

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

Let justice roll

down

like water

*Amos 5:24*

*Disciples Bible Studies*

## **Sunday 9:00 Worship**

Drive-in Church tune to 95.1

Rev. Jamie Retallack

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Seventh Sunday in Pentecost  
July 11th, 2021 9:00pm

The Prelude  
The Greetings  
The Invocation  
The Opening Hymn

ELW 645

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

## 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, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, 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.

7This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. 8And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; 9the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” 10Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. 11For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’ ” 12And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; 13but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” 14Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, 15and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ ”

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

### The Alleluia



14King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." 15But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." 16But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." 17For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. 18For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. 21But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." 23And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." 24She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." 25Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, 28brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. 29When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

The Sermon

Pastor Jamie

Hymn of the Day

ELW 717

*Let Justice Flow Like Streams*



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory.

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

Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers.

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

God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so.

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

God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty.

Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination.

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

God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodian(s) and maintenance workers, for our office staff (*other positions may be named*), and for all of our volunteers.

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith (*especially Benedict of Nursia*). We remember those in this community who have recently died (*especially*). United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever.

We especially pray for those on our prayer list Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers, Zach, Debra Wilczak, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Todd Potter, Alice Kryszczyński, Debby Taylor, Kimberly Stribing, Floyd Addison, Kathy Peters, Dorothea Konstabel, Christine Make, Friends and Family of Michael Altenberg

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 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 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.

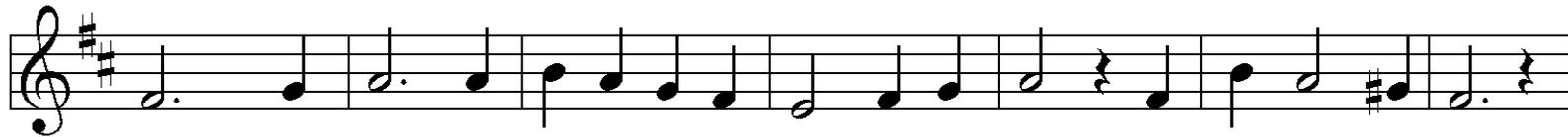
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## The Invitation

### The Lamb of God



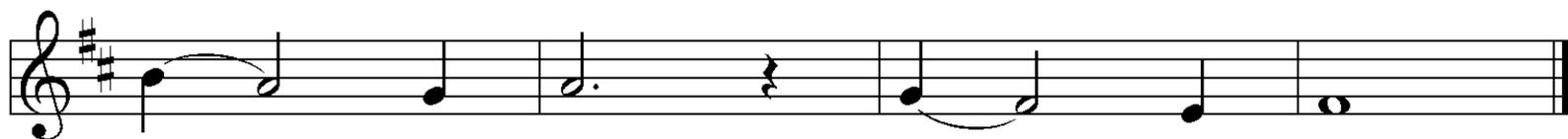
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**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 Sending

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

## The Sending Hymn

ELW 710

*Let Streams of Living Justice*



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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

Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers, Zach, Debra Wilczak, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Todd Potter, Alice Kryszczynski, Debby Taylor, Kimberly Stribing, Floyd Addison, Kathy Peters, Dorothea Konstabel, Christine Make, Friends and Family of Michael Altenberg

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**7/4 Giving: \$1834.00**

Deacon: Sam Gierlinger

Altar flowers are given in honor of Cecelia and Austin Pyc's wedding

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](http://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!

### **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 | 7/10 | 5:30pm  | In Person/ Online Service        |
| Sunday   | 7/11 | 9:00am  | Tailgate Church                  |
| Sunday   | 7/11 | 10:30am | In Person/ Online Service        |
| Monday   | 7/12 | 4:00pm  | Guiding Eyes                     |
| Monday   | 7/12 | 7:30pm  | Queen City Chordsmen             |
| Tuesday  | 7/13 | 7:00pm  | Narcotics Anonymous              |
| Thursday | 7/15 | -       | AUGUST GOOD NEWS<br>ARTICLES DUE |
| Friday   | 7/16 | 7:30pm  | Narcotics Anonymous              |
| Saturday | 7/17 | 5:30pm  | In Person/ Online Service        |
| Sunday   | 7/18 | 9:00am  | Tailgate Church                  |
| Sunday   | 7/18 | 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*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Both Pastor Jamie and Abby will be at LCLC the week of July 25th. If there is a Pastoral emergency please contact Pastor's cell at 716-848-9683.

## **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](mailto: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:***

|         |        |        |        |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sept 5  | Oct 3  | Nov 7  | Dec 5  |
| Sept 19 | Oct 10 | Nov 14 | Dec 12 |
|         | Oct 17 | Nov 21 | Dec 19 |
|         | Oct 24 | Nov 28 | Dec 26 |
|         | Oct 31 |        |        |

## **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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