

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



Sunday 10:30am Worship

Drive-in Church tune to 95.1

Rev. Jamie Retallack

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Second Sunday in Pentecost
June 6, 2021 5:30pm

The Prelude

The Greetings

Invocation

The Opening Hymn

ELW 503

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 No strength of ours can match his might!
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land,
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide,

a sword and shield vic - to - rious;
We would be lost, re - ject ed.
all threat - 'ning to de - vour us,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;

he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod
But now a cham - pion comes to fight,
we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand;
for God him - self fights by our side

and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.
whom God him - self e - lect ed.
they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
with weap - ons of the Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,
Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!
This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.
If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,

with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.
Christ Je - sus our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.
He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual.
He holds the field vic - to - rious.
One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.

8[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

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

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

2 O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

3 If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

4 Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

5 I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

6 My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

7 O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

8 For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

13 Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. 15 Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. 16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

The Alleluia



The Gospel Reading

Mark 3:20-35

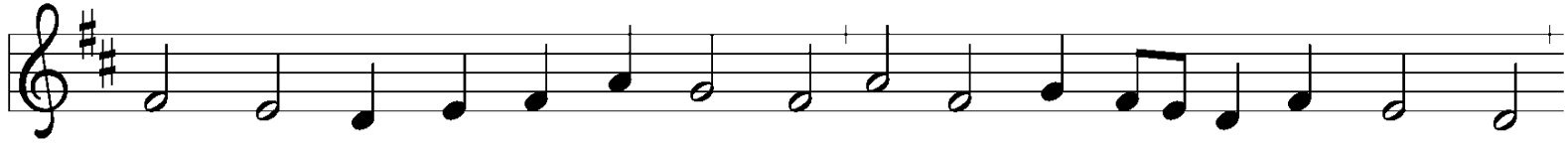
Glory to you, O God.

[Jesus went home;] 20and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. 21When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” 22And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” 23And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? 24If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. 27But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 28“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— 30for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” 31Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. 32A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” 33And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” 34And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! 35Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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

The Sermon
Hymn of the Day

Pastor Jamie
ELW 462
Now We Join in Celebration



- 1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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.

God of wholeness, we pray for believers all over the globe (*global mission partners may be named*). Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as beloved siblings to share your love with all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all people, we pray for harmony among the nations. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear, that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. Especially we pray for Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers, Zach, Debra Wilczak, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Shannon Sankey, Dorothea Konstabel, Alex Walker, Hans Kiener, Dakin Pascucci, Ruth Morse, Jon Gerlock, Friends and Family of John Kimble, Family and Friends of Sharon E. Davis (Link), Family and Friends of John Mosher

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of righteousness, we pray for this holy house of worship. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your eternal mercy (*especially*). 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.**

