



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
**THE RESURRECTION OF
OUR LORD**

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026
7:30 & 10:15 AM

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

*The **Bold Print** indicates responses spoken by all.
The ELW hymns are found in the red hymnal located in the pew.*

THE GATHERING

The Prelude *The Risen Christ with He is Lord* arr. Tournquist

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude *Because He Lives* arr. Tournquist

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

P The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid. You are looking
for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here!
He is risen from the dead!"
This is the proclamation of our Lord's victory over death!
This is the Day of Resurrection!

**C This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad!**

THE RESURRECTION OF THE ALLELUIA

P At the beginning of our Lenten journey, we buried the word
"Alleluia" in the baptismal font to symbolize our death to sin.
This morning, this word of praise is resurrected as we celebrate
our Lord's victory over death, through which we, too, are offered
the promise of eternal life. It is with great joy that we proclaim:

C Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

P What was buried now is risen!

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Today, we light the Paschal Candle, a symbol of the eternal light that shines forth through the merit of Christ Jesus, the Light of the World. In lighting this candle, we proclaim that Christ is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. He is the same today as he was yesterday, and he will be the same tomorrow as he is today; all time and all ages belong to him. Glory be to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, who gloriously raised your only-begotten Son from the dead: sanctify this flame, that it may be a sign of life and hope. May we, who celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, be set aflame with love and renewed in faith, so that we shine as a light in the world and glorify you in our lives, today and forevermore.

C Amen.

The Paschal Candle is lit.

P Behold the Light of the World.

C Thanks be to God!

P May all the darkness of our hearts and minds be dispelled by the Light, who rises in glory this Easter morning. Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed, Alleluia!



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

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.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C O God, you gave your only Son, to suffer death on the cross for your redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON—ACTS 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the Gentiles]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY—PSALM 118:14-29, *paraphrased*

TUNE, ELW 361



1 This is the day the Lord has made; in it we will re - joice,
2 O - pen the gates of right-eous-ness, Lord, let me en - ter there;
3 Blessed is the one who comes to us in God our mak - er's name;



prais - ing God's ev - er - last - ing love with heart and mind and voice;
that I may lift my thanks to you in hymn and song and prayer.
bring - ing to us God's life and light to ev - 'ry age the same.



God is my re - fuge and my strength, my might, my joy, my song;
See now the won - der God has done: the once re - ject - ed stone
This is the day the Lord has made; in it we will re - joice,



my shield, sal - va - tion, sure de-fense through-out my whole life long.
has now be - come the cor-ner-stone, the Lord's own Chos - en One.
prais - ing God's ev - er - last - ing love with heart and mind and voice.

Text: Para. Joy F. Patterson, based on Psalm 118:14-29

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuch*, 1833

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THE SECOND LESSON—COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Celtic Alleluia*

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL—MATTHEW 28:1-10

P Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

P Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Please be seated.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Thine is the Glory

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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay,
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS. George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

THE NICENE CREED

P With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

**C We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of creation.

After each petition, please respond:

P ...Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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 ORGAN OFFERTORY *Christ Is Risen/Green Blade Medley*
arr. Schram

THE CHOIR ANTHEMS (10:15 AM)

Easter Canon Liebergen

We Have Seen the Risen Lord Stan Pethel

Please stand as you are able.

THE OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* ELW 182



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 the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
Text and music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread, reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine, pour us out in service to the world; through 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 for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and plain, 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 You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P Remembering, therefore, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able.

We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P In the words of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, we are bold 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 COMMUNION

- P When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.
When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.
- C Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread,
as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**
- P Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place
at the table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION SONG *Now the Green Glade Rises* ELW 379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958
Music: NOËL NOUVELËT, French carol
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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

TUNE, ELW 310



Thank the Lord your voi - ces raise: sing to God with high - est praise!



Tell the won - ders God has done: free - dom, life, the vic - 'try won.



All who seek the Lord, re - joice; Proud - ly bear the name of Christ.



Go in joy where God will send. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing A - men!

