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Rooted in the Evangelical and

Reformed Traditions

We are Sowing Seeds of Hope in a

Time of Chaos

So We May All Be One



HOLY COMMUNION

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Outdoor Drive-In Service: 8:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Service: 11:00 a.m.

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Tune your FM Radio to 107.5

8:00 am

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Announcements & Greetings

Prelude “At The Lambs High Feast” Traditional Todd Baldosser

***Opening Hymn** “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” **No. 85**
(8 a.m. Verses 1 & 4)

- 1) **Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**
- 3) **O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the chaos wild and rude, and bid its angry tumult cease,
and gave for fierce confusion peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**
- 4) **O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger’s hour:
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them where so e’er they go:
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and
sea.**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

All: **The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his
righteousness to the nations.**

Leader: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends
of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: **Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song
with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp
and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s
horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**

Leader: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in
it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for
joy; let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

All: **He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with
equity.**

*Please stand if you are able

***Prayer of Invocation**

All: We welcome this opportunity to make a joyful noise before you, O God. Yet, joyful noises are not easy for everyone to make, as we come from differing situations and lifestyles. Some are burdened down with the stresses of daily living and all that involves; some wearied from tasks of serving others; some worried over the state of the world and fear what may lie ahead. Speak to us all, O God, in the stillness of this time and remind us of Jesus' willingness to take our burdens upon himself and for us to learn from him - to experience his gentleness and steadfast love for all. Jesus offers us his joy so that our joy might be complete. Confident in these promises, we give this time of worship to you, O God, praying that it may reflect our praise and thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and for all that Jesus has done for us. This we pray in his name ...

The Lord's Prayer - 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 debts, As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

No. 35

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

No. 306

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:1-6

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John 15:9-17

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Amelia Walker

- 1) One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.
Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.
- 2) One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.
Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.
- 3) One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.
Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.

Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Jesus chose us and calls us friend! We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us. Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love. We abide in Love because Love abides in us. Jesus invited us in, and beckoned us to come to the Table to know the joy that comes when we love one another the way God loves us. We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us. With thanksgiving, we make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy. Amen.

Invitation for Generosity and Faithful Giving

***Doxology**

No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***Prayer of Dedication**

All: God of joy, we offer our gifts this day, as we reflect on the wisdom of your Word. Jesus urges us to hold onto him, to stay connected to his example, presence, and the fulfillment he brings. He reveals that our joy finds completeness when it is woven into his divine joy. In acts of service, healing, and selfless generosity, may our joy be sustained, a shared and everlasting gift from the source of all joy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

“God of Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

No. 725

- 1) God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.**
- 2) Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land with thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

4) Refresh Thy people on our toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine;
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

***Benediction**

***Please join us in the singing of the Congregational Benediction**

**Go Now In Peace/Never be afraid/God will go with you/Each hour of ev'ry
Day/Go now in Faith/Steadfast, strong and true/Know He will guide you in
all you do. Go now in Love/And show you believe/Reach out to others/So
all the world can see/God will be there/Watching from above/Go now in
Peace/In Faith and in Love. Amen/Amen/Amen. CCL#2548454**

Postlude

“We Are Many Parts” Haugen

Todd Baldosser

Lectionary Readings for May 5 through May 12
Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

To our dear friends and visitors:

You are an important part of the worship and ministry that goes on here and we are thankful for your presence. Please sign the attendance pads on the tables.
Thank you!

welcome

We welcome Rev. Dr. Amelia Walker back to our church today. Rev. Walker will be bringing us the message at both of our services today. We thank her for his willingness to serve our church. Rev. Walker will be bringing us the message for the months of May and June.

