

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



Saturday Worship

Rev. Jamie Retallack
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22nd Saturday after Pentecost
October 23, 2021 5:30pm

The Prelude
The Greetings
The Invocation

The Opening Hymn

ELW 877

Praise the Almighty!



1 Praise the Al - might - y! Lord, I a - dore you!
2 Trust not in ru - lers; they are but mor - tal;
3 Lord, you give jus - tice in all op - pres - sion,
4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly,



Yes, I will laud you un - til death;
earth - born they are and soon de - cay.
main - tain the right, set pris - 'ners free.
the Lord who does such won - drous things!



with songs and an - thems I come be - fore you
Vain are their coun - sels at life's last por - tal,
You feed the hun - gry in your com - pas - sion;
All that has be - ing, to praise God sole - ly,



as long as you al - low me breath. From you my life
when the cold grave en - gulf its prey. Since mor - tals can
heal - ing and life flow from your tree. Hap - py are all
with hap - py heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God,



and all things came; all the day long I bless your name.
no help af - ford, place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
who hope in God, whose grace is rich and deep and broad!
with saints at rest, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest!



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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.

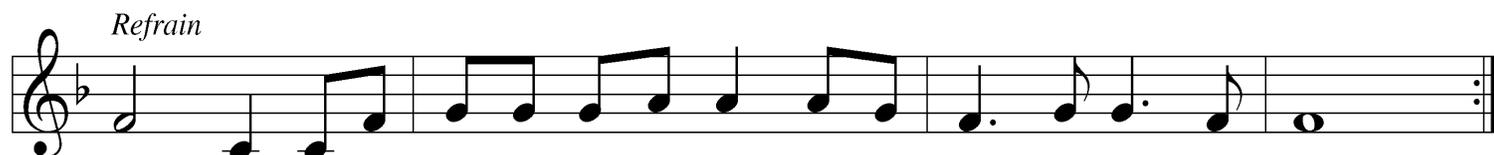
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise

Sing x2



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

Psalm 126
Read Responsively

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”**

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

**Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

The Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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 10:46-52
Glory to you, O God.

They came to Jericho. As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

The Sermon

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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.

Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations (*especially*), that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick especially Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers, Zach, Debra Wilczak, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Todd Potter, Debby Taylor, Annette Drescher, Dorothea Konstabel, Keith Gordon, Hans Kiener, Penny, Glen Sternish, and the family and friends of Earl Snyder, Shannon Sankey, and William Schoenthaler. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. 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 prayers 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 Gathering of Gifts

“Father, I Adore You”

Musical notation for the hymn. The first line of music is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are: F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter). The second line of music is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat. The notes are: F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter). The lyrics are: 1 Fa - ther, 2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be - fore you; how I love 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 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.

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 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...

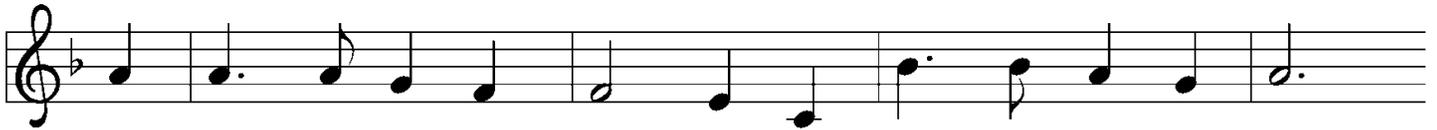
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is 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

O Savior, Precious Savior



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
 thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
 the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
 in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

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, Dorothea Konstabel, Keith Gordon, Hans Kiener, Penny, Glen Sternish, and the family and friends of Earl Snyder, Shannon Sankey, and William Schoenthaler.

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

Deacons : 9:00am Sam Miller
 10:30am Sam Gierlinger
Acolyte: 9:00am Josh Traina
 10:30am Kayla Traina

10/17 giving: \$2159.00

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).

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Calendar of Events

Sunday	10/24	9:00am	Sunday School In person/streamed service
Sunday	10/24	10:30am	In person/ streamed service
Monday	10/25	7:30pm	Queen City Chordsmen
Tuesday	10/26	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday	10/26	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Thursday	10/28	6:30pm	Handbell Practice
Thursday	10/28	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday	10/29	7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday	10/31	9:00am	Sunday School In person/ streamed service
Sunday	10/31	10:30am	In person/ streamed service
Sunday	10/31	11:30am	Confirmation

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:

Nov 7
Nov 14
Nov 21
Nov 28

Dec 12
Dec 19

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, 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 @ 9AM– 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.

The **Spaghetti Dinner** is being planned for **November 2nd**. Look for more details and volunteer sign-up sheets. 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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-Rev. Dr. John Scarafia

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