

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



## Saturday Worship

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Fifth Saturday of Easter  
May 14, 2022

The Prelude  
The Greetings  
The Invocation

Opening Hymn

WOV 745

*Awake, O Sleeper*



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
4 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come. **Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.  
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

### *Silence for Prayer & Confession*

God our helper,  
**we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news. **Amen.**

### The Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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 (*Sing x2*)



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

### The First Reading Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’”

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.

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

Psalm 148  
*(Read responsively)*

Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights!

**Praise the Lord, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven!**

Praise the Lord, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars!

**Praise the Lord, you highest heavens  
and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
who commanded and they were created.

**who established them forever and ever;  
who fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,

**fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!**

Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

**Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
whose name alone is exalted;  
whose glory is above earth and heaven.

**The Lord has raised up a horn for the people,  
praise for all the faithful servants,  
for the people of Israel who are close to the Lord.  
Praise the Lord!**

Second Reading  
Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them and be their God;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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 John 13:31-35 **Glory to you, O Lord**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

The Sermon - Pastor Jamie Retallack



*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!

## Prayers of Intercession

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us (local natural areas may be named). Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress (especially Elliana Meyers, Zach, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Debby Taylor, Hans Kiener, Kimberly Stribing, Don Spanitz, Arden Kruger, Mel Girardin, Gary Basher, Edna Mann, Gloria Jakubowski, and Jackie Unger.) As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**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, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

...In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers,  
and renew us by your life-giving Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## The Sharing of the Peace

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

## The Gathering of 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.

## The Offertory Prayer

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord: for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name.

## 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

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## The Benediction

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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The Sending

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
 Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
**Thanks be to God.**



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

## This Week at a Glance

Sunday	5/15	9:00am	Sunday School In person/streamed service
Sunday	5/15	10:30am	In person/streamed service Baptisms
Monday	5/16	4:30pm	Guiding Eyes
Monday	5/16	5:15pm	LYMA Golf
Monday	5/16	7:30pm	Queen City Chordsmen
Tuesday	5/17	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday	5/19	1:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday	5/19	6:30pm	Handbell Practice
Thursday	5/19	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday	5/20	7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday	5/21	5:30pm	In person service
Sunday	5/22	9:00am	Sunday School In person/ streamed service
Sunday	5/22	10:30am	In person/ streamed service

### **Lutheran Charities Evening of Tastings and Music**

**@ Tewksbury Lodge, Canalside! Friday, June 10th 7– 9 PM**

Musical Guest the Red Blazer Men's Chorus of Buffalo

\$49 Per Person Registration Includes: Spirit Samplings from Local  
Breweries and Wineries, Hors d'oeuvres and Entertainment

Register Online at [www.wnylutherancharities.org](http://www.wnylutherancharities.org)

## **Deacons**

9:00am RaeAnn Jakubowski

10:30am Kathy Snyder

## **Ushers**

9:00am Sam Miller & Dave Rice

10:30am Carol Graham & Beverly Hess

5/8/2022: \$2077.00

We pray for Elliana Meyers, Zach, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Debby Taylor, Hans Kiener, Kimberly Stribing, Don Spanitz, Arden Kruger, Mel Girardin, Gary Basher, Edna Mann, Gloria Jakubowski, and Jackie Unger.

## **Baptism Blessings for Brooklyn and Stephen!**

The flowers on the altar today are given in memory of Robert Nagel from his wife Kathy and Family.

### **Collecting Dash's Register Receipts**

Save your Dash's receipts  
and deposit them in the boxes  
in the Memorial Lounge or The Chapel  
To benefit Niagara Lutheran Health Services

Sunday, June 5th, St. John's will begin the Summer Worship  
Schedule: Saturdays @ 5:30pm and Sundays @ 9:30am.

St. John's has a food pantry.  
If you are ever in need,  
call Pastor Jamie or the church office

**Altar Flower Arrangements** are \$30 (for 2). To dedicate flowers please continue to use the envelopes provided at the church, contact the church office either by phone 716-683-8972 or by email at stjohndlancaster55@gmail.com. All dedications must be submitted and paid for by the Monday before the dedication date.

