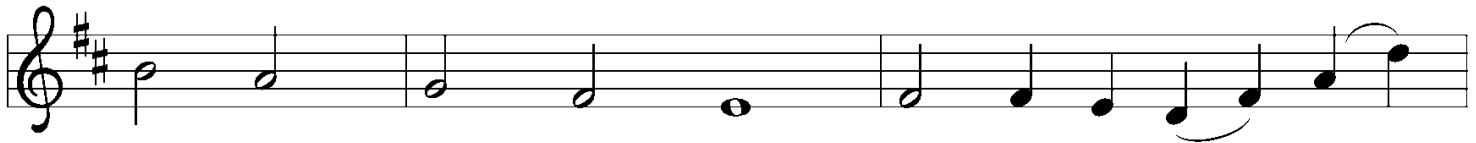
Hymn of the Day

LBW 352

I Know that My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Prayers of Intercession

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church,
the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body (especially Edna Mann, Tom Morse, Jackie Wolfram, Dave, Lee Babirad, Sara Hermsmeyer, Eoin Mast, Arno Konstabel, Arden Kruger, Jillian Graap, Anna Hart, Kelly R., Bryce, Mary Anne, Bob Valois, Faye Szuilt, Bryce P, Connie, Amanda Keneston & her daughters, and the family and friends of Alice Sharpe). Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith (especially). Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the 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.**

The Prayers of the Church

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

**We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God,
trusting in your grace and unyielding love;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.**

The Gathering of the Gifts



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

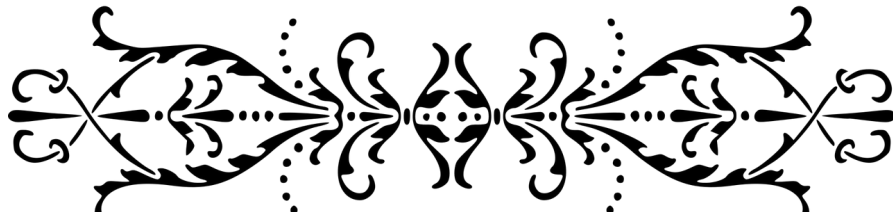
Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune
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The Offertory Prayer

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and gather at your table:

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Invitation



The Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

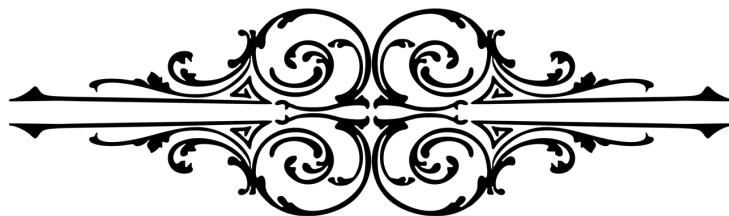
The Lord's Prayer

*Lord remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray...*

**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.**

The Sending Prayer

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**



The Benediction

Blessed Assurance

- 1 Bless-ed as-sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
- 2 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908



The Sending
Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

The People of St. John's Welcome You for Worship Today!

If you would like a **pastoral visit** for any reason, please call the office or call Pastor directly on his cell @ (716) 848-9683.

Office Hours:

Melissa will have office hours here in Lancaster on Mon, Wed, and Thurs, from 10am to 3pm.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Offering/Giving envelopes / Loose Income
\$2,584.00 amount needed each Sunday

Offering

11/2/2025

\$ 2571.00

40 Sundays thru SEPTEMBER '25 \$103,360.00

actual thru SEPTEMBER 2025 \$84,836.65

difference -\$18,523.35

Quarterly Statements are available upon request.

If you would like to receive quarterly statements in the mail, please sign up, or let the office know.

QR Code for Offering

Using your camera app you can scan the QR code to go to **St. John's donation page** where you can make a one-time or recurring **offering!** Thank you for giving!



Directory Updates: If you have not yet, please help us by finding your entry on the printed pages (either upstairs in the Narthex, or downstairs in the Chapel), and making corrections as necessary. Thank you!

Altar Guild: RaeAnn Jakubowski & Timmy Gierlinger

Deacon: Paul Rudz

Ushers: Janet Sincebaugh & Greg Wildridge

Available Altar Flower Dates:

Nov. 16, 23, 30 & Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28

The flowers on the altar are given in honor of
Anna Maki's Confirmation by the Maki Family

Grape juice & gluten free wafers are available for **Communion**

We lift up: Edna Mann, Tom Morse, Jackie Wolfram, Dave, Lee Babirad, Sara Hermsmeyer, Eoin Mast, Arno Konstabel, Arden Kruger, Jillian Graap, Anna Hart, Kelly R., Bryce, Mary Anne, Bob Valois, Faye Szuilt, Bryce P, Connie, Amanda Keneston & her daughters, and the family and friends of Alice Sharpe

The **Food Pantry** will be serving residents of the Lancaster Towers on **Mondays from 11-2**. We are seeking volunteers to assist during this time. Kindly consider donating time to help with this new venture. There is a sign-up sheet on the door to the pantry. For any questions, please contact Janet Sincebaugh @ (716) 651-4685. Thank you!

In anticipation of the upcoming Holiday Season, we are planning to give frozen turkeys to residents of the Towers. We are hoping to include all of the sides, and are asking for donations of the following: instant potatoes, canned gravy and/or cranberries. Thank you for your continued support!

Confirmation blessings for Anna Maki, Maxwell Salge,
Kristoffer Schiavone, and their families.

