

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



Sunday 10:30am Worship

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Fourth Sunday in Pentecost
June 20th, 2021 10:30am

The Prelude

The Greetings

Invocation

The Opening Hymn

ELW 756

Eternal Father, Strong to Save



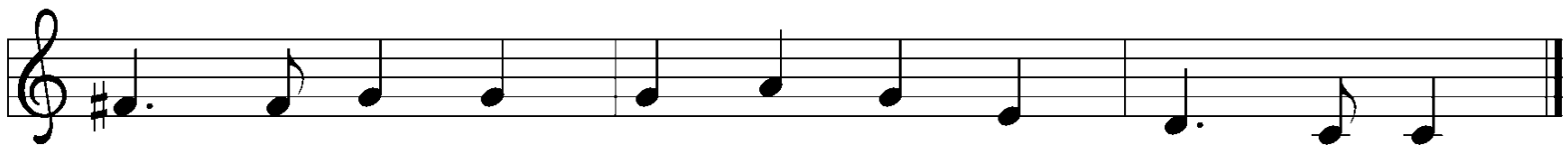
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

The Confession and Forgiveness

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Silence for Prayer & Confession

Reconciling God, you seek peace and unity among us, but too often we choose walls of isolation. You seek to be one with your creation, but we turn away from your loving spirit. In your forgiving love, break down the barriers we create, that we might see more clearly your love for us, be reconciled with our neighbor, and trust more deeply your promise of eternal life. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire 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

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

1The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: 2“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge
3Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. 4“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.
5Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone 7when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
8“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—9when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, 10and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, 11and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

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

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32

Read Responsively

1Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good for God’s mercy endures forever.

2Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

3gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

23Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.

24They beheld the works of the Lord, God’s wonderful works in the deep.

25Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.

26They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.

27They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.

28Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord, and you delivered them from their distress.

29You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.

30Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

31Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

32Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

1As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! 3We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, 7truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; 10as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. 11We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. 12There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. 13In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

The Alleluia



The Gospel Reading

Mark 4:35-41
Glory to you, O God.

35When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” 36And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. 37A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 38But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” 39He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. 40He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” 41And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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

The Sermon

Pastor Jamie

Hymn of the Day

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Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



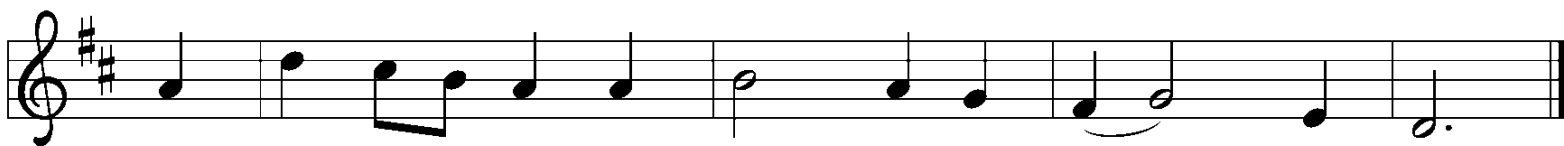
1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest (especially). Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders (especially). Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We especially pray for those on our prayer list: Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers, Zach, Debra Wilczak, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Annette Drescher, Todd Potter

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **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 Prayer of the Church

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
...We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