May 22
May 29

June 5
June 12
June 19
June 26

July 3
July 10
July 17
July 24
July 31

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## **Lutheran Disaster Response: Eastern Europe Crisis**

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P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on your memo line

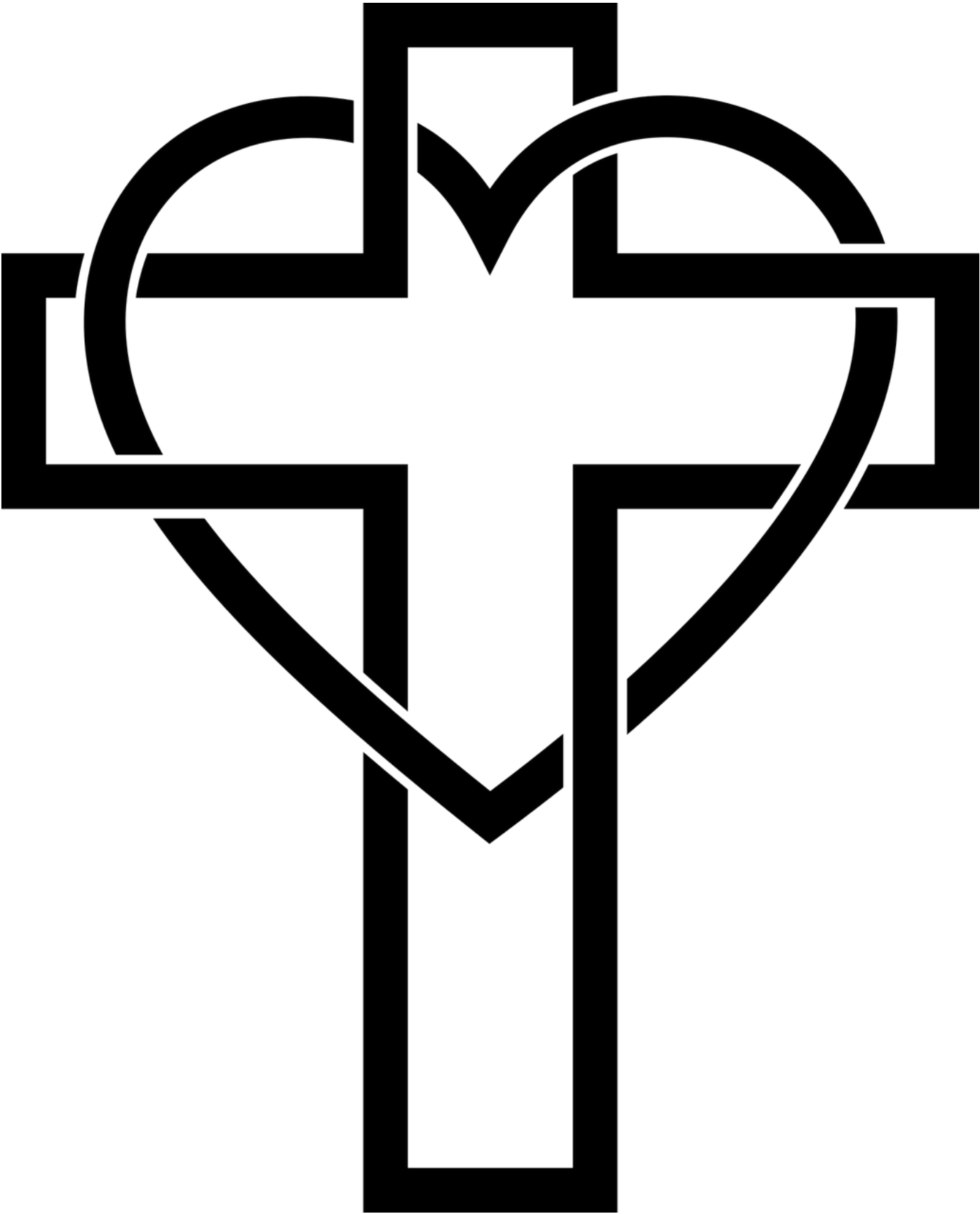
Give by phone 800-638-3522 (M-F, 8a.m.-5p.m. CT) or online.

I give you  
*a new commandment,*  
that you  
**love one another.**

*Just as I have loved you,*  
you also should  
**love one another.**

By this  
everyone will know that  
*you are my disciples,*  
**if you have love  
for one another.**

~Jesus~  
John 13: 34-35



## **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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