



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026
8:00 & 10:15 AM

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

The **Bold Print** indicates responses spoken by all.

The ELW hymns are also found in the red hymnal located in the pew.

The WOV hymns are also found in the blue hymnal located in the pew.

THE GATHERING

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Brief pause for self-reflection.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

THE GATHERING HYMN *God, We Gather as Your People* ACS 1038



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON—1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse

made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON—EPHESIANS 5:8-14

⁸ Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to You, O Christ

WOV 614

Refrain



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;



Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

Verse



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness;



You are the Word who leads us in - to light;



You are the Word who brings us through the des - ert:



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957
Tune: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957
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THE HOLY GOSPEL—JOHN 9:1-41

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the ninth chapter.

C **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do

not know.”

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰ His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵ He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”

²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰ The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶ He answered, “And who

is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.”⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Pastor Trevor Hahn

THE HYMN OF THE DAY *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* ELW 779



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.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Please stand as you are able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence,
let us pray for the world and its needs.

After each petition, please respond:

P ...Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength
and salvation.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

C And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share a sign of peace with one another.

Please be seated.

THE MEAL

THE OFFERTORY

THE CHOIR ANTHEM (10:15 AM)

Fairest Lord Jesus

Traditional

Please stand as you are able.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

We Place Upon Your Table, Lord

ELW 467



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by
2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly
depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er



work, the food of life, the bread and wine.
toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

Text: M. F. C. Wilson, 1884–1944, alt.

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

**C (SUNG) Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosana in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosana in the highest.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

In times of hardship, you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry. Our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast, and to ransom those held in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 in 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 in remembrance of me.*

P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing until—needy no longer and bound to you in love—we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**C Lord, we are not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and we shall be healed.**

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION SONG

Lamb of God

ELW, p. 112—113

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

We believe distributing and receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion reflects the unity of the Body of Christ and the dignity and new life of the baptized. Therefore, we practice open communion, where baptized Christians of all faithful expressions are invited to come forward to receive our Lord's Supper.

We receive Holy Communion in the form of intinction, where you dip the wafer into the chalice containing either red wine (contains alcohol) or white grape juice (alcohol-free). Please notify the pastor when you come forward if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or need an individual cup of grape juice due to dietary restrictions.

Please stand as you are able.

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace ELW, p. 113



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with bread and wine, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

- P God, the giver of love,
Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
+ bless you in this Lenten journey.
- C **(SUNG) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

THE DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SERVING OUR PARISH TODAY

8:00 AM

10:15 AM

Presiding Pastor	Pastor Trevor Hahn	
Organist /Choir Director	Fawn Albert	
Lector		Sharon Stehly
Acolyte / Bellringer	Jordan Rehrig	Chloe Ziegler
Communion Assistants	Erin Snyder	Cheryl Burke & Sharon Stehly
Ushers	Kayleigh Snyder (DIC) & Chad Miller	Bobbi Jo Kline (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, & Ron Humanick
Camera Operator		Dawson Newhard
Altar Guild	Stephanie Beers & Linda Humanick	

COMMEMORATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The chancel flowers are given in memory of Gloria Martin.

The bulletins are presented in honor of David & Devon Sabene's Wedding Anniversary by Chad & Denise Miller.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Bonnie Ahner, Fawn Albert, Burlene Balliet, Janice Beck, Dolly Cunfer, Kathleen Deibert, Janice Dormida, Linda Durback, Cheryl Hower, Linda Humanick, Dawson Kunz, Paul L., Maria Mitchell, Bartine Mummy, Richard Muthard, Susan Queen, Preston Raber, Betsy Rauch, Veronica Redline, Ashley Remaly, Hope Roberts, Jeralyn Schoch, Doris Snyder, Ed Stephen, Colson Tkach, Lydia Weaver, Kathy Williams, and Bill Yelland.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00 AM—19 10:15 AM—38
Sunday School—22