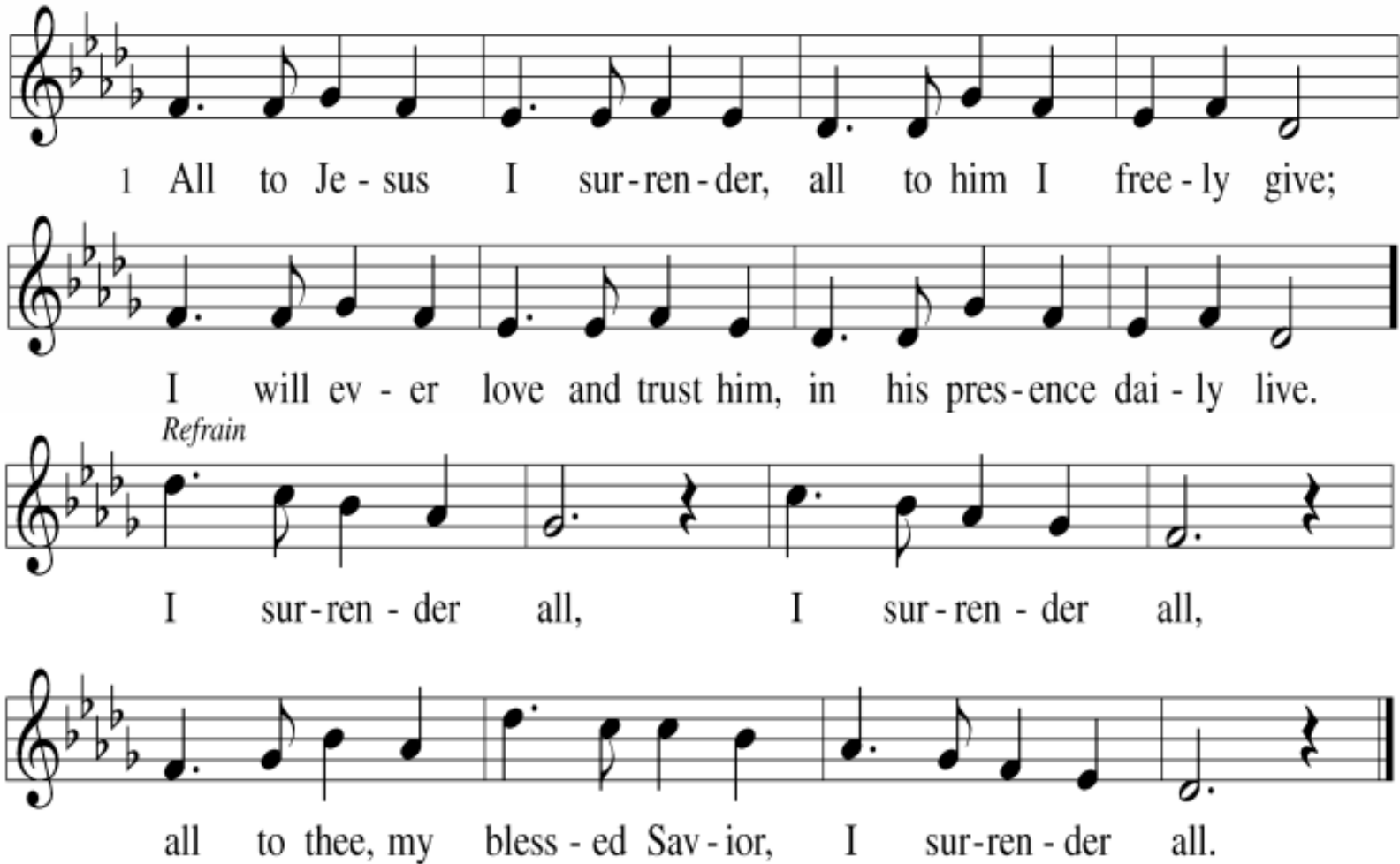
The Sharing of the Peace

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

The Offertory Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

The Offering
The Offertory Hymn



1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;
I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres-ence dai - ly live.

Refrain

I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all,
all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur-ren - der all.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line contains the first line of the hymn. The second line contains the second line. The third line is the start of the refrain, marked with 'Refrain' above it. The fourth line is the end of the refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes.

