

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



Sunday Worship

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Christ the King
27th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 24, 2024

The Prelude
The Greetings



Confession and Forgiveness

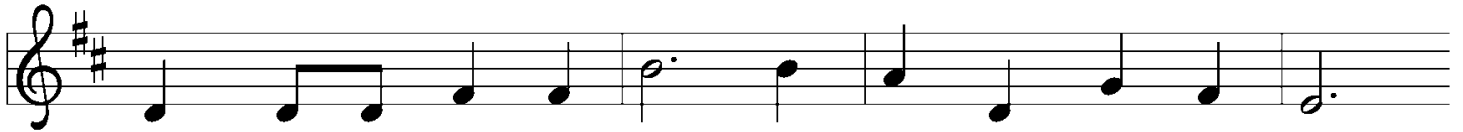
Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

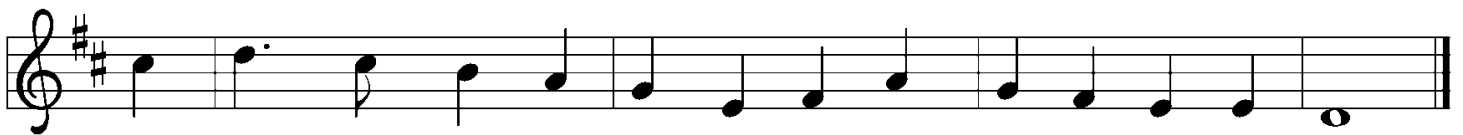
- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.



The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...**Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



The First Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

Psalm 93
Read Responsively

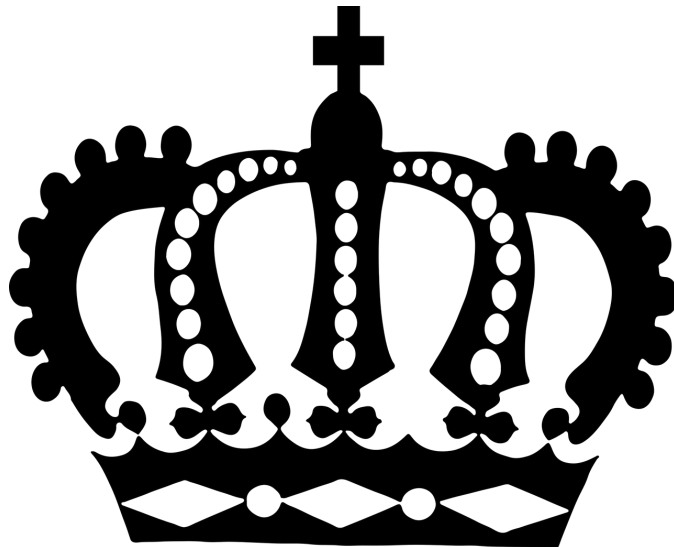
**The Lord is king, robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed in majesty,
and girded with strength.**

The Lord has established the world;
it shall never be moved;
your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

**The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.**

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the Lord!

**Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore.**



The Second Reading Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

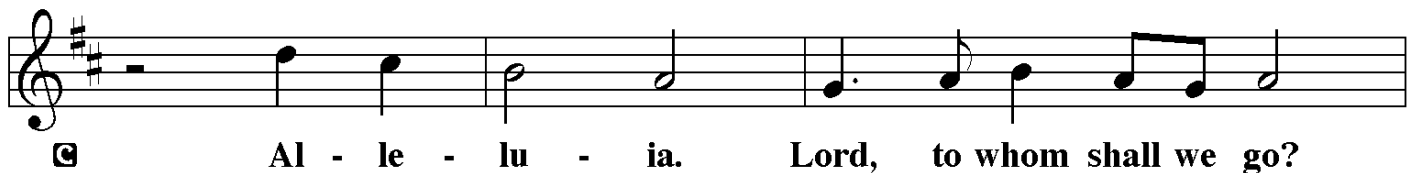
Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