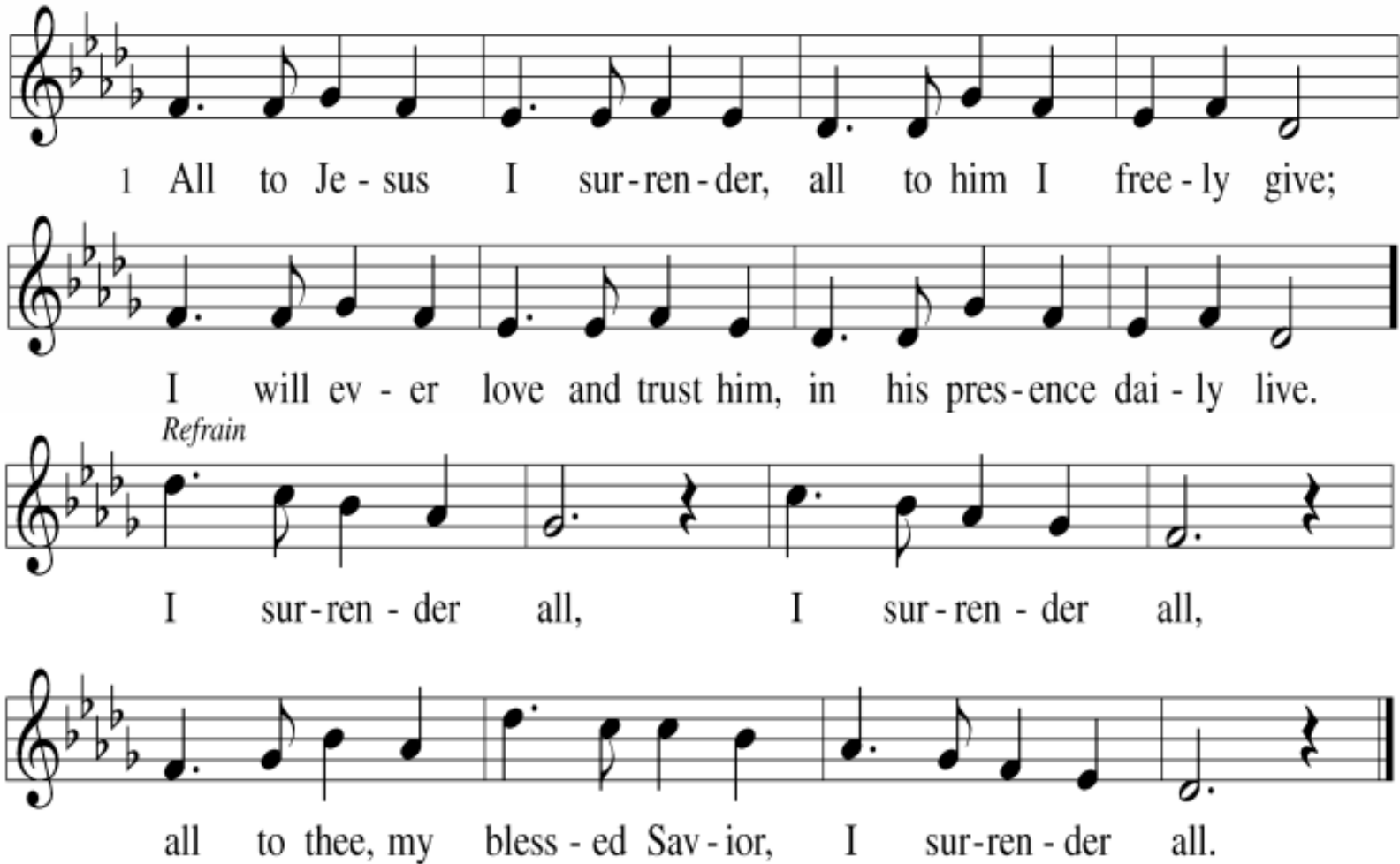
The Sharing of the Peace

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 treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are aligned with the notes below the staff.

