

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



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## **The Meaning of Palm Sunday:**

### **The Beginning of the Holy Week Journey**

Today we observe Palm Sunday and the beginning of the Christian tradition of Holy Week. Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem being hailed by the crowds as an honored prophet. He spends the week teaching and preaching in direct conflict with the temple authorities. Thursday night He shares his last supper with the disciples, perhaps as part of a Passover meal, and leaves for us the sacrament of Holy Communion. He goes to pray in the garden of Gethsemane and there is arrested when Judas betrays him. His swift trial leads to torture, mocking, humiliation and a painful death from crucifixion.

The church has chosen to use this Sunday to begin the story of the Passion of Our Lord so that the congregation may begin to reflect on the events of Holy Week. In the ancient church this week was the period of preparation of candidates for baptism and the Season of Lent grew up as an expanded version of this preparation period.

Today we recall in brief the events leading to our Savior's betrayal. As we move through the week, we have opportunity to reflect on how far God has gone in providing for our salvation. Thursday we remember the Last Supper with a service of Holy Communion. On Good Friday, we recall the crucifixion as the Service of Tenebrae takes us into the shadows and allows us a glimpse of the impact God's choice involved.

Palm Sunday  
March 28th, 2021 9:00am

The Prelude

The Greetings

The Processional Gospel Lesson

Mark 11:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

## The Thanksgiving & Blessing of the Palms

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## The Blessing of the Palms

Lord Jesus Christ, as you took possession of your city on a beast of burden so now enter our hearts as we hear and receive your Word. Bless these palm branches. May they remind us of your glorious entry and your faithful willingness to suffer and die for us. Inspire us to discern you in your coming and to hail you as our King. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

## The Distribution of the Palms

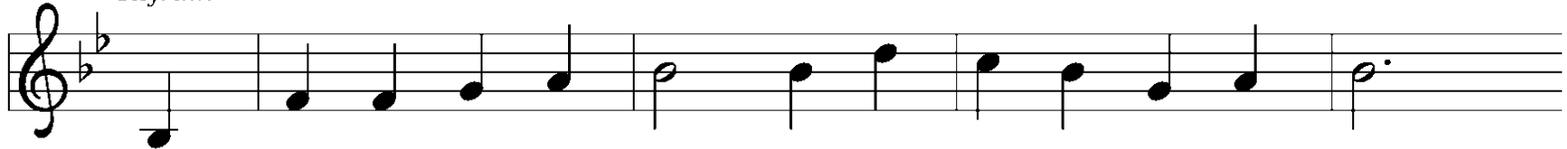
*The Ushers shall distribute the Palms as we prepare to welcome Christ once again into our lives.*

## The Processional

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**Hosanna to the son of David!**

## The Opening Hymn

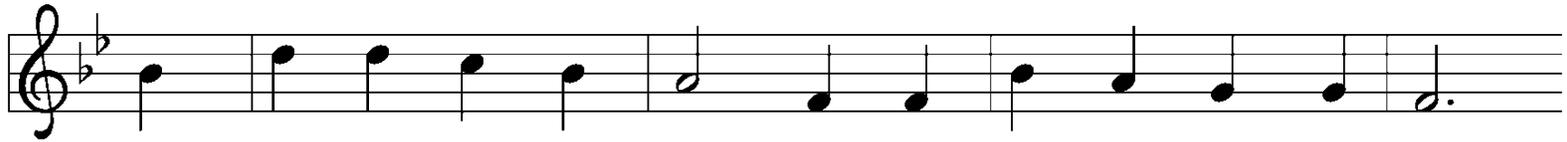
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*All Glory, Laud, and Honor**Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

<sup>1</sup>As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. <sup>6</sup>Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup>So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup>Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup>Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>They shouted back, "Crucify him!" <sup>14</sup>Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. <sup>16</sup>Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>After mocking him,

they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. <sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he

breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!” [<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. <sup>42</sup>When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. <sup>45</sup>When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.]