The Alleluia

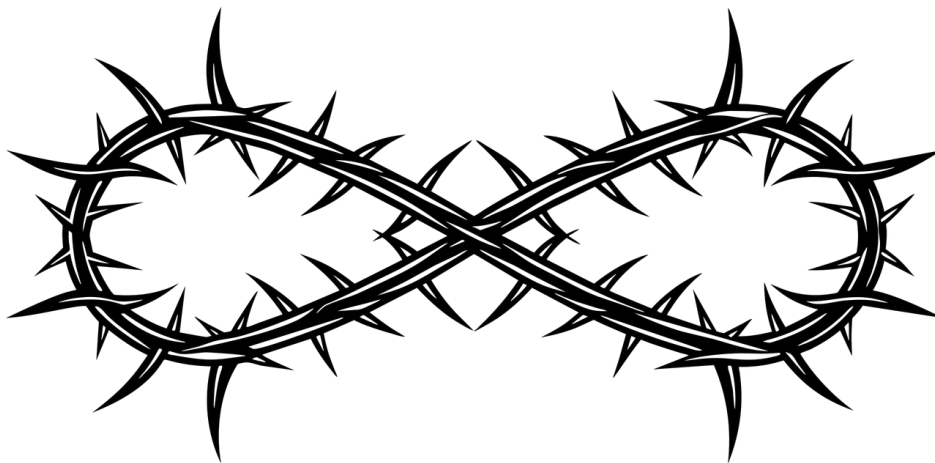


The Gospel Reading
John 18:33-37

Glory to you, O God.

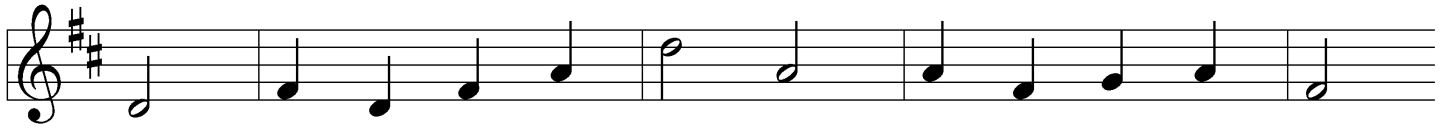
Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

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



The Sermon
Rev. Jamie Retallack

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!



1 Re - joice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936



Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders (like Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, whom we commemorate today) who teach and serve your people. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf (local officials may be named). Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent (worship ministries may be named). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered:

We pray for those on our prayer list...Beatrice Gill, Brianna Wood, Edna Mann, George Stubblebein, Sarah Hermsmeyer, Ron Bennett, Roger Stapleton Jr, Tom & Ruth Morse, Tracy Will, Jackie Wolfram, Bruce Jacobs, Dave, Jay, Eoin Mast, Madelyn, Arno Konstabel, and the family & friends of Howard Willson, and Fred Greanoff. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

In your eternal presence the saints (recently deceased members of the congregation may be named) sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 Prayers of the Church

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God,
trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The Offertory Music

The Offertory Hymn



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune
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The Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **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, 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 the bread, and after giving thanks He 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, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Invitation

The Lamb of God



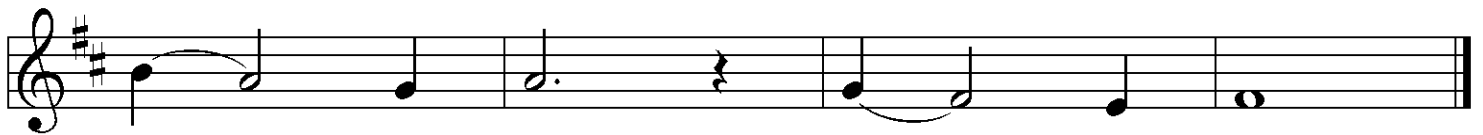
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

Communion Music

The Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior 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

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

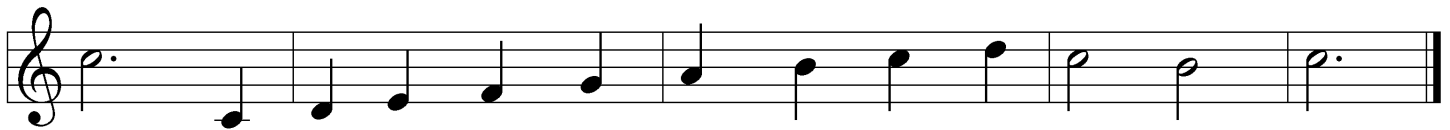
The Benediction

Before You, Lord, We Bow

1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
 2 The na - tion you have blest may well your love de - clare, from
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
 4 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
 5 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may our na - tive land from



rules the world be - low, bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks we
 foes and fears at rest, pro - tect - ed by your care. For this bright
 in your word's pure light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
 lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship him a - lone. Cast down your
 all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise to you, our king!
 day, for this fair land—gifts of your hand—our thanks we pay.
 tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
 pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
 throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

Text: Francis S. Key, 1779–1843, alt.

Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789



The Sending
 Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The People of St. John's Welcome You to Worship Today!



If you would like a **pastoral visit** for any reason, please call the office or call Pastor directly on his cell @ (716) 848-9683.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday	11/24	9:00am	Bible Study
Sunday	11/24	9:30am	Joysingers
Sunday	11/24	10:00am	Worship & Sunday School
Monday	11/25	4:30pm	Guiding Eyes
Monday	11/25	7:30pm	Chordsmen
Tuesday	11/26	9:30am	Quilters
Tuesday	11/26	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Tuesday	11/26	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday	11/28	All Day	Happy Thanksgiving!
Saturday	11/30	3-8pm	YOUTH: Friendsgiving
Saturday	11/30	5:30pm	Worship
Sunday	12/1	9:00am	Bible Study
Sunday	12/1	9:30am	Joysingers
Sunday	12/1	10:00am	Worship & Sunday School Advent 1
Sunday	12/1	11:00am	Confirmation Class



QR Code for Offering

Using your camera app you can scan the QR code to go to **St. John's donation page** where you can make a one-time or recurring **offering!** Thank you for giving!



Altar Flower Dates Available:

12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29 - \$30 for two bouquets

Ushers

Linda Costa
Janet Sincebaugh

Deacon

Paul
Rudz

Altar Guild

Sharon Walker
Carol Graham

Offering: 11/17/24: \$3498.15

Grape juice & gluten free wafers are available for **Communion**

GOT SNEAKERS??? Guiding Eyes for the Blind is having a sneaker drive with a sneaker recycling organization called GotSneakers. If you would like to help, please bring in your used/old sneakers and deposit them in the receptacle in the Fellowship Hall marked GotSneakers? Thank you!

Collecting Dash's Register Receipts: Save your Dash's receipts and deposit them in the boxes in the Sanctuary or the Chapel to benefit Niagara Lutheran Health Services. Thank you!

Book Club: There is no Book Club meeting in November. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 5th @ 7pm to discuss the novel, THE ECHO OF OLD BOOKS, by Barbara Davis.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Classes December 1st, 15th; January 12th, 26th; February 9th, 23rd; March 9th, 23rd; April 6th; May 4th, 18th; & June 1st, 15th from 11am-12:45pm. @ St John's Lancaster.

It's **Angel Tree** time! Tags will be available on trees upstairs and downstairs, **starting Nov. 9th**. Please take a tag and replace it with a star. You may purchase the gift listed (or something similar), then place unwrapped presents in a gift bag with the tag securely attached to the outside. Additional gifts can be purchased if desired. **Gifts should be returned to church by Sunday, Dec. 8th**. There are also envelopes hanging on the trees to donate cash or check (made payable to Salvation Army). Please place your envelope in the offering plate or turn in to the church office. Thank you for your generosity! If you have questions, call the church office or Carol Schwertz at 716-861-1619.

Council seats are available in 2025. If you are interested in serving, please submit your name to the office, or let Pastor, Janet Sincebaugh, or Carol Graham know.

Sunday School! Ages 3- grade 8 and our Youth, may join us for learning, fun and fellowship! We begin in church @ 10am and then move across the hall for lessons and more. On a few selected Sundays, we will attend the church service and help out in various ways. If you can't make it today, join us when you can, and bring family and friends any time.

Joysingers! Sundays from 9:30-9:55. We are looking for singers from age 3 to 99+! We sing about once a month. Join us when you are able!

YOUTH

Upcoming Events

Friendsgiving: 11/30 3pm-8pm

Bring Friends and a Dish to Share.