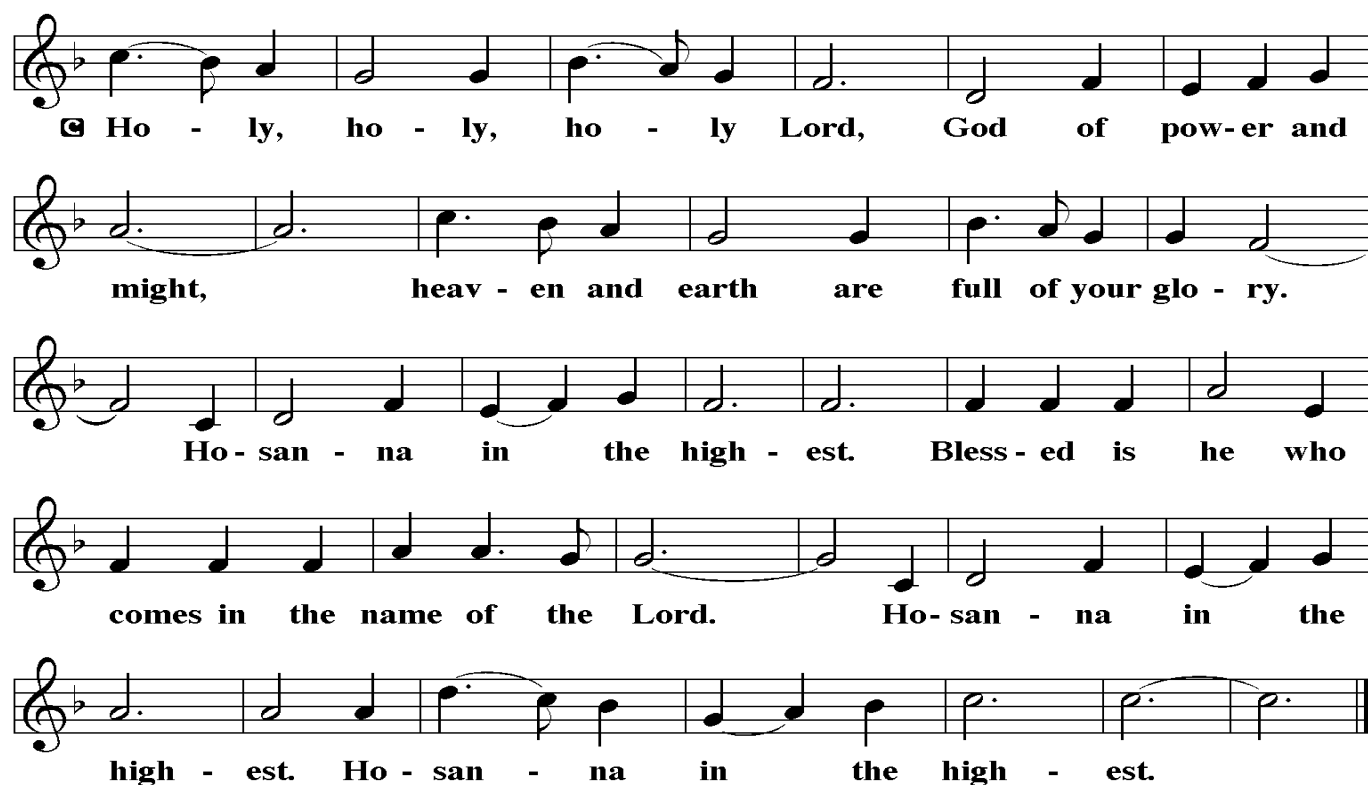
The Great Thanksgiving

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 reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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



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 bread, and gave thanks; 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, shed 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.

The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord 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

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The Benediction

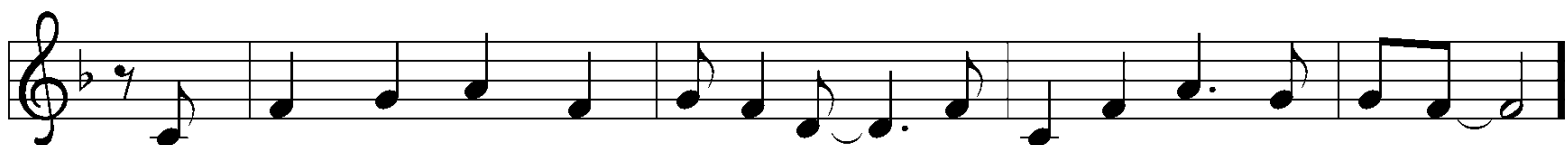
The Sending Hymn

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My Life Flows On In Endless Song