Text: *Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.*
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702

THE SENDING

THE SENDING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, in raising Christ to new life, you opened the path of salvation to all people. Send us out, with the joy of Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, to proclaim the good news of the resurrection, so that all the world may celebrate with you at the banquet of peace.

C **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

P The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
+ bless you now and always.

C **(SUNG) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done* ELW 366



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
4 Christ closed the yaw - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909
Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

THE DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

The Postlude

Christ the Lord with Mozart's Alleluia

arr. Ham

SERVING OUR PARISH TODAY

7:30 AM

10:15 AM

Presiding Pastor

Pastor Trevor Hahn

Organist / Choir Director

Fawn Albert

Lector

April Krempasky

Acolyte / Bellringer

Stella Scanlon

Maddie Humanick

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Nancy Rehrig

Erin Snyder

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Bobbi Jo Kline (DIC)
& Jessica Smoyer

Kayleigh Snyder
(DIC), Jodi Kocher,
& Sharon Stehly

Camera Operator

Gabe Ziegler

Altar Guild

Denise Miller & Erin Freed

COMMEMORATIONS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The chancel flowers are given in honor of Kayleigh Snyder's 24th Birthday by Erin & Emma.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Elliot Press' 14th Birthday.

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, Nina Moser, Bartine Mummey, Richard Muthard, Preston Raber, Betsy Rauch, Veronica Redline, Ashley Remaly, Hope Roberts, Mikki Ruvolis, Jeralyn Schoch, Doris Snyder, Ed Stephen, Colson Tkach, Lydia Weaver, and Bill Yelland.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00 AM—21 Sunday School—29
10:15 AM—70

ATTENDANCE MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7:00 PM—41

OFFERING LAST WEEK: \$4,973.97

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Today	<i>Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of Our Lord</i> 7:30 AM—Service of Holy Communion 9:00 AM—Sunday School Easter Play / Coffee Hour 10:15 AM—Service of Holy Communion 8:00 PM—A.A.
Wednesday	10:00 AM—Chair Yoga 7:00 PM—Choir
Thursday	5:00 PM—IMPACT 8:00 PM—A.A.
Friday	9:30 AM—Sewing Group
Saturday	9:00-11:00 AM—Soup & Sandwich Pick-Up

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO: Jessica Carleton, Summer Davies, Casper Deprill, Johnathon Freed, George Haas Sr., Chad Haydt, Allen Hedmeck, Landon Hedmeck, Cortney Humanick, Bryan Kistler, Thomas Lyon, and Elliot Press.

HAPPY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK TO: Brittani Christman, Earl Kocher, Kay Mack, Annabelle Tomsic, Adin Troxell, Adrien Troxell, John Troxell, Reily Yeich, and Kimberly Young.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER PLAY – The Sunday School students will present a recounting of the Easter story from 9:15 to 10:00 A.M. in the church.

COFFEE HOUR this morning is sponsored by the Second Chance Shoppe. Stop by for some food and fellowship between the services.

EASTER FLOWERS may be picked up after the 10:15 service this morning. A list of what flowers you ordered will be on the front pew.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped deliver the Easter bags to the shut-in/special concerns members from the Social Ministry Committee. There are still a few to be delivered if anyone can help.

APRIL FOOD SALE ORDERS DUE TODAY – The Catering Committee is sponsoring a soup and sandwich sale for April. The order forms are yellow and due back *TODAY*. Pick-up is on Saturday (April 11) from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. The sandwich choices are: ham and cheese club on a Kaiser roll and tuna salad and cheese wrap. Soup choices are: creamy chicken marsala soup, hearty beef orzo soup, and home-made chicken pot pie soup. Return order forms to Harrison Williams. You can call your order into Harrison at 610-216-4284 or e-mail him at williamshj2514@msn.com.

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 and chaperones go to the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer!

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

SPONSORS NEEDED – for the following dates this spring:

Flowers for April 26 and June 28; Bulletins for May 17 and June 7, 14, & 21. Sign up for any open dates on the sponsor charts on the bulletin board outside the church office or call the church office at 610-767-6361. The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$25.00 per date. Flowers are \$35.00.