OFFERING LAST WEEK: \$1,755.00

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Today	8:00 AM—Service of Holy Communion 9:00 AM—Sunday School & Confirmation 10:15 AM—Service of Holy Communion 11:15 AM—W.I.S.H. Meeting 8:00 PM—A.A.
Monday	6:30 PM—Slatington Women's Club
Tuesday	7:30 PM—Cemetery Meeting ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Wednesday	10:00 AM—Chair Yoga 7:00 PM—Choir
Thursday	1:00-3:00 PM—Senior Singles 8:00 PM—A.A.
Friday	FIRST DAY OF SPRING!!!
Saturday	9:00-11:00 AM—March Food Sale Pick-up

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO: Megan Bellesfield, Mary Ann Berger, Maximilien Carleton, Frank Dibilio, Kori Dibilio, Harriet Felguieras, Tony Incorvaia, Addison Kardaseski, Rosalie Rupert, and Phoebe Thomasco.

HAPPY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK TO: Tyler Dibilio, Chad Humanick, Timothy Paules, and Chloe Schifferle.

THE W.I.S.H. CIRCLE will meet *TODAY* after the 10:15 A.M. church service to discuss plans for a graduation dinner this spring. All women of the congregation are welcome!

MARCH FOOD SALE ORDERS DUE TODAY – The Catering Committee is sponsoring a soup, sandwich, and baked ziti dinner sale for March. The order forms are purple and due back *TODAY*. Pick-up is on Saturday, (March 21) from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. The sandwich choice is hamburger barbeque with rolls. Soup choices are: crab bisque, creamy pumpkin soup, and Dutch-style ham, cabbage, and potato soup. You can also order baked ziti dinners (heat & eat). Return order forms to Harrison Williams. You can also call your order into Harrison at 610-216-4284 or e-mail him at williamshj2514@msn.com.

INSTANT POTATOES FOR EASTER – St. John’s Lutheran has been asked to collect bags/boxes for the Easter holiday baskets that will be distributed for Easter to the clients of the food bank. There are about 200 families that will be receiving meals for Easter. Please bring all instant potato donations to the church by Thursday (March 19). Baskets will be distributed to food bank clients on Saturday (March 21). We have 140 bags/boxes so far – 60 more to go!

OFFICIAL NOTICE

**Annual Congregational Meeting
of St. John’s Lutheran Church will be held
next Sunday, March 22, at 10:00 A.M. to review
the 2025 financial reports.
*Annual Report copies will be handed out today after each service.***

EASTER FLOWERS – The Altar Guild is again planning to decorate the church with Easter flowers for Easter Sunday, April 5. You have a choice of lilies or tulips. Easter flowers will cost \$13.00 for lilies and \$10.00 for tulips. There is no guarantee on colors of the tulips until close to Easter. Forms with payment, placed in a sealed envelope, can be given to any Altar Guild member (on the purple form in the rear of church) or placed in the offering plate. ***The deadline to order Easter flowers is next Sunday, March 22.*** There will be a list on Easter Sunday (April 5) so you can take the correct plants you ordered.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME booklets for April through June have arrived and can be picked up on the rear windowsills in church.

SPONSORS NEEDED – The sponsor charts are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Sign up for any open dates on the sponsor charts or call the church office at 610-767-6361. Sponsors are needed for several dates this spring:

- Flower and bulletin sponsors are needed for the following dates in April: April 2 (Maundy Thursday) & 26. The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$25.00 per date. The cost to sponsor flowers is \$35.00.

A HAM & DANDELION DINNER will be held on Saturday, April 18, from 3:30 to 6:00 P.M. as an eat-in or take-out meal. Cost is \$14.00 per meal. Tickets can be purchased on Sunday mornings or from the office during the week. Donations of baked goods are needed and would be appreciated.

