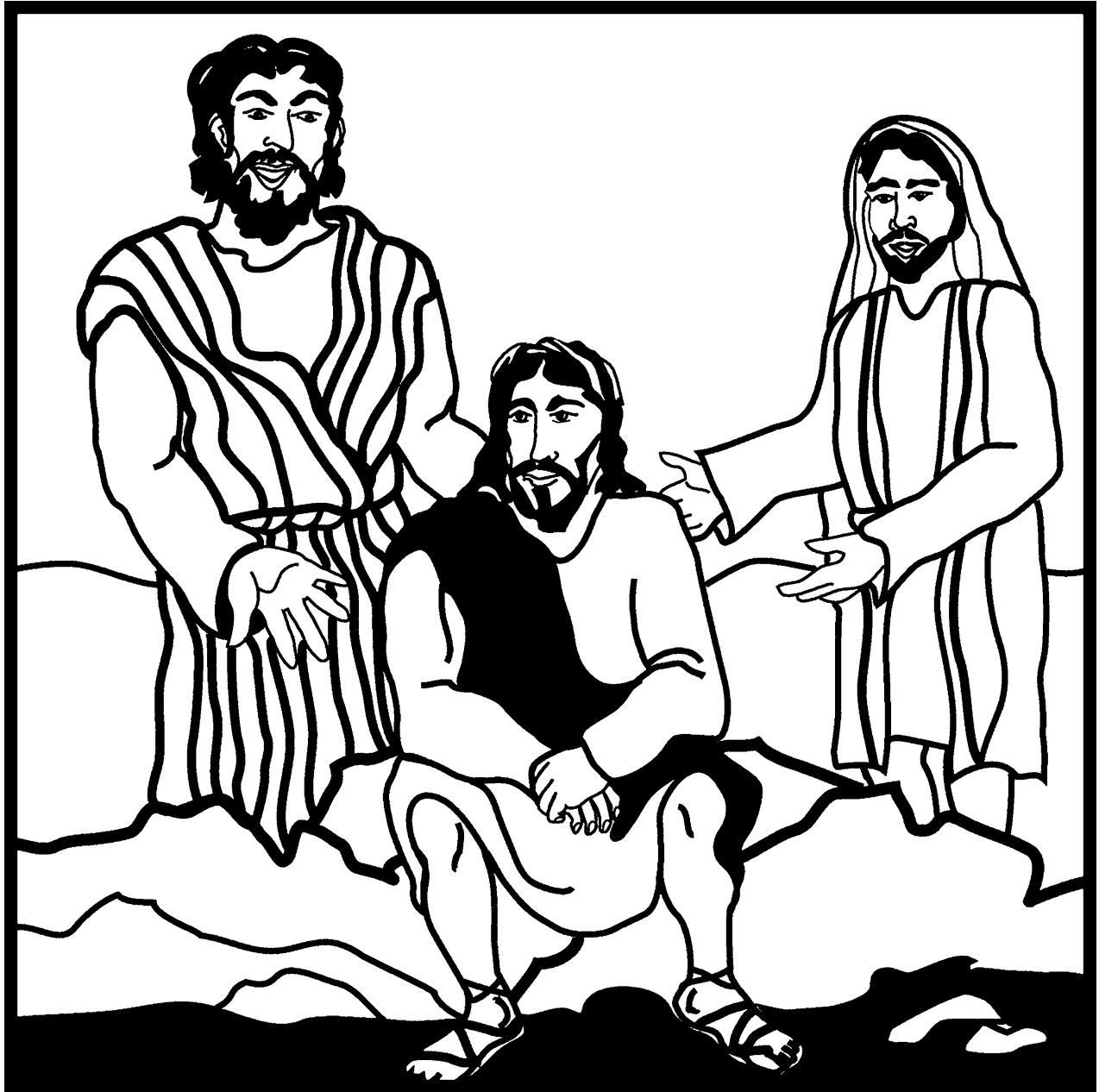


Welcome to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster



Sunday Worship

Rev. Dr. John Scarafia

21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 17th, 2021

The Prelude: Handbell (10:30am)

He Has Made Me Glad

Now we Remain

The Greetings

The Invocation

The Opening Hymn

ELW 416

At the Name of Jesus



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.
on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;
Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

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

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise



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



☐ 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.

The First Reading
Isaiah 53:4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
 he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.
 Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
 The righteous one, my servant, shall make many
 righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
 and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
 and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
 and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

Psalm 91:9-16
Read Responsively

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
 the Most High your dwelling place,

**no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**

For God will command his angels concerning you

**On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**

When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.