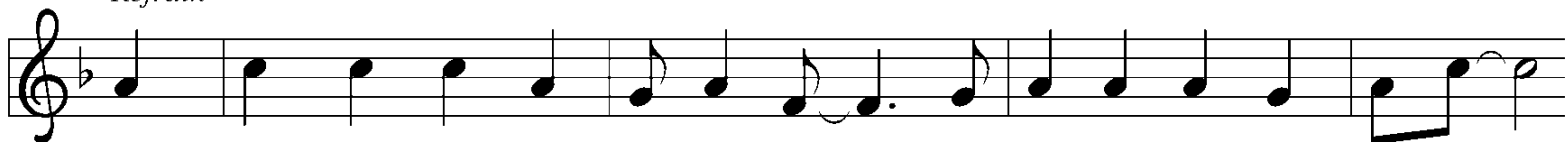


- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

The Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers, Zach, Debra Wilczak, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Annette Drescher, Todd Potter

We will remove names from the prayer list after four weeks unless informed otherwise.

Sunday Deacon: Sam Miller

6/13 Giving: \$1484.00

Announcements for the bulletins are due at noon on Wednesday.
Good News articles are due on the 15th of every month.

If you would like your **email included on our church email list**, please write it down and put it in the offering plate. If you would like the **monthly "Good News" newsletter emailed** to you instead of physically mailed, please write your name and email with a note and put it in the offering plate. The Good News issues are also available on the website (stjohnslanc.org).

Follow us on Facebook!

Find us on Facebook [@stjohnslancaster](#) to keep up to date with information and connect with other members of our congregation!

Youth Group:

Summer pool party at Pastor's house and park, date to be determined. We are waiting to hear the status of the Lancaster 4th of July Parade, so be on the lookout if we will be selling freeze pops and water. Starting in September we will be going back to meeting twice a month!

Calendar of Events

Saturday	6/19	5:30pm	In person/ online service
Sunday	6/20	9:00am	Drive in service
Sunday	6/20	10:30am	In person/ online service
Sunday	6/20	11:30am	Confirmation Class
Monday	6/21	7:30pm	Queen City Chordsmen
Tuesday	6/22	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday	6/24	7:00pm	Handbell Choir
Friday	6/25	7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday	6/26	5:30pm	In person/ online service
Sunday	6/27	9:00am	Drive in service
Sunday	6/27	10:30am	In person/ online service



This year marks the 10th anniversary of my ordination. I'd like to celebrate by supporting Lake Chautauqua Lutheran center, the camp that helped me discern my call to ordained ministry. It is a tremendous camp and I know it has helped many young people figure out where God is calling them in their lives. Specifically I'd like to collect money to send kids to camp if you would like to join me in celebrating I encourage you to add a special donation to send kids to camp in with your offering, just make a note that it is for sending kids to camp, that money will then be used to help as many of our St. John's kids go to camp as possible. Thank you for joining me in celebrating.
Peace, Jamie

Altar Flower Announcement

The florist we got our altar flowers from is no longer doing flower arrangements for altar flowers for churches. We have switched to County Crossroad in Marilla.

Arrangements are \$30 (for 2) and you can request specific colors/ flowers if desired. You may pay more if you would like bigger arrangements or more expensive flowers

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 stjohnslancaster55@gmail.com.

All dedications must be submitted and paid for by the Monday before the dedication date in order to notify the florist.

Available Days for Altar Flower Dedications:

July 4
July 11
July 18
July 25

Aug 1
Aug 8
Aug 15
Aug 22
Aug 29

Sept 5
Sept 19
Sept 26

Oct 3
Oct 10
Oct 17
Oct 24
Oct 31

Nov 7
Nov 14
Nov 21
Nov 28

Dec 5
Dec 12
Dec 19
Dec 26

Upcoming Lutheran Charities Events!

LUTHERAN CHARITIES CHIAVETTA'S DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN BBQ

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
6540 MAIN ST.
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221

WEDNESDAY JUNE 23, 2021

3PM-7PM (OR SOLD OUT)



\$12 PRESALE, \$13 DAY OF



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Twenty-Third Annual Golf Classic

*hosted by Lutheran Charities
of Western New York*

Monday August 9, 2021

10:00 a.m. Registration
11:00 a.m. Lunch
12:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

New venue!
Glen Oak Golf Club
East Amherst

Save the Date!

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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