GIFT CARD BINGO – The Youth Gathering Committee will be holding a Gift Card Bingo on Saturday, May 2, at the Friedens Fire Company. Doors will open at 10:30 A.M.; bingo starts at 11:30 A.M. We will also have a basket raffle, bake sale, and a 50/50 drawing. The kitchen will be open for food purchases. Ticket prices are: pre-sale \$25 for 20 games + five specials; at the door \$30. The prize for each regular game will be \$50 in gift cards. Each specials game will have a prize of \$100 in gift cards. Tickets can be purchased before and after church on Sunday mornings, in the church office during the week, or from one of the youth gathering participants: Angela Henninger, Maddie Humanick, Mia Humanick, Annalise McWilliams, David Sabene, Devon Sabene, Joey Shankweiler, Erin Snyder, Kayleigh Snyder, Izabella Snyder, Heather Truett, Kylee Truett, Layla Truett, Chloe Ziegler, and Summer Ziegler. We are looking for donations of gift cards (any amount), gift baskets valued at \$25, items to put in a basket, and baked goods. Donations can be dropped off in the church office by Friday, April 17. Baked goods can be dropped at church on Friday, May 1, or at Friedens Fire Company on Saturday, May 2. Thank you for helping our youth for to the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer!

250 CELEBRATION EVENTS – The Slatington History Preservation Society will have the following events in May in celebration of our nation’s 250th birthday. All are welcome to attend!

- May 2 (Saturday) at 1:00 P.M. – “History Day” – Presentations about “Blue Mountain Forts” and “William Penn and the Lenape Tribe” at the Vigilant Fire Company. There will be a “Fire Memorabilia and Photo Displays” open house from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- May 8 (Friday) from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the Slatington Farmers Market – “Kickoff Celebration” – “Majestics” Band. Displays by Springside Sportsman Association.
- May 9 (Saturday) from 2:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Northern Lehigh School District Stadium. In case of rain, events will be held in the high school auditorium and gymnasium. There will be music, displays, adult and children’s games, and refreshments.
- May 17 (Sunday) at 2:00 P.M. at St. John’s U.C.C., Slatington – “Religious Day” – Multi-denominational religious service.

PLEASE CALL the church office (610-767-6361) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of St. John's is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Please give our church code "290" to the local hospitals when being admitted. Hospitals do NOT notify the church; we will only get information if you call us. As the two hospital networks have grown, we do not get names even when calling with our church code. Please call the church to keep us informed of any hospitalizations so we can keep people in our prayers.

CHURCH CALENDAR – A master calendar of all events held on the church premises is retained in the church office to avoid double booking the available rooms in the church and ensure the building is unlocked. Please call and talk to Sharon in the church office (610-767-6361) to make sure the building is available for use. Do NOT mark the event on the calendar posted on the bulletin board across from the church office; Sharon will mark dates on that calendar so there are no conflicts.

BUILDING HOURS – The church office is open daily Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (except for holidays/vacations). The church building is unlocked Monday through Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and in the evenings when there are meetings in the church building. The church also will be open Sunday mornings for the church service. Anyone needing to get into the church building other than the above times should call the church office at 610-767-6361. When Sharon is alone in the office, the front doors will be locked. Just ring the bell to gain access to the building.

CHURCH EQUIPMENT – Anyone wanting to borrow church equipment (tables, chairs, coffee pots, etc.) for any outside events must sign out the borrowed equipment in the church office. Call the church office at 610-767-6361 prior to your event to make sure the church equipment is available for the dates you would like. When returning the equipment back to the church, please sign your name and the date the equipment was returned on the sign-out sheet in the church office. Thank you for your cooperation.

LIVESTREAM NOTICE — Our 10:15 AM service is streamed live online every week on Facebook. The front of the sanctuary, which includes the space for holy communion and children's messages are included in the video. By being in this space, you may be included in the livestream and/or the recorded video posted on our website.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

40 2nd Street, Slatington, Pennsylvania 18080

St. John's Lutheran Church is located in the heart of Slatington, Pennsylvania and has served the Lehigh Valley since 1868.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Trevor Hahn, *Interim Pastor*
Sharon Stehly, *Church Administrator*
Fawn Albert, *Organist and Choir Director*
Angela Schoenberger, *Sexton*

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 AM & 10:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 AM

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BUILDING HOURS

Weekdays	9 AM to 3 PM
Saturday	9 AM to 3 PM
Sunday	7 AM to 12 PM

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For your convenience, St. John's Lutheran Church accepts online offerings through Vanco, an online payment processing service.

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