

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



Sunday Worship

Rev. Jamie Retallack
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26th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 17, 2024

The Prelude
The Greetings



Confession and Forgiveness

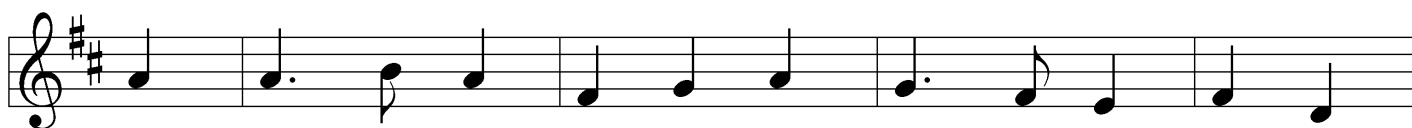
Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

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

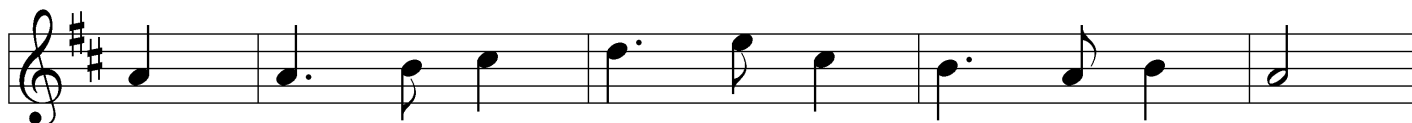
Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

We Praise You, O God

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963, alt.

Music: KREMSER, A. Velerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The First Reading
Daniel 12:1-3

“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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



Psalm 16
Read Responsively

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”

**As for the holy ones in the land,
they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.**

Those who choose another god
multiply their sorrows;

**their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**I keep the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand,
I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

**For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



The Second Reading
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

The Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Reading
Mark 13:1-8

Glory to you, O God.

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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



The Sermon
Rev. Jamie Retallack

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,

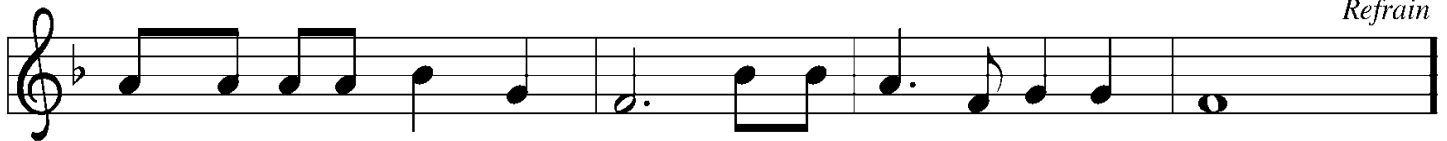


my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

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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.

O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any physical or mental illness (especially 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, McKenzie, Saylor, Eoin Mast, and the family & friends of Diane Langerman). Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving we remember (Elizabeth of Hungary and all) saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. 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



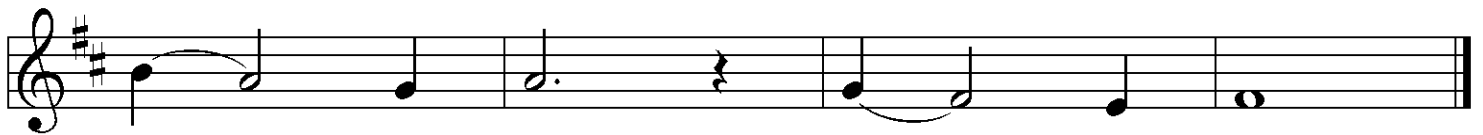
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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

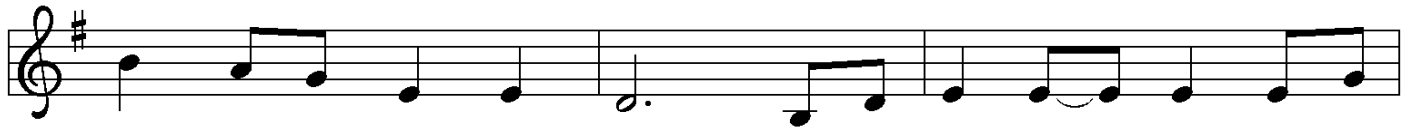
Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Benediction