**With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

The Second Reading
Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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: Mark 10:35-45
Glory to you, O God.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

The Sermon

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Prayers of Intercession

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating One, for the lush and abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that waterfowl, reptiles, wild horses, dolphins, and all living things flourish as you intend. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness (especially Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers, Zach, Debra Wilczak, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Todd Potter, Debby Taylor, Annette Drescher, Bob Gozdzia, Al Cialone, Kathy Peters, Keith Gordon, Hans Kiener, Sanon Sankey and the family and friends of Josephine, Gordon Voss, and Earl Snyder), that all may be healed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, bakers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, singers, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great. *Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Risen One, we thank you for those who have shaped your church and shared your gospel. Through the witness of your saints (especially Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch), continue to inspire us with hope until we all are gathered at your eternal feast. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **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

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayer into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. 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



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

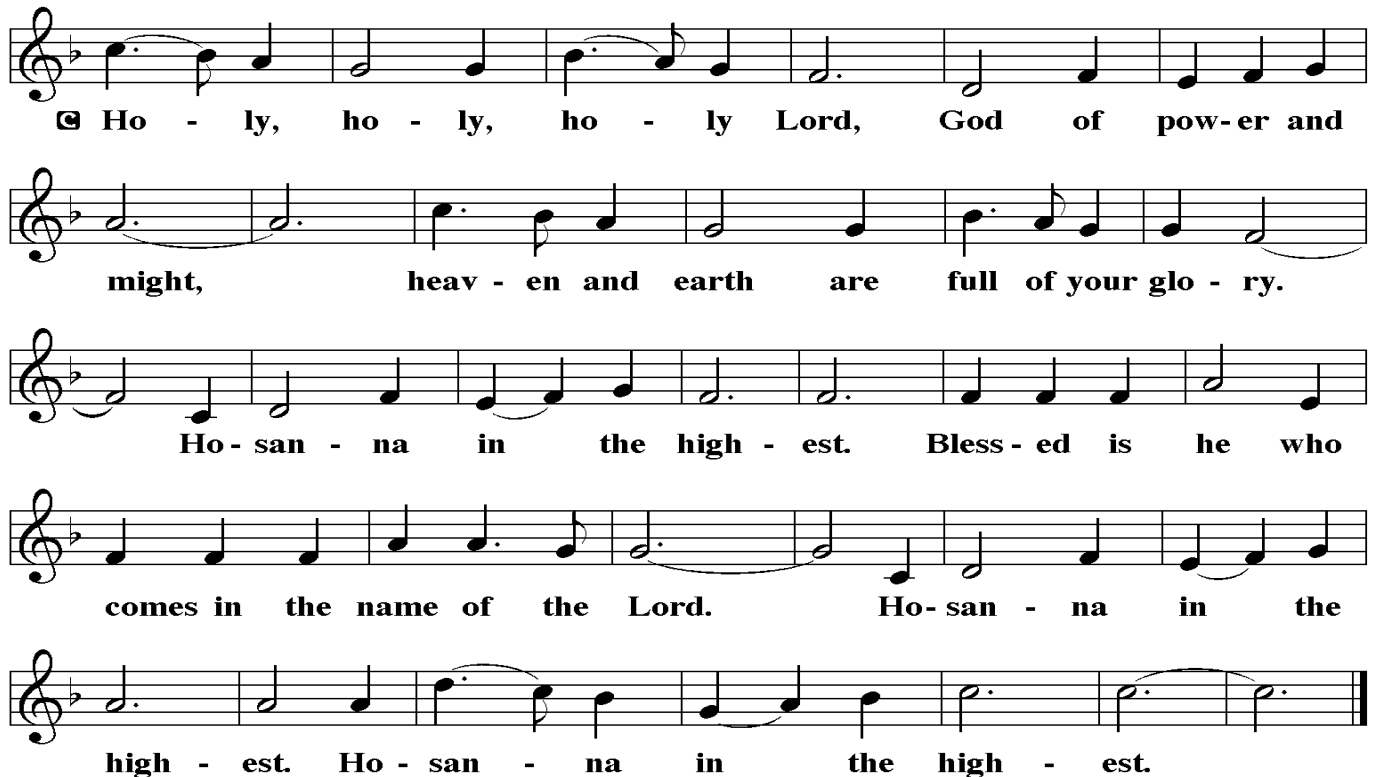
The Great Thanksgiving

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, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, 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



