

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



## Saturday Worship

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Third Saturday of Easter  
Saturday, April 13, 2024

The Prelude  
The Greetings

Opening Hymn

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*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*



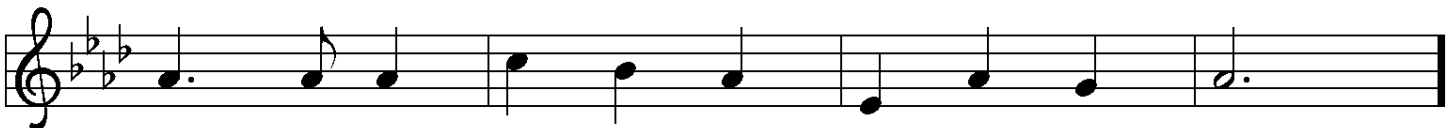
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Hymn of Praise



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is



close at hand; lis - ten to the voice that be - gan cre - a - tion;



lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

Text: Anonymous, Canada

Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005



The First Reading  
Acts 3:12-19 (NRSVUE)

[Peter] addressed the people, “Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

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



Psalm 4 (NRSV)  
*Read Responsively*

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;  
the Lord will hear me when I call.

**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the Lord.

**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**

You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine abound.

**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.**

The Second Reading  
1 John 3:1-7 (NRSVUE)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

The Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Reading  
Luke 24:36b-48  
Glory to you, O God.

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

The Sermon  
Rev. Jamie Retallack



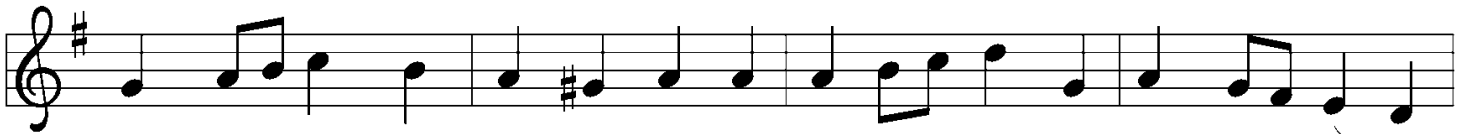
*As We Gather at Your Table*



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
 3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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## Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make **decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people.** God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty (especially Beatrice Gill, Brianna Wood, Edna Mann, George Stubblebein, Sarah Hermsmeyer, Ron Bennett, Roger Stapleton Jr, Patricia Kostecky, Tom & Ruth Morse, Tracy, Bob Valois, Ray, Donna Herget, and Jess Gervasio). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry (ministry context may be named). Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died (especially). As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living 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

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living 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

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 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

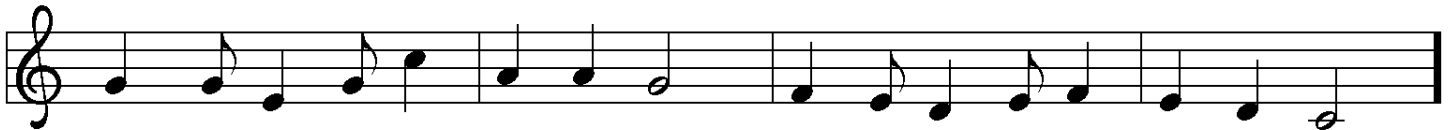
Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

## The Benediction

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

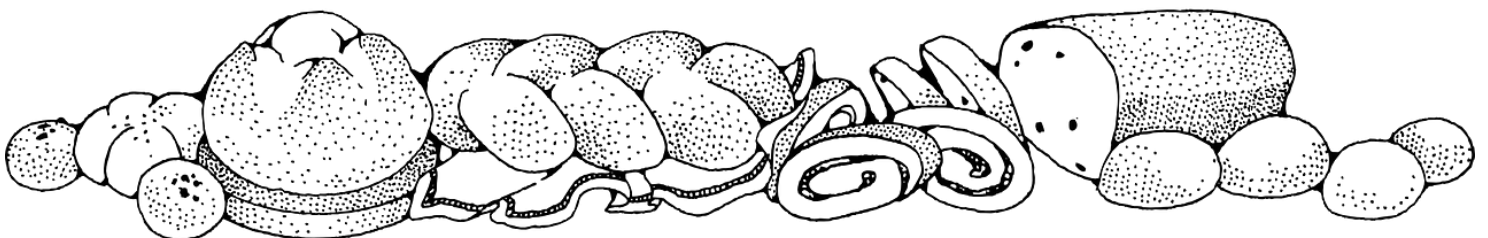
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The Sending  
 Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**