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat

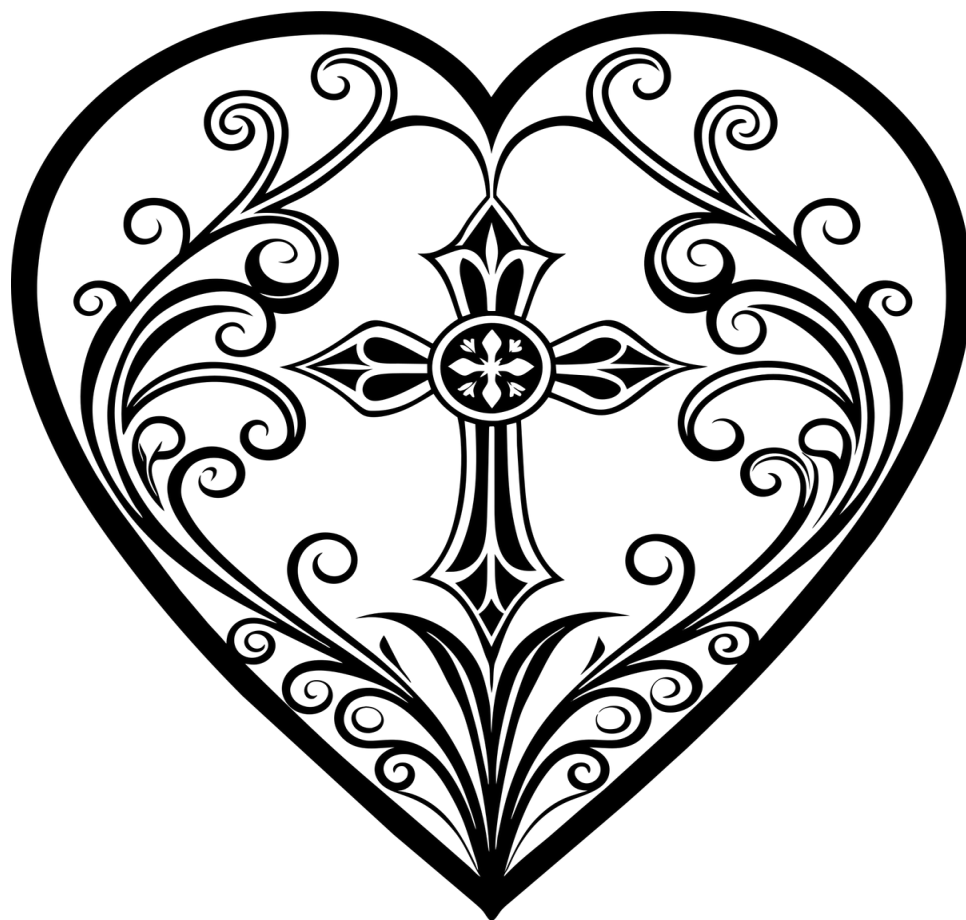
Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional

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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	11/17	9:00am	Bible Study
Sunday	11/17	9:30am	Joysingers
Sunday	11/17	10:00am	Worship & Sunday School
Sunday	11/17	11:00am	Coffee Hour
Sunday	11/17	11:30am	Confirmation Class
Monday	11/18	4:30pm	Guiding Eyes
Monday	11/18	7:30pm	Chordsmen
Tuesday	11/19	9:30am	Quilters
Tuesday	11/19	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Tuesday	11/19	7:00pm	Funeral for Kathy Switzer
Wednesday	11/20	7:00pm	Communion Class @ Elma
Thursday	11/21	1:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday	11/21	6:30pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
Thursday	11/21	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	11/23	9:00am	Lancaster Garden Club
Saturday	11/23	5:30pm	Worship
Sunday	11/24	9:00am	Bible Study
Sunday	11/24	9:30am	Joysingers
Sunday	11/24	10:00am	Worship & Sunday School First Communions

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:

11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29 - \$30 for two bouquets

Ushers

Rich Rice

Rick Tomaszewski

Deacon

RaeAnn

Jakubowski

Altar Guild

Timmy Gierlinger

RaeAnn Jakubowski

Offering: 11/10/24: \$3139.00

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.

The flowers on the altar today are in honor of her parents' birthdays from Barb Litz.

There will be a funeral service here @ St. John's for Kathy Switzer on Tuesday, November 19th @ 7pm.

COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Communion Classes (Grades 5 & up): November 20th from 7-8pm @ St John's Elma, 2131 Woodard Ave. 1st Communions on Nov 24th.

Confirmation Classes November 17th; 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.

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!

Very special Thank You to our youth, parents & all adult volunteers who helped run a great spaghetti dinner that brought us all together again, and made \$1875. Thank you to all who supported the event.

If you would like to add a name to the **prayer list**, you may drop a request in the collection basket or contact the church 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, McKenzie,
Saylor, Eoin Mast, and the family & friends
of Diane Langerman.

We pray especially for:

All of our leaders;
may they lead with wisdom,
compassion, and justice.



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

Philippians 4:6



LYMA CHRISTMAS PARTY

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11TH
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

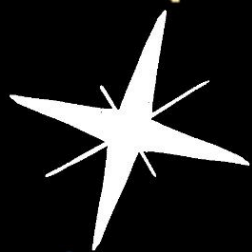
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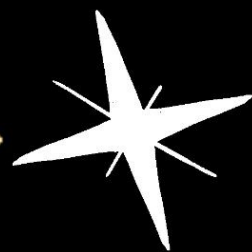


Women's Christmas Fellowship

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
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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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