



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Sunday, April 8, 2018, 8:30am
Second Sunday of Easter*

MY LORD and MY GOD



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Schedule

Saturday Evenings, 4:30pm

Sunday Mornings, 8:30am (Traditional) and 11:15am (Contemporary)

"Nursery Care" provided downstairs for children ages 1-4 during 11:15am service.

Holy Communion—Celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, Sunday Mornings, 10am (September-June)

Radio Broadcast WXRL 1300 AM, 11am Sundays

THOSE SERVING AMONG US

Acolytes	Connor Payne (8:30am), Mason Nieman (11:15am)
Altar Guild	Jim and Chris Sugg, Betty Cavalieri
Elders	Bryan Mayback (4:30pm), Betty Cavalieri (8:30am), Joe Mondo (11:15am)
Lectors	Bryan Mayback (4:30pm), Karen Shafer (8:30am), Joe Mondo (11:15am)
Radio Broadcast	Beth Lynch
Saturday Music	Tichy Family

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST OVER WXRL

are sponsored by **Kim & Tony Lorenz/Martino**,
in celebration of our first wedding anniversary; and,
the many blessings of love and support from our family and friends.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

are sponsored by **Cindy Kloss**,
for Walter and Ruth Kloss;

April 3rd would have been their 64th wedding anniversary.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S



Just a friendly reminder.... Worship is sacred time; a time when God comes to us through his Word and Sacraments. In order to maintain reverence during worship we kindly ask that worshipers refrain from "regular conversation" during the service. Please refrain from cell phone use and ensure that ringers on phones are shut off before the service begins. **Please keep all food and beverage (with the exception of bottled water) out of the church/pews.** The "mother's room" in the back of the church is available for parents with young children should the need arise. The room is equipped with speakers and hymnals in order that those utilizing the room may continue to worship.

May the Lord richly bless your worship!

ORDER OF WORSHIP DIVINE SERVICE II

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN . “*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*” LW #129

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**
P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.)

- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

♪ THE KYRIE

- P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C: ♪ **Lord have mercy.**
P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C: ♪ **Lord have mercy.**
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C: ♪ **Lord have mercy.**
P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C: ♪ **Lord have mercy.**
P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: ♪ **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God”

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: *Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

C: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:32-35

Pg. 1094 (Pew Bible)

³²All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 133

P: How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!

C: It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down on the collar of his robe.

P: It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

C: For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:1—2:2

Pg. 1228 (Pew Bible)

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim

concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. 2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

**C: ♫ Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Pg. 1088 (Pew Bible)

C: ♫ Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” ²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” ²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Then Jesus

told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♫ *Praise to you, O Christ.*

THE APOSTLES CREED

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his 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 into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

♫ SERMON HYMN “*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*” LW #264

SERMON

OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

C: We give you but your own, in any gifts we bring; all that we have is yours alone, a trust from you our King. May we your bounties thus, as stewards true receive and gladly, Lord, as you bless us, to you our firstfruits give.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(*Silence for reflection.*)

P: Lord God, as You gather us together on this first day of the week that Your risen Son may come among us with His gifts of forgiveness and peace, grant us faith to receive Him in joy, that having fellowship with Him we might share in His eternal fellowship with You. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, as Your Son breathed out the Holy Spirit on His disciples, let Your Spirit rest also upon this church that we may serve you in accordance with your Word. Be with the **SEITZ, SETTER, SHAFER, SHARPE** and **SHIELDS** families and all others from our congregation. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, as Your Son in mercy invited Thomas to touch His wounds that he might not disbelieve but believe, have mercy on all those who struggle with similar doubts and overcome them with Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, as You sent Your Son to save what was lost, forsake not those who have forsaken You; according to Your mercy, work through us to seek out those who have wandered from Your fellowship, that they might walk once more in Your light. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, as You have established worldly authorities to uphold the rule of law and maintain the public good, grant wisdom to all our leaders, remembering especially this day **DONALD** our president and those serving in our armed forces especially **TRACY** and **WILLIAM** from our congregation, that our communities may be ordered in peace and flourish in wholesome industry. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, as You have brought us into fellowship with You through Your Son Jesus Christ, sustain all those who suffer in body or mind with the truth of Your presence with them, remembering especially before You this day _____ and our extended family members and friends especially those listed in our bulletin. Hear their cries for help, and heal them in accord with Your good purposes. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, you give us your Word for our spiritual nourishment. Bless the **ST. JOHN'S CAFÉ GROUP** as they fellowship with each other and gather around your Word. Open the hearts and minds of all gathered so that bonds might be cultivated and faith strengthened. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord God, you have called us to serve and care for others. We thank you for the work of the **LUTHERAN SERVICE SOCIETY** in our community and beyond. Continue to bless their work with parents, the elderly, the disabled, and those with personal struggles. Send your Spirit upon the staff giving them wisdom and strength as they seek to be in your presence. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ☧ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♫ Amen, amen, amen.

