

Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Mission

St. John congregation, responding to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, unites together to preach and teach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission. With God's guidance and grace, we strive to boldly proclaim by word and action the reconciling Gospel of Jesus: Working together for justice and peace, and caring for those in need in our community and world. We invite everyone to join us wherever you are on your faith journey. Adopted December 8, 2013

Serving Today

The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr.
Laurie Little
Judy Ferree
Ty Troutman
Rita Glace
Ginny & Delmar Enders
Mike & Carol Hubler
Joshua Paul
Christie Kahler

Pastor
Young Christians Minister
Organist
Senior Choir Director
Holy Communion Assistant
Altar Guild Preparation
Greeters
Lector/Council President
Lead Usher

For the month of June, the **Celebrate Inserts** are presented by Mike and Carol Hubler in celebration of the birthdays of Esther, Shelley, Carol and June and for all things great and wonderful, the Lord God made them all, the **Tree 4 Hope** is sponsored by Tim and Lori Motter in honor of the marriage of Nicholas Motter and Abigail Francisco on June 8, 2024, and our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is sponsored by Kim & Barry Williard Jr. in memory of her father, Paul "Topper" Welker.

The **Altar Flowers** are placed in loving memory of Winifred and Merle Romberger.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book in the foyer. As we celebrate our Lord's Supper, we welcome to our table all baptized Christians who have received the sacrament in their home congregations. All persons who do not yet commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please worship with us again and join in other congregational family activities!

Sunday Morning Holy Communion Liturgy

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements
Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer

*Confession and Forgiveness:

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.
C: **AMEN.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*brief silence follows*)

P: Just and gracious God,

C: **WE COME TO YOU FOR HEALING AND LIFE. OUR SINS HURT OTHERS AND DIMINISH US; WE CONFESS THEM TO YOU. OUR LIVES BEAR THE SCARS OF SIN; WE BRING THESE ALSO TO YOU. SHOW US YOUR MERCY, O GOD. BIND UP OUR WOUNDS, FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND FREE US TO LOVE, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR. AMEN.**

P: The Apostle Paul assures us: "When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross." Jesus says to us, "Your sins are forgiven." Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for us.

C: **AMEN.**

*Opening Hymn #532 "Gather Us In"

*Greeting:

P: From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

*Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Psalm: 81:1-10

Second Reading: II Corinthians 4:5-12

*Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6

Response after the reading is announced: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Response after the reading is concluded: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

*Apostles' Creed

*Prayers of the Church

Offering of Our Gifts and Choir Anthem

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We Share in God's Supper

*Words of Institution of Holy Communion

*Our Lord's Prayer:

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.

We Receive Jesus' Body and Blood in the Bread and Wine

*Post Communion Blessing:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

All: **AMEN**

*Post Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray...

C: **POUR OUT UPON US THE SPIRIT OF YOUR LOVE, O LORD, AND UNITE THE WILLS OF THOSE WHOM YOU HAVE FED WITH ONE HEAVENLY FOOD; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.**

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

*Blessing and Dismissal:

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

All: **AMEN**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD!**

*Closing Hymn #536 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

Today, June 2

8:45am Sunday Morning Bible Study (In-Person)

9:30am Worship, Including Sacrament of Holy Communion (In-Person & On Zoom)

9:30am SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person)

Monday, June 3

8:00 – 9:30 A.M. Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Tuesday, June 4

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours

9:30am Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting

Wednesday, June 5

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Thursday, June 6

Pastor Tom at Medical Appointment – No Morning Office Hours

Friday, June 7

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Saturday, June 8

8am First Festival Food Preparation Session at Pavilion Kitchen

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, June 9

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East

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9:30am SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person)

9:30am **Outdoor Worship** in the Pavilion (In-Person and On Zoom) ***(We will have approximately 100 metal chairs set up in advance, but anyone who would prefer to do so is also welcome to bring along their own comfortable camp chairs to create their own seating. Please keep in mind that this will be an outdoor service on a Hill known for its cool breezes – be sure to dress warmly and bring a sweater or jacket!)***

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