

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



## Sunday Worship

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Third Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, March 8, 2026

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 before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

LBW 250

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
 let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.  
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

## The Prayer of the Day

**Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### The First Reading Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

Psalm 95  
(Read Responsively)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

For the Lord is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.  
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

**“Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test,  
though they had seen my works.

**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

Indeed I swore in my anger, ‘They shall never come to my rest.’”

The Second Reading  
Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

Lenten Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

## The Gospel Reading

### John 4:5-42

Glory to you, O God. [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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



The Sermon Pastor  
Jamie Retallack

*Lift High the Cross*

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*

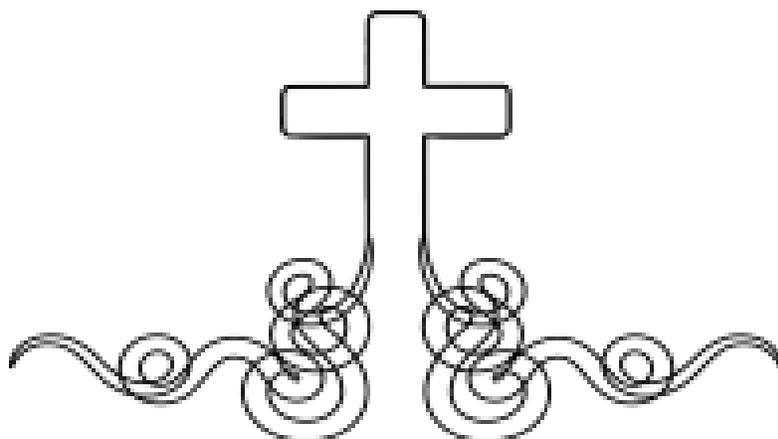
In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915



## Prayers of Intercession

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought (*especially*), and bring relief to places damaged by floods (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need (especially Edna Mann, Tom Morse, Jackie Wolfram, Dave, Sara Hermsmeyer, Eoin Mast, Arden Kruger, Jillian Graap, Anna Hart, Kelly R., Bryce, Mary Anne, Paul Rudz, Rob Webster, Jake, Gloria Richards, Ian Nowicki, Pat Spanitz, Jenny Gozdziaak, Pastor Erik Hart, Donna Parr, Alice, Sandy Wiess, Tom Lafferty, Eugene, Drue, Darrion, Rob & Lauren, Joe & Shelly, and the family and friends of Shirley Hellenbach). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **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

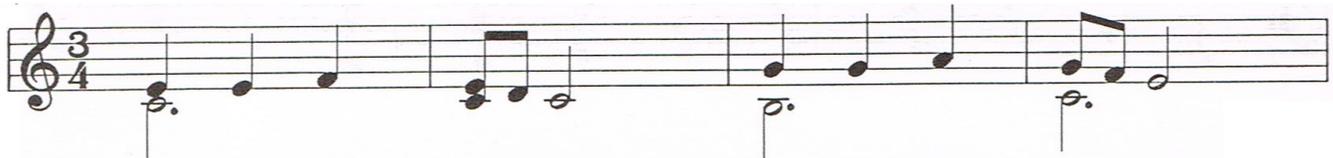
**Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ,  
our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

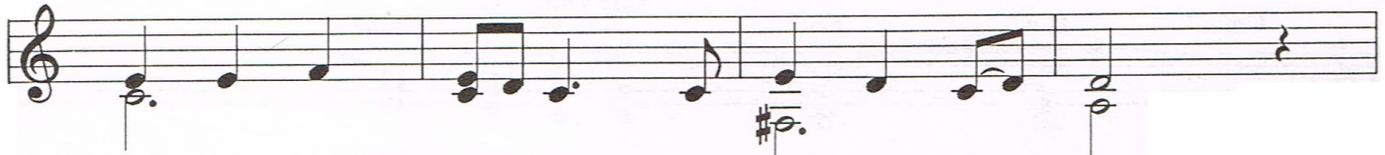
## The Sharing of the Peace

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

# The Offertory Hymn



1. Meek - ness and maj - es - ty, man - hood and De - i - ty,  
 2. Fa - ther's pure ra - di - ance, per - fect in in - no - cence;  
 3. Wis - dom un - search - a - ble, God, the in - vis - i - ble;



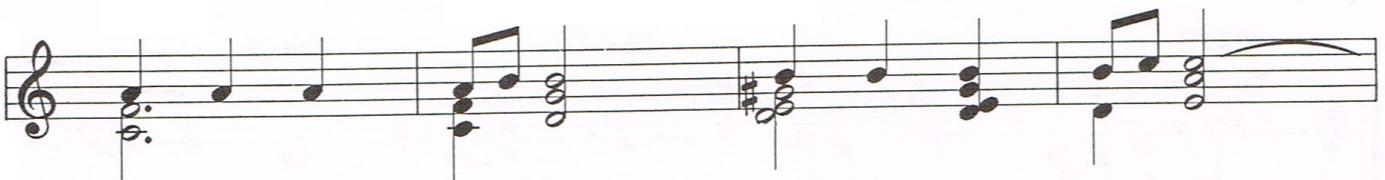
in per - fect har - mo - ny, the Man who is — God.  
 Yet learns o - be - di - ence to death on a — cross.  
 Love in - de - struct - i - ble in frail - ty ap - pears.