# The People of St. John's Welcome You to 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.

## This Week at a Glance

Sunday	4/14	9:00am	Bible Study
Sunday	4/14	9:30am	Joysingers
Sunday	4/14	10:00am	Worship
Sunday	4/14	10:00am	Sunday School
Sunday	4/14	11:00am	Worship & Music Committee
Sunday	4/14	11:30am	Property & Grounds Committee
Monday	4/15	4:30pm	Guiding Eyes
Monday	4/15	7:30pm	Chordsmen
Tuesday	4/16	9:30am	Quilters
Tuesday	4/16	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday	4/18	1:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday	4/18	6:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday	4/18	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	4/20	5:30pm	Worship/Quilt Blessing
Sunday	4/21	9:00am	Bible Study
Sunday	4/21	9:30am	Joysingers
Sunday	4/21	10:00am	Worship/Quilt Blessing
Sunday	4/21	10:00am	Sunday School
Sunday	4/21	11:00am	Confirmation
Sunday	4/21	11am-2pm	Spaghetti Fundraiser

**Ushers**  
Paul Rudz  
Rich Rice

**Deacon**  
Kathy Snyder

**Altar Guild**  
John & Amy  
Petrunyak

**Book Club**

Please join us on Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 PM  
to discuss Ariel Lawhon's novel, THE FROZEN RIVER.

**Altar Flower Dates Available:**

4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30  
\$30 for two bouquets

We lift up Beatrice Gill, Brianna Wood, Edna Mann, George Stubblebein, Sarah Hermsmeyer, Ron Bennett, Roger Stapleton Jr, Patricia Kosticky, Tom & Ruth Morse, Tracy, Bob Valois, Ray, Donna Herget, and Jess Gervasio.

**Offering:** 4/7/2024 : \$2159.00

**Upcoming AED and CPR Training**

AED Training: Wednesday, April 24th @ 7pm

AED & CPR Training: Wednesday, May 22nd @ 7pm

More details coming soon!

**Congregational Care Updates:**

There will not be a coffee hour in April. The group will be cooking meals on Friday, April 26th at 9:30am at the church, and the next meeting will be Saturday, May 11 at 1pm.

## **YOUTH EVENTS**

### **Confirmation**

April 21st

### **Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser**

Sunday, April 21st: Set-up @ 9am - Serve 11am-2pm

### **Spring Retreat**

April 26th-28th @ LCLC

Work Day: Sat, April 27th @ LCLC

Tapestry Project: Sun, April 28th 6-8pm

LYMA's **Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ**

Saturday, May 4th from Noon-Sold Out.

Dinners are take-out and will be \$15.00.

**St. John's Lutheran Lancaster and Elma Women's Fellowship Breakfast** is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 8th @ 9am at the Olive Tree @ 5240 Broadway in Lancaster**. Cost is based on your order. Sign-up sheets are located at the entrances to the church. Please sign up by Wednesday, May 1st. You may contact Beverly Hess @ 716-868-5096 with any questions.

### **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 to St. John's Lutheran!



# Soup Fest

*Fellowship Event*

*Music by Heart to Heart*



**April 20th**  
**4pm~7pm**

*Sign up to Enter/Make Soup*  
*Join us for Soup & Fellowship*  
*Donations Accepted*

**St. John's Lutheran Church ~ 55 Pleasant Ave**

# Spaghetti Luncheon

**St. John's Youth Fundraiser**

**Sunday, April 21st**

**from 11am-2pm**

**\$10 Dine In/Take Out**



**St. John's Lutheran 55 Pleasant Ave Lancaster**



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church provides an inviting environment for spreading God's Word through worship, teaching, and fellowship to address the spiritual needs of our congregation and community.*  
*Open - Inviting - Alive in Christ!*

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