SILENT PRAYER

♫ RECESSIONAL HYMN. “*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*” LW #126

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

We leave to enter the Mission Field!

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IN OUR PRAYERS: Carol Adragna; Sylvia Andolina; Joe, Joelle & baby Baird; Jerry Bernfield; Jim Brennan; Evelyn Camarano; Bonnie Capozzi; Shirley Connors; Harold Deutschlander; Ruth Dowd; Karen Durning; Janet Erickson; Tom Grzankowski; Nate, Sarah & baby Hoffman; Cheryl Hutchinson; Harold Hutchinson; Marlene Hutter; Cari Irvine; Marie Karl; Mike, Jen & baby Keating; Don, Gail Kelm; Marge Kelm; Kori Kent; Rose Kirsch; Nina Kyle; Jamie Lorenz, Adam & baby; Deann Lorenz; Ron & Brittany Lorenz; Brad Lynch; Don Lynch; Marsha McKinney; Lola Meyer; Donna Murawski; Carolyn Nosky; Phyllis O'Rourke; Elgene Peck; Carole Pleban; Barb Podisadlo; Ernie & Sue Reitzel; Larry Rindfuss; Pat Schlebus; Sam, Randy & baby Surface; Kim Theil, Jordan & Ryan Thurnherr; Norma VanDerwark; Dawn Walczak; Betty Wilson.

OUR SERVICE MEMBERS: Tracy Thurnherr, William Borowski. **FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S:** Sandy (Ruth Haungs' niece); Angela (Jay & Phyllis Hanson's daughter); Kyle, Rea, & Gloria (Kathy Ponosny's loved ones); Helen, Emily, (Ceil Rowell's friends); Delores Schad (Betty Cavalieri's sister-in-law); Meg (Carol Coffed's daughter-in-law); Mike & Gus (friends of Carol Coffed); Mary Dziejman (Jenn Purpura's grandmother); Brella (Betty Cavalieri's great granddaughter); Bill McIlhagga (Scott's father); Janie Jazwiecki (Dawn Smith's mother); Jackie & Steve Rogers (friends of Nina Kyle); Tom Fowler (friend of Ed & Deann Lorenz); Ray Helmicki (Christine Bluhm's brother); Beverly (Betty Cavalieri's daughter in law); Michael (Sam Surface's father); Chris Martino (Tony's son); Mark & Charlie (Sylvia's friends); Karen Plewik & Julie Reid (Linda Plewik's sister and niece); Katrina (Don & Barb Loney's daughter-in-law); Ray Nieman (RJ's dad); Russ (Heather Holtz's father); Warren (Rick Thurnherr's friend); Carole (Fragale family friend); Deb (John Hughey's mom); Tony Manna (Katie & Joey's grandfather); Robert Power (Barb Perry's daughter-in-law's brother); Joe Bernacki (Barb Perry's friend & neighbor's father); Gary Kent, Sr.; Danny (Colleen Hurley's brother); Alaina (Corine Lorenz's friend); Marvin (friend of Karen & Bob Zielen); Marge Blum (Jim Kless' cousin's mother in law); Dave (Wayne Dziejilewski's brother); Kristine (Irmgard's daughter); Jim (Barb Perry's niece's father in law) Gary Stango (Betty Cavalieri's cousin) Gabe (Pam Bluhm's friend); Pastor David Walsh; Tom Sellers (Ceil Rowell's nephew); Dave Bisonette; Rose (friend of Jim & Chris Sugg); Mary Ann (Carol Coffed's sister).