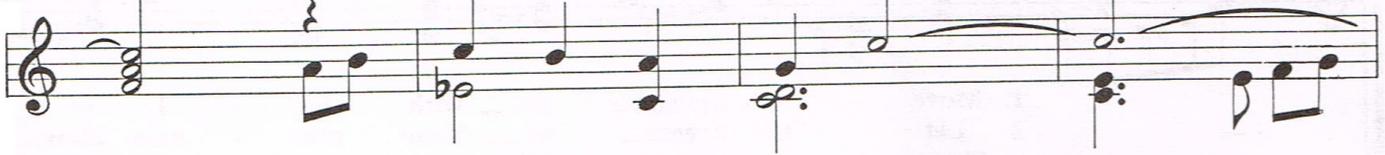
Lord of e - ter - ni - ty, dwells in hu - man - i - ty;  
 Suf - f'ring to give us life, con - quering through sac - ri - fice;  
 Lord of in - fin - i - ty, stoop - ing so ten - der - ly;



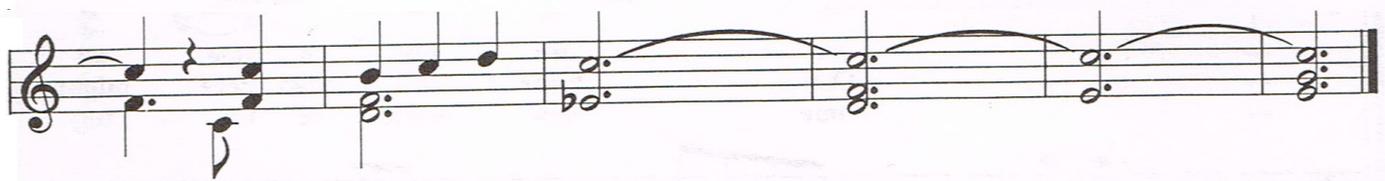
Kneels in hu - mil - i - ty — and — wash - es our feet.  
 And as they cru - ci - fy — prays, — "Fa - ther, for - give."  
 Lifts our hu - man - i - ty — to the heights of His throne.



O what a mys - ter - y, meek - ness and maj - es - ty;



Bow down and wor - ship,



for this is your God.

## The Offertory Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## The Sanctus

Musical notation for the Sanctus, consisting of five staves of music in a single system. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

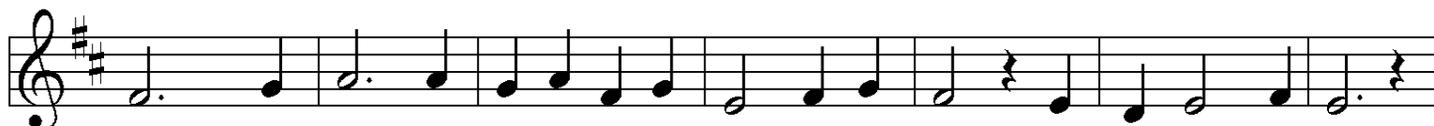
## Words of Institution

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 Lamb of God



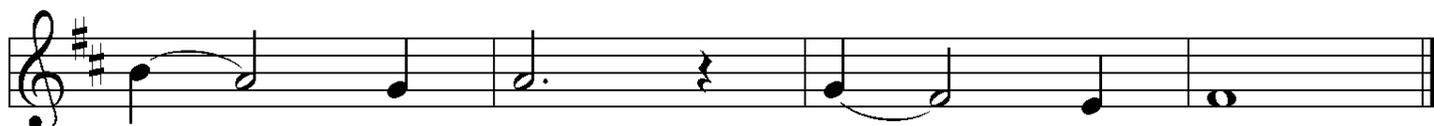
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;**



**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Communion Music  
LBW 212, WOV 709

## 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 our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## The Benediction

# Sending Hymn

LBW 343

## *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## The Sending

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**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:**

St John's Lancaster M, W, Th 10am-3pm.

St John's Elma Tuesdays 10am-3pm.

## **Offering**

3/1/2026

\$ 3137.00

## **Quarterly Statements available upon request.**

If you would like to receive quarterly statements by mail, please 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!



## **B\*I\*N\*G\*O NIGHT**

We had so much fun playing Bingo that we're doing it again! Join us on Wednesday, March 18th in the Fellowship Hall (Lancaster) for fun, fellowship and goofy prizes! Doors open at 630pm - bingo starts at 7:00pm. Bingo chips, drinks and snacks will be available for anyone who doesn't bring their own!