3PM - Dinner and Games to follow

6PM - Walk in to Lancaster for Fire Truck Parade

8PM - Pick-up @ St John's

RSVP Kelly 716-868-3023

White Elephant Christmas Party: 12/15 4pm-7pm

Bring a \$5-\$10 Unisex Wrapped gift

Snacks & beverages provided

Decorate Cookies, Carols, Play Games

We are looking for **board games for the Youth Game Room**. If you have games you are no longer using, please consider donating them to the Youth by placing them in the basket outside the church office.. Thank you!

Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 9 am in the Memorial Lounge.

We will be continuing our study of the Gospel of Luke.

Thursday afternoon Bible Study meets at 1:00 pm.

We will be studying the Books of First and Second Corinthians. Come join the discussion in the area adjacent to the Chapel downstairs.

If you would like to add a name to the **prayer list**, you may drop a request in the collection basket or contact the office by phone or email. If you have a more specific concern/prayer, and would like it added to the **prayer page**, you may fill out a card in the Memorial Lounge, and put it on one of the **prayer boards**. Names and "special requests" will be read during the Prayers of the Church and will appear on the Prayer Page in the bulletins.



St. John's Prayer Page

We pray with hope for:

Beatrice Gill, Brianna Wood, Edna Mann, George Stubblebein, Sarah Hermsmeyer, Ron Bennett, Roger Stapleton Jr, Tom & Ruth Morse, Tracy Will, Jackie Wolfram, Bruce Jacobs, Dave, Jay, Eoin Mast, Madelyn, Arno Konstabel and the family & friends of Howard Willson, and Fred Greanoff.

We pray especially for:

those who are ill, alone, grieving, homeless, or otherwise marginalized this Thanksgiving. We give thanks with grateful hearts for all that God has given and done for us.

Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.

Philippians 4:6



WOMEN FELLOWSHIP & CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE

St. John's Elma & Lancaster Women Fellowship & Christmas Gift Exchange will be on **Wednesday 12/11/2024 @ 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's Lancaster. All women are welcome to join us for fellowship, fun and Christmas cheer. Please extend the invitation to your family and friends as well.

This year we will have a potluck dinner beginning at 6:00 pm followed by the crazy gift exchange.

We ask you bring a \$10 wrapped/bagged gift for the exchange, which involves lots of laughs as ladies either select an unopened gift or choose to "steal" one already open.

If you can please bring a dish to pass for dinner. It can be a main dish, side dish or dessert; whatever you decide I am sure we will all be well fed. Coffee and punch will be provided.

A dish to pass is appreciated but not required; we want you to join us. This is also true if you just want to join for dinner and fellowship and just be an observer for the gift exchange; you are welcome as well.

Sign-up sheets will be available at various places throughout the church. This way we can have the fellowship hall all set up. Deadline to sign up is Sunday 12/08/2024; but if you forget, please come anyway, we will make it work.

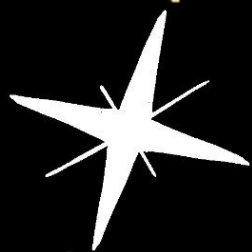
Any questions please contact Kathy Snyder @ 716-583-1061, and we look forward to some Christmas fellowship.



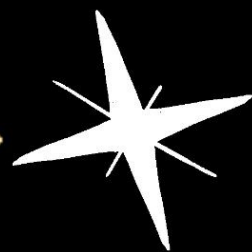


Women's Christmas Fellowship

Wednesday, December 11th @ 6pm



Fellowship: All Are Welcome!
Pot Luck: Bring a Dish to Share



Gift Exchange: Bring a Wrapped \$10 Gift

St. John's Lancaster
55 Pleasant Ave.
716-683-8972





LYMA CHRISTMAS PARTY

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18TH
6PM COCKTAILS * 7PM DINNER



@ **Skoob's Village Grille**
50 Central Ave, Lancaster



DINNER: THREE MEATS, SIDES, SALAD

\$30 PER PERSON - ALL ARE WELCOME!

CONTACT GARY RUDZ FOR TICKETS

St. John's Lancaster, 55 Pleasant Ave. 716-683-8972





'TIS THE SEASON

Salvation Army

Angel Tree



**November 9th
thru December 8th**

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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