Friends of St. John's" will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks without further notification. If you would like to keep a prayer listed after 4 weeks, please contact us at that time by phone or email

EVERYONE HAS A STORY ... We all know that God is always there, but there are times when God steps into our lives in such a powerful way that he changes the landscape of our lives. We would like to document your stories and compile a booklet that would be made in-house and distributed to the congregation to lift us all. We invite you to submit your stories, art work, poems, etc. to put into this project. We hope to have this ready for Pentecost.

What's your story?

The **ST. JOHN'S MEN'S GROUP** meets at 8am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday (*April 7th & 21st*) of each month.

CAFÉ every month on the 3rd Thursday (*April 19th*).

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY Anyone interested in participating should contact Karen Dowdall (716-391-1171).



Mystery Dinner Friday

April 20th

Where: St. John's

When: 6- 9pm

Cost: \$8 per person

Join us for a fun-filled dinner and reserve your table now. Speak with Kim Lorenz if you have questions or would like more information.

Sunday School News!

Monthly Sunday School Morning Program

All classes meet in the church.

April 8th

May 6th

Monthly Family Worship Service

11:15am Worship Service

April 29th

May 27th

During the Easter season, it is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent and financial contributions but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to consider our electronic giving program. We accept donations made from your bank account, credit card or debit card. It takes just a few minutes to setup a one-time donation or a recurring giving plan.

Visit our website (sjlcdepew.com) and click on the “Online Giving” tab. Then just follow the instructions. Giving is easy using your credit card or bank account.

Donations can also be made by text, using your smart phone. Text the \$\$\$ amount to 716-221-6774. Click the link in the response message to complete your contribution.

Also using your smart phone, search the app store for GIVE+ and download the app.

Whether you’re a visitor or member, we thank all of you for worshipping with us today and assisting us in furthering the mission of St. John’s. If you have any questions, please speak with Mike Brown or Ross Contella.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9 7pm Council Meeting	10 7pm Praise Band	11 6pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class	12 10am Erie County Home (meet at church at 9:15am)	13 Pastor's Day Off	14 4:30pm Worship Service with H/C (Cray Baptism) 8pm AA	15 8:30am Worship Service with H/C 10am Sunday School 11:15am Worship Service With H/C

OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is a way of life ... Acts 20:35

"Tis more blessed to give, than to receive."

Thank you for helping to carry out our ministry through St. John's.

Baptized Believers.....	644
Confirmed Believers.....	403
Attendance:	
Maundy Thursday/Good Friday	164
Vigil/Easter	398
Sunday School.....	n/a
Adult Bible Class.....	n/a
Month to Date Offering	*\$ 31,899.89
Monthly Budget Goal.....	\$ 20,190.00
Mission 2018, Year-to-Date	\$ 760.25

(Plymouth Crossroads & St. Luke's Pantry)

***Includes Seder, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Offerings.**

Radio Broadcast Ministry

Radio Broadcast WXRL 1300 AM, 11am Sundays
\$180/Full Sponsorship—\$45/Partial Sponsorship

Through February 2018:

Income	\$ 795
Expenses	\$ 1,080
Difference	(\$ 285)
4/16.....	Ross & Rose Contella
4/22.....	Mike & Jan Brown
4/29	Open
5/06.....	Bryan Mayback's Grandfather
5/13.....	Stever Family

An updated rough draft Directory can be found in the Narthex. Please take a minute or two to verify your address, phone numbers, and other information before copies are printed.

May will be here before we know it ...



the 20th



THE TRINITY



the 27th