The Sermon

Pastor Jamie

## Hymn of the Day

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*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the  
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -  
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring  
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.  
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

## The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayer of the Church

*Hear us, O God,*

**Your mercy is great.**

*...We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# The Sharing of the Peace

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

## The Offering The Offertory



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 Offertory Prayer

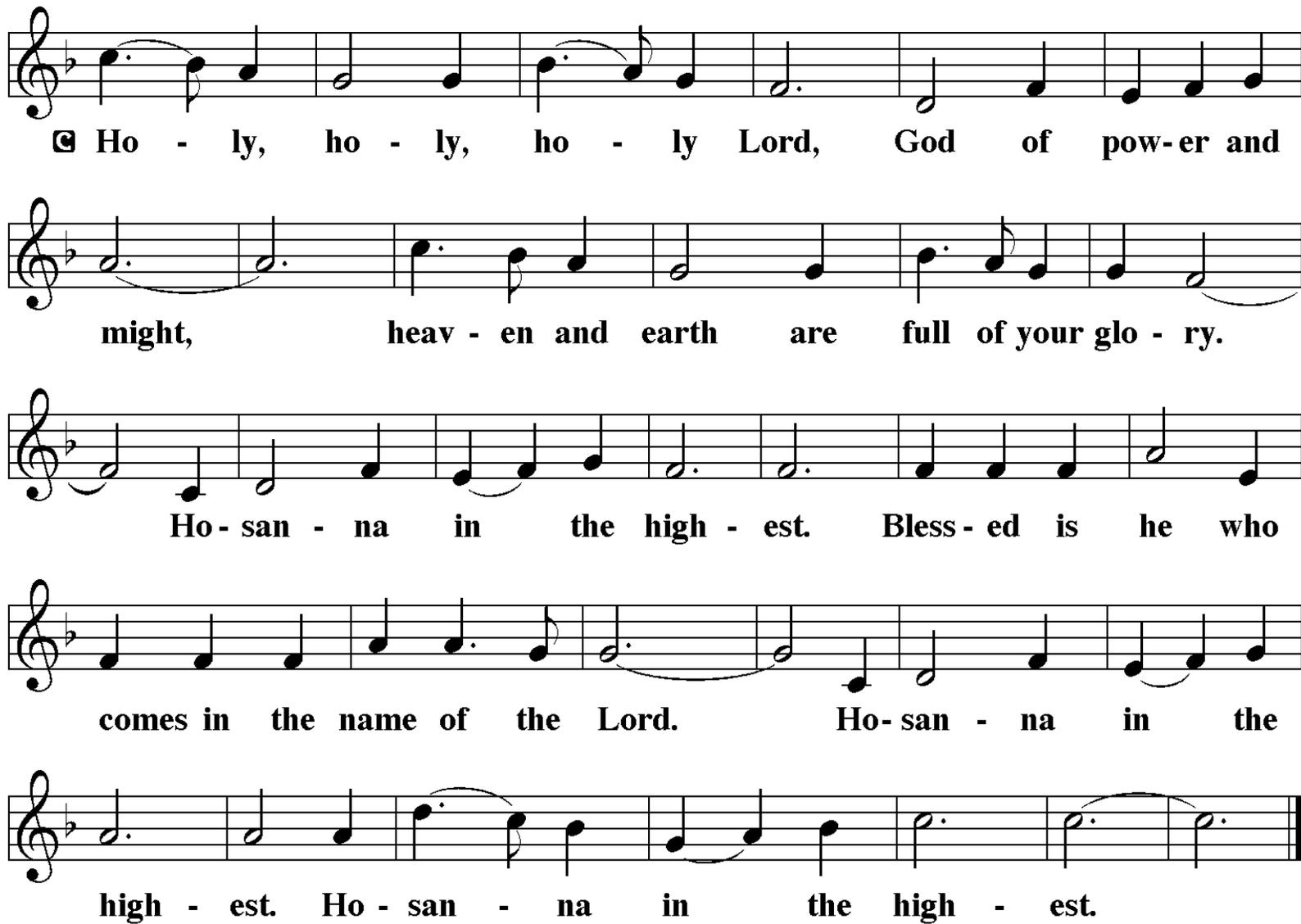
Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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 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 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