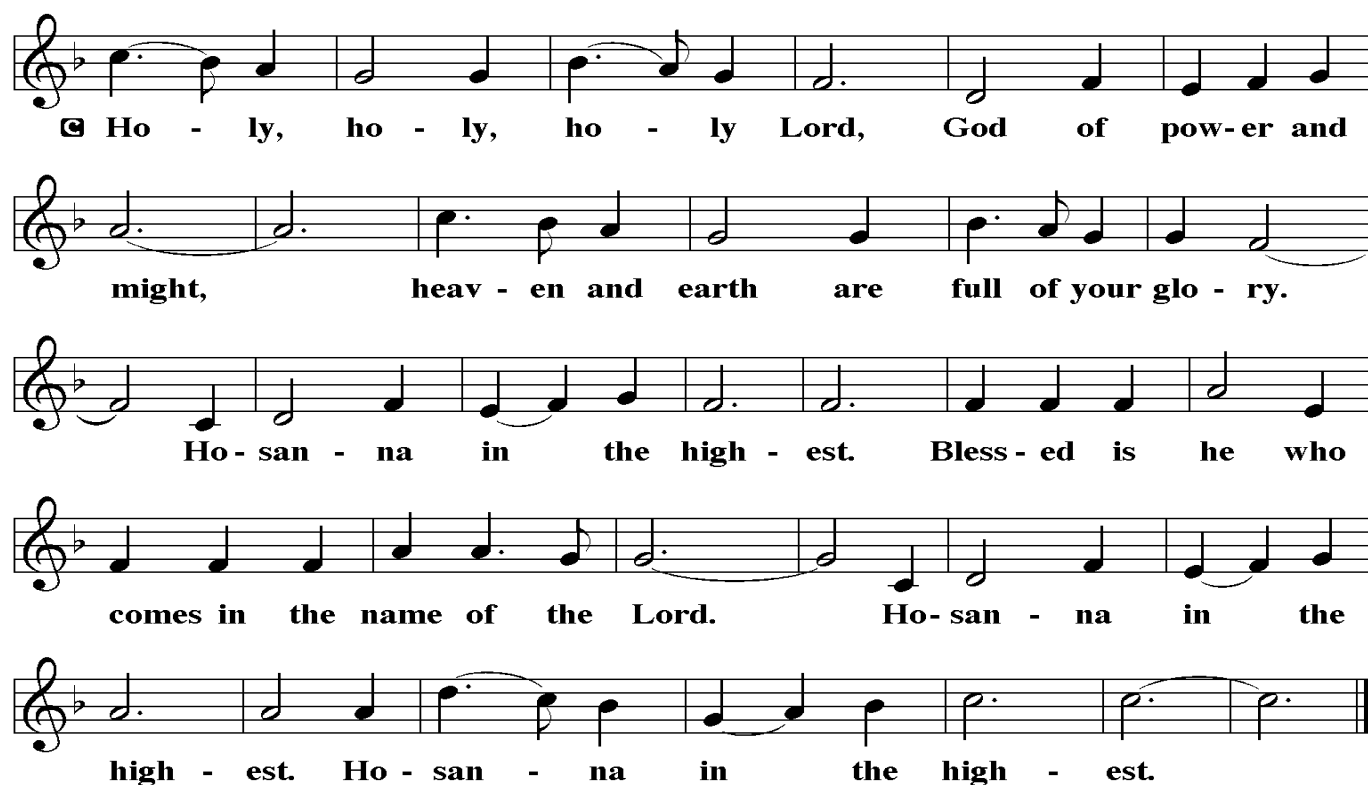
The Great Thanksgiving

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



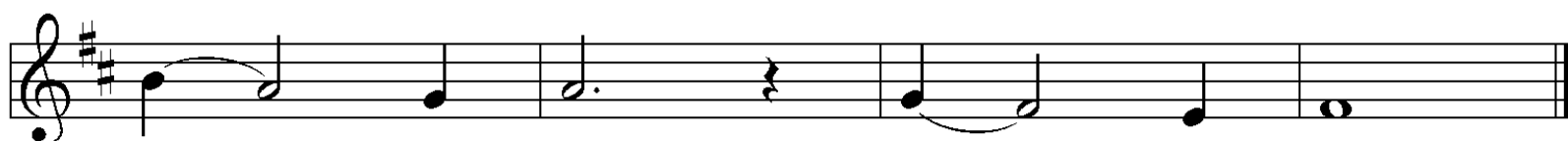
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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

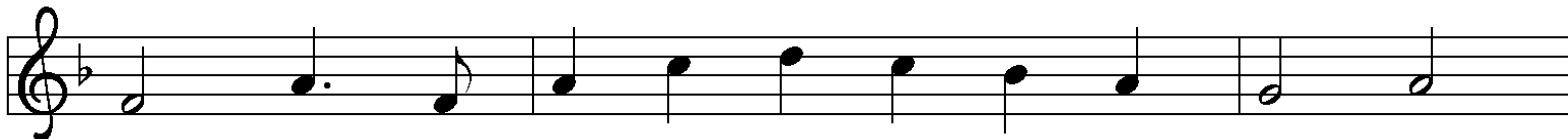
The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The Benediction

The Sending Hymn

ELW 665

Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

The Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

We will! Thanks be to God.

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

Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers, Zach, Debra Wilczak, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Shannon Sankey, Dorothea Konstabel, Alex Walker, Hans Kiener, Dakin Pascucci, Ruth Morse, Jon Gerlock, Friends and Family of John Kimble, Family and Friends of Sharon E. Davis (Link), Family and Friends of John Mosher

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

5/30 Giving: \$2087.75

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!

Confirmation Dates:

All meetings at 11:30am

Sunday June 6th

Sunday June 20th

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	6/5	5:30pm	In person/ online service
Sunday	6/6	9:00am	Drive in service
Sunday	6/6	9:00am	Sunday School
Sunday	6/6	10:30am	In person/ online service
Sunday	6/6	11:30am	Confirmation Class
Monday	6/7	7:30pm	Queen City Chordsmen
Tuesday	6/8	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday	6/10	7:00pm	Handbell Choir
Friday	6/11	7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday	6/12	5:30pm	In person/ online service
Sunday	6/13	9:00am	Drive in service
Sunday	6/13	9:00am	Sunday School
Sunday	6/13	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

So far, St. John's has raised over \$1,500 to send our youth to LCLC this summer.

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:

June 13	July 4	Aug 1	Sept 5
June 20	July 11	Aug 8	Sept 12
June 27	July 18	Aug 15	Sept 19
	July 25	Aug 22	Sept 26
		Aug 29	
Oct 3	Nov 7	Dec 5	
Oct 10	Nov 14	Dec 12	
Oct 17	Nov 21	Dec 19	
Oct 24	Nov 28	Dec 26	
Oct 31			

COVID-19 Updates for St. John's

- Physical distancing is required, seat every 3rd pew
- Masks REQUIRED for those who are not vaccinated
- Masks OPTIONAL for those who are vaccinated
- Worship schedule will remain the same (Saturday 5:30pm, 9am drive in, 10:30am)
- Saturday services will return to the chapel

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



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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