It's almost **Angel Tree** time! Tags will be available on trees both upstairs and downstairs, **starting November 8th**. Please take a tag from one of the trees and replace it with a star. You can purchase the gift listed (or something similar) and then place unwrapped presents in a gift bag with the tag securely attached to the outside. **Gifts should be returned to church by Sunday, Dec. 7th**. There are also envelopes hanging on the trees to donate cash or check (made payable to Salvation Army). Please place your envelope in the offering plate or turn in to the church office. Thank you for your generosity! If you have questions, call the church office or Carol Schwertz at 716-861-1619.

Women's Fellowship Lunch is scheduled for Nov. 12th
@ 11:30am @ Olive Tree. Please sign up or call
Bev Hess (716-868-5096) by November 9th.

Bills Watch Party! Bring a snack, bring a friend, and join us on **November 16th at 1pm** to watch the Bills/Bucs game in the Youth Lounge! The game room will also be available for those who aren't as into football as Pastor!

St John's **LYMA Luncheon on Sat, November 22nd** from 12-2pm. A buffet in the Fellowship Hall will be catered by the Elma Town Grill: full 3- meat meal with sides and dessert. The cost is a donation of \$10 to benefit the food pantry.
Limited to 100 tickets. Call Gary Rudz @ 716-829-9618.

Please join us for "**The Hanging of the Greens,**" AKA decorating the church for Christmas, on **Sun. 11/24 after 10:00 am service**. There is no Bills game that day and many hands make light work. See Kathy Snyder with any questions.

Care Committee Cooking Date

the Care Committee will be cooking meals on **November 29th at 1pm** (this is a change from the originally scheduled date of 11/15). Anyone is welcome to join us in the kitchen! If you are unable to be there, but still want to help, we can always use donations to help purchase supplies.

BOOK CLUB: Please join us at the Conference Table downstairs in the Chapel Hall at St. John's Lancaster (using the ramp entrance) on Tuesday (note change in the day of the week), **December 2nd at 2:30 PM** to discuss the novel, THE LOST GIRLS OF WILLOWBROOK, by Ellen Marie Wiseman.

The **Choir is looking for singers** to sing for Christmas. Practice is on Thursdays @ 7:30pm. Please join us!

Friendsgiving Youth Event: November 30th @ 1-3pm

Bring a friend. Bring a side to share.

RSVP by 11/28, call or text Kelly @ 716-868-3023

GOT SNEAKERS??? Guiding Eyes for the Blind is having a sneaker drive with a sneaker recycling organization called GotSneakers. If you would like to help, please bring in your used/old sneakers and deposit them in the receptacle in the Fellowship Hall marked GotSneakers? Thank you!

Collecting Dash's Register Receipts: Save your Dash's receipts and deposit them in the boxes in the Sanctuary or the Chapel to benefit Niagara Lutheran Health Services. Thank you!

Follow us on Facebook [@stjohnslancaster](#)

This Week at-a-Glance

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Event	Time	Location
Bible Study	9:00am	Memorial Lounge
Joysingers	9:30am	
In Person/ Online Service	10:00am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	10:00am	
Property & Grounds	11:30am	

Monday, November 10, 2025

Event	Time	Location
Church Office Hours	10:00am - 3:00pm	Church Office
Guiding Eyes	4:30pm	Fellowship Hall
Girl Scouts	6:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Chordsmen	7:30pm	Chapel

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Event	Time	Location
Veterans Day		
Quilters	9:30am	Fellowship Hall
NA Meeting	7:00pm	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Event	Time	Location
Church Office Hours	10:00am - 3:00pm	Church Office
Women's Lunch	11:30am	Olive Tree
Garden Club	7:00pm	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Event	Time	Location
Church Office Hours	10:00am - 3:00pm	Church Office
Bible Study	1:00pm	Chapel - Conference Area
Handbell Practice	6:30pm	Balcony
Choir Practice	7:30pm	Choir Room

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Event	Time	Location
Good News Articles Due		
In Person Service	5:30pm	Chapel

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Event	Time	Location
Bible Study	9:00am	Memorial Lounge
Joysingers	9:30am	
In Person/ Online Service	10:00am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	10:00am	
Coffee Hour	11:00am	Memorial Lounge
Worship & Music Committee	11:00am	
Confirmation Class	11:15am	
Family Fun - Bills Watch Party	1:00pm	



Please join the Young Men's group in a



St John's LYMA Luncheon

Sat. November 22th Noon – 2pm

Buffet in the Fellowship Hall

Catered by Elma Town Grill

Full 3 Meat Meal w/Sides & Dessert

Donation \$10 to benefit the Food Pantry

LIMITED to 100 TICKETS

Contact Gary Rudz 716-829-9618



Friendsgiving



November 30th @ 1-3pm

Youth Event

***Bring a Friend**

***Bring a side to share**

***RSVP by 11/28**

Kelly 716-868-3023

**St John's Lutheran Church
55 Pleasant Ave, Lancaster NY 14086**





Women's Christmas Fellowship

Wednesday December 3rd @ 5-9pm



Fellowship: All Are Welcome!



Pot Luck: Bring a Dish to Share

Gift Exchange: Bring a Wrapped \$10 Gift



St. John's Lancaster 55 Pleasant Ave.
716-683-8972



LYMA CHRISTMAS PARTY

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10TH

6PM COCKTAILS * 7PM DINNER

@ Skoob's Village Grille

50 Central Ave, Lancaster



\$30 PER PERSON - ALL ARE WELCOME!

CONTACT GARY RUDZ 716-829-9618





'TIS THE
SEASON

Salvation Army
Angel Tree

November 8th- December 7th

Take tag from tree

Replace with star

Purchase gift

Place unwrapped in gift bag

Tag securely attached

OR

Take envelope from tree

for monetary donation

Cash or check

to *Salvation Army*

Place in offering plate

Or turn in to Office



?’s call Carol 716-861-1619



Deadline December 7th



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Open - Inviting - Alive in Christ!*

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