Follow us on Facebook [@stjohnslancaster](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnslancaster)

**Altar Flower Arrangements:**  
as of **January 1, 2026**, flower arrangements are \$40 (for 2).

**Available Flower Dates:** Mar 22, 29; Apr 5, 12, 19, 26

**Altar Guild:** Sharon Walker/Carol Graham

**Deacon:** Kathy Snyder

**Ushers:** Janet Sincebaugh/Linda Costa

We lift up: Edna Mann, Tom Morse, Jackie Wolfram, Dave, Sara Hermsmeyer, Eoin Mast, Arden Kruger, Jillian Graap, Anna Hart, Kelly R., Bryce, Mary Anne, Paul Rudz, Rob Webster, Jake, Gloria Richards, Ian Nowicki, Pat Spanitz, Jenny Gozdziaak, Pastor Erik Hart, Donna Parr, Alice, Sandy Wiess, Tom Lafferty, Eugene, Drue, Darrion, Rob & Lauren, Joe & Shelly, and the family and friends of Shirley Hellenbach.

**New Choir Practice Time**

Choir will now practice on Sundays 11:05-11:20am.

All are welcome to join!

**Women's Group Lunch**

will be at Olive Tree on Wed, Mar 11 at 11:30.

Please sign up by Mar 8.

**BOOK CLUB:** Please join us at the Conference Table downstairs in the Chapel Hall at St. John's Lancaster (using the ramp entrance) on Wednesday, March 25th @ 2:30 PM to discuss the inspiring true story, **THE BOYS IN THE BOAT**, by Daniel James Brown.

## YOUTH EVENTS

March 7, 10:00am – 2:00pm	FUND RAISER! Join in the fun in making cinnamon buns. You will be able to sample your work. Lunch provided, games during work breaks.
March 8, 10:00am – 12:00pm	Sell cinnamon buns before and after church service. Run coffee hour after service with cinnamon bun samples and fruit. Socialize with members of congregation.
March 22, 10:00 – 11:00am	Fill Easter eggs for Easter egg hunt. Discuss plans for Palm Sunday breakfast and Easter egg hunt that follows service.
March 29, 8:00 – 9:30am	Serve breakfast to congregation, family and public.  -----
11:00am – 12:00pm	Assist with Easter egg hunt.

**Poppi's Pantry** is extremely grateful for all donations. If you are looking for donation ideas, you may want to consider: cereal/oatmeal, canned meats (chicken, spam), canned meals (Hash, Dinty Moore stew), pasta sauce (including Alfredo) and single serving pudding and/or gelatin cups (including sugar free), Thank you!

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

**Directory Updates:** If you have not yet, please help us by submitting to the office any changes to your records: name, phone number/s, address, etc. Thank you!



# ST. PATTY'S DAY DINNER

**@ St. John's Lancaster: 55 Pleasant Ave.  
Corned Beef/Cabbage/Vegetables/Bread & Butter**

**Sunday, March 15th @ 11am**

**\$5 Dinner Reserve - Takeout Only**

**Must Have Ticket! Limited to 100 Tickets  
Sales end March 14th or Sold Out**

**Contact: Gary Rudz — 716-829-9618**



# LENTEN/EASTER SCHEDULE

## **PALM SUNDAY ~ MARCH 29TH**

Pancake Breakfast @ 8am-10am

Worship @10am

Easter Egg Hunt @ 11am

## **MAUNDY THURS ~ APRIL 2ND**

Worship @ 7pm @ St. John's Elma  
2131 Woodard Rd, Elma NY 14059

## **GOOD FRIDAY ~ APRIL 3RD**

Worship @ 7pm @ St. John's Lancaster

## **EASTER VIGIL ~ SAT APRIL 4TH**

Worship @ 5:30pm @ Lancaster

## **RESURRECTION SUNDAY ~ APRIL 5TH**

Worship @ 8:45am @ Elma

Worship @ 10am @ Lancaster

## **FASTNACHT SUNDAY ~ APRIL 12TH**

Fastnachts @ 8am

# This Week at-a-Glance

## Sunday, March 8, 2026

Event	Time	Location
Bible Study	9:00am	Memorial Lounge
Joysingers	9:30am	
In Person/ Online Service	10:00am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	10:00am	
Youth: Cinnamon Bun Fundraiser	10:00am - 12:00pm	
Worship & Music Committee	11:00am	
Choir Practice	11:05am - 11:20am	Choir Room - Off of the Chapel Downstairs
Confirmation Class	11:15am	
Property & Grounds	11:30am	

## Monday, March 9, 2026

Event	Time	Location
Church Office Hours	10:00am - 3:00pm	Church Office
Guiding Eyes	5:00pm - 7:30pm	Fellowship Hall
Chordsmen	7:30pm	Chapel

## Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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

## Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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

## Thursday, March 12, 2026

Event	Time	Location
Church Office Hours	10:00am - 3:00pm	Church Office
Bible Study	1:00pm	Chapel - Conference Area
Mtg. Pastor	5:30pm	
Handbell Practice	6:30pm	Balcony

## Saturday, March 14, 2026

Event	Time	Location
Guiding Eyes	1:00pm - 2:00pm	Fellowship Hall
In Person Service	5:30pm	Chapel

## Sunday, March 15, 2026

Event	Time	Location
Good News Articles Due		
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
St Patty's Day Meal - LYMA	11:00am - 12:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice	11:05am - 11:20am	Choir Room - Off of the Chapel Downstairs

## **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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