250 CELEBRATION EVENTS – The Northern Lehigh America 250 Committee will have the following events in May in celebration of our nation’s 250th anniversary. All are welcome to attend any and all events!

- May 2 (Saturday) at 2:00 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 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the Slatington Farmers Market – “Kickoff Celebration” with music, local vendors, and special activities.
- May 9 (Saturday) from 2:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Northern Lehigh School District Bulldog 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.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON – Our next FREE luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Lunch will be either an eat-in or a take-out meal. We will be serving roast beef, potato filling, vegetables, salad, rolls, and dessert. Baked good donations would be appreciated.

GRADUATION DINNER – The W.I.S.H. Circle is inviting any member of the congregation and their family who will or did graduate high school or an institution of higher learning this year. This year’s dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 20, at 6:00 P.M. To make a reservation for the Graduation Dinner, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by Sunday, May 10.

GRADUATION DINNER

Name of Graduate: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ # of people attending: _____

RINGER SCHOLARSHIP – Up to six scholarships from the Ringer Scholarship Fund will be awarded on a date to be announced in June. The scholarships are available from the interest of the original investment from the Ringer family. Anyone interested in applying for the scholarship needs to be:

1. An active member of St. John’s Lutheran Church, Slatington.
2. A current high school senior or have graduated from high school within the last three years.
3. Attending college or a technical school.

To apply for the scholarship, pick up a packet of applications from the church office. Return the applications in the sealed envelope provided with the application packet to the church office during business hours **by 3:00 P.M. on Friday, May 15. PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 3:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MAY 15, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST – Orders are being taken for red geraniums to be placed in the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Fill out the pink order form in the rear of the church and return to any Altar Guild member listed on the form, place in a sealed envelope in the offering plate, or drop off in the church office. The cost is \$10.00 per plant (in a six-inch pot). Payment must accompany your order. ***The deadline for orders is Sunday, May 17.*** Geranium plants can be picked up on Pentecost Sunday (May 24) after the 10:15 A.M. service or given to the church to be planted on the church grounds.

KIDS PACK DONATIONS – We are collecting juice boxes plus single serve jello and single-serve pudding (non-refrigerated) for the “Kids Packs” to be given to clients of the Northern Lehigh Food Bank this summer when school is not in session. Please bring all donations to the church by Sunday, June 7. We need 150 individual packs of each item. School supplies as listed in the April/May newsletter will also be accepted for the food bank clients. ***Non-perishable food items*** needed for the food bank are: canned fruit, canned meat, canned vegetables, cereal, condiments, dry pasta (other than spaghetti), pasta sauce, soup, and tuna. Food and monetary donations to the food bank are welcome year round.

CRAFT SUPPLY DONATIONS NEEDED as follows:

For Vacation Bible School:

Green tissue paper

Rolls of Kraft paper (see sample in Fellowship Hall)

For Breakfast Bunch:

Empty paper towel rolls

Empty wrapping paper rolls

Donations can be placed in the container in the Fellowship Hall. Donations are needed by Sunday, June 7.

BREAKFAST BUNCH – We will again host the Breakfast Bunch this summer to feed the local children while school is out for the summer. Volunteers are needed Monday-Friday, June 15-August 21, from 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. You can volunteer one day this summer, one day per week, one week this summer, or however it works for your schedule. Volunteer duties include: registration table, pouring juice and milk, working the toaster/toaster oven, making sandwiches, keeping food refilled on the buffet line, and clean-up. If you can help, sign up on the calendar at the rear of the church, call the church office at 610-767-6361, or email us at stjohnslatington@gmail.com. Monetary donations or gift cards to groceries stores in the Lehigh Valley are always appreciated.

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

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CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Trevor Hahn, *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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ONLINE GIVING

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

To give today, scan the QR Code above by opening your cell phone's camera. This will direct you to the church's online giving website.



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