*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 Invitation

The Lamb of God



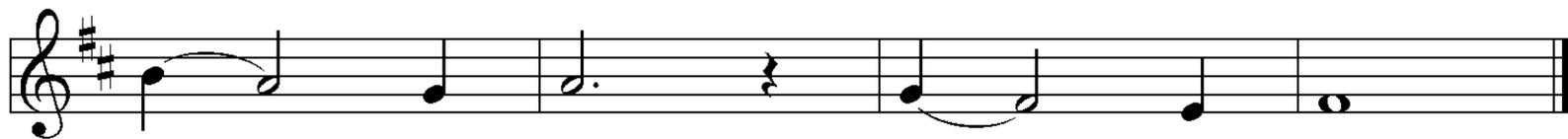
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**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

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

The Benediction

The Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**We will! Thanks be to God.**

## The Sending Hymn

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*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
 2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.  
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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

*Known to be hospitalized or in need of prayers*

Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers, Bob Simonson, Zach,  
Deborah Wilczak, Bob Gozdziaak Sr., Carol McClintock,  
Linda Green, Ann Hoffman The Family and friends of Paul  
Wotherspoon

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

**3/21 Giving: 2468.00**

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

**In person office hours by appointment only.**

**Phone Call Hours: Monday:9am-Noon**

**Tuesday-Thursday: 9am-2pm**

Please note, starting Monday April 5th, we will be returning to  
**regular office** hours 9 to 2 Monday through Thursday.

**Current Worship Schedule on Sundays:**

9:00am– Drive in Worship Service

10:30am– In Person/ Online Streamed Service

## Calendar of Events

Sunday	3/28	9:00am	Drive in Service
Sunday	3/28	10:30am	In person/ online service
Sunday	3/28	-	Bud Burkhardt's Fastnachts Sale
Sunday	3/28	-	Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt
Tuesday	3/30	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
Thursday	4/1	7:00pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	4/1	7:30pm	Queen City Chordsman Rehearsal
Friday	4/2	7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday	4/3	5:30pm	In person/online service
Sunday	4/4	7:00am	Easter in person/ online service
Sunday	4/4	9:00am	Easter drive in service
Sunday	4/4	10:30am	Easter in person/ online service

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](http://stjohnslanc.org)).

<b>Confirmation Dates:</b>	Sunday June 6th
<b>All meetings at 11:30am</b>	Sunday June 20th

Sunday April 11th  
Sunday April 25th

Sunday May 9th  
Sunday May 23rd

In the past for Lent we have given out **Lenten coin folders** for collection. This year, we will be collecting a special donation for the youth group here at St. John’s. If you would like to participate, please send any donations to the church and mark that it is for the Youth Group Lenten Collection

In lieu of **Easter Flowers** this year, any extra donations to the church in honor or memory of someone will go towards communion supplies. Names of loved ones you would like to honor will still be included in the Easter Bulletin.

We will be resuming **Saturday Worship Services** on Saturday, March 27th @ 5:30pm in the sanctuary upstairs.

## **Follow us on Facebook!**

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

## **2021 Envelopes** are available for pick up

If you are a member and do not have **offering envelopes** please place your name and contact information on the list in the narthex. Once you place your information on the list then our financial team will contact you to set up your envelopes.

If you would like to receive **communion elements** the sanctuary will be open Wednesday evenings by appointment only. Contact Pastor Jamie at 716-848-9683 if you are interested.

**Thank you** to the youth who helped make soup for our fundraiser and for all of those who supported our youth!

## **Easter Schedule**

7:00am In person/ Online service

9:00am Drive in service

10:30am In person/ online service

## MISSION STATEMENT

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*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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