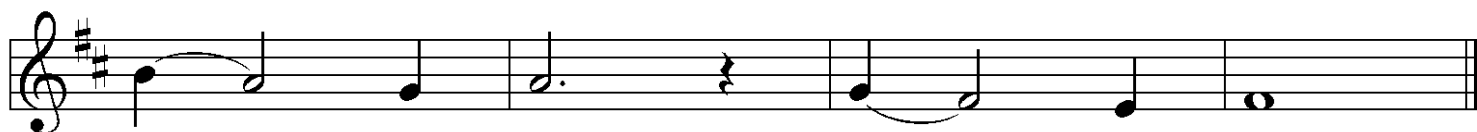
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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 Sending Hymn

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The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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!

We pray for Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers, Zach, Debra Wilczak, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Todd Potter, Debby Taylor, Annette Drescher, Bob Gozdzia, Al Cialone, Kathy Peters, Keith Gordon, Hans Kiener, Sanon Sankey and the family and friends of Josephine, Gordon Voss, and Earl Snyder

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

Deacons : 9:00am RaeAnn Jakubowski

 10:30am Sam Miller

Acolyte: Virginia Graham

10/10 giving: \$2134.00

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](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnslancaster) to keep up to date with information and connect with other members of our congregation!

Calendar of Events

Sunday	10/17	9:00am	Sunday School In person/streamed service
Sunday	10/17	10:30am	In person/ streamed service
Monday	10/18	7:30pm	Queen City Chordsmen
Tuesday	10/19	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday	10/21	6:30pm	Handbell Practice
Thursday	10/21	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday	10/22	7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday	10/23	1:00pm	Youth: Great Pumpkin Farm
Saturday	10/23	5:30pm	In person/ streamed service
Sunday	10/24	9:00am	Sunday School In person/ streamed service
Sunday	10/24	10:30am	In person/ streamed service
Sunday	10/24	11:30am	LYMA Chowder Sale
Sunday	10/24	4:00pm	Trunk or Treat

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 stjohnslancaster55@gmail.com. All dedications must be submitted and paid for by the Monday before the dedication date.

Available Days for Altar Flower Dedications:

Oct 24	Nov 7	Dec 12
	Nov 14	Dec 19
	Nov 21	
	Nov 28	

The Altar Flowers this week
are given by Carol Graham
in celebration of her grandson Caleb's birthday.

Handbell and Choir practices have resumed! Handbell practice is on Thursdays @ 6:30pm, and Choir practice is on Thursdays @ 7:30 pm.

Trunk-or-Treat is scheduled @ St John's on Sunday, October 24th from 4-6pm. Set-up starts anytime after 3pm. We would love for people to come, decorate their cars and hand out treats...even dress up for the occasion! Please contact us @ the church office 683-8972 or call Kelly Sieracki 868-3023 if you are interested in participating.

LYMA Chowder Sale
October 24th @ 11:30– Sold Out

Tune in to ***WNY Church Unleashed*** on WBBZ-TV (Ch. 5 or 67 depending on your provider) on **October 24th @ 10am** to see Pastor Jamie address how “Hope Changes Everything”. If you would like more information about WNY Church Unleashed, you can visit their website: wnychurchunleashed.com.

Save The Date! The Spaghetti Dinner is being planned for November 2nd. Look for more details and volunteer sign-up sheets in the near future. Pastor Jamie is definitely planning to stir the pot this year!

FREE Dental Hygiene Care at Erie Community College!
No insurance required.

Hello my name is **Ashley Galletta (Frost)** and I am a Senior in the Dental Hygiene program. I am currently looking for patients starting September 2021 - December 2021. I will also need patients in Spring 2022. We provide the following services:

- X-rays, Cleanings, Screenings for Oral Cancer, Fluoride Treatments, Denture/Appliance Cleanings and Sealants

We are accepting ages 5 and older. Patients must have at least 6 of their own natural teeth and have not received a dental cleaning for one year or more. Appointments are 2 hours long and multiple appointments may be needed based on individual needs. Your patience allows us to learn and grow our skills. We have a Registered Dentist on staff and supervising instructors to assist us in the clinic.

Available appointments this Fall/Winter 2021:

Mondays 9:00-11:15am
Wednesdays 1:30-3:45pm
Wednesdays 5:30-7:45pm
Thursdays 5:30-7:45pm

Location: ECC North Campus Dental Clinic
6205 Main Street, Williamsville, NY

You may reach me @ 716-912-0077 for more information.
Please share with others and help me graduate next spring.
Thank you!

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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