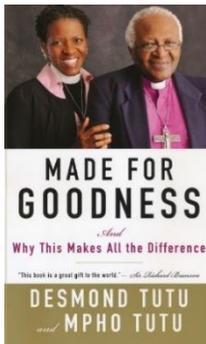


Thomas "Tom" K. Bruah

Born: March 16, 1942

Died: April 26, 2024

A member of St. John's since 2005



The book study group continues to meet on Thursdays at 11am at the River Road coffee house on the square. You are invited to join as we discuss the book, Made for Goodness by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. We will meet May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Look forward to seeing you there.

**VOLUNTEER
RECOGNITION**
Luncheon

A luncheon will be provided for those who volunteer this year as ushers, acolytes, Sunday School teachers and helpers, choir members and special music and office help. Thank you for giving of your time and talents.

May 19, 2024

following the 11AM service



GRADUATION SUNDAY – May 19, 2024

Do you know of someone who is graduating from high school or college this spring? We would like to invite them to join us on Sunday, May 19, 2024 to celebrate the momentous event.

Please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the office **today!**

Name _____

Parents/Church Family _____

Graduating from _____

Degree _____

Plans for the future _____

Additional information to share _____

St. John's Little Free Pantry

It's *EASY* to *DONATE*

Walk or pull your car up to the pantry and place your donation inside.

ANYTIME, at your convenience.

The Little Free pantry is for everyone. Anyone can donate what they have to give and anyone can take what they need.



THANK YOU for keeping our Little Free Pantry filled.

The Look Up Center is currently seeking the next leader for Gods Center. The deadline to apply is May 15th. Please call Lori with questions at 740-345-6026. Email resume to lori@lookupcenter.org

Executive Director – Look Up Ministries **POSITION OVERVIEW:** Look Up Ministries (LUM) is a nonprofit Christian-based organization established in 2004. Look Up serves the community through Christ-centered love, education, and encouragement. We are convinced that people are truly changed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Executive Director will oversee the day-to-day operation and business of the ministry. The ideal candidate would have previous non-profit experience and the ability to build strong relationships with donors, volunteers, community organizations, and individuals. A bachelor's degree or equivalent or seminary training is preferred. The ability to manage multiple programs and projects is essential. This is a full-time position that requires a flexible schedule and includes occasional nights and weekends.

Join us



Let's come together and pray for our church and our new pastor, whoever that may be. This will be silent and self-led prayer time. Come when you can, leave when you need to. Pray for few minutes or longer.

Following the 8AM service and again before the 11AM service.



General Prayers:

Judy Goodman & the family of Tom Bruah



Sunday: May 5, 2024

Communion Sunday

- 8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School
- 11:00 am Sanctuary Service
- 11:00 am Bible Discovery Zone
- 11:45 am Youth Group Meeting

Wednesday:

- 10:00 am Christian Education Meeting
- 6:00 pm Crystal City Chorus Practice

Thursday:

- 11:00 am Book Study Group at River Road Coffee on the square.
- 7:00 pm Thursday Prayer Service live streamed on St. John's Facebook page and uploaded on You Tube. The link is available on our church website stjohnsnewark.org

7:15 pm Choir Practice

Sunday: May 12, 2024

Mother's Day

- 8:00 am Outdoor Drive-In Service
- 11:00 am Sanctuary Service – Choir Sings
- 11:00 am Bible Discovery Zone

Homebound and Nursing Facility

Residents: Mel Cunningham, Jeanette Morris, Bonita Farmer, Patricia Gilbert, Paula Hatfield, Rosalie Johnson, Faith Kelly, Delores and Harold McDonald, Harriett Applegate, Esther Gillham, Helen McGaughy, Mary Lou Hostetler, Charles & Lois Meyers, Irmgard Rhodes, Molly Sheets & Lois Swonger.



Additional prayer requests on

Bea's Blessings:

Andrew Ackerman recovering well from open heart surgery
The Turban Project & Newborns In Need Program – looking for a new home
Tracy Chapin - for Grace and Mercy – is backing off on her treatments.

Samantha Swartz – New Health Concerns

We Appreciate Those Serving Today!

Liturgist:

Jeff Conner

Cantor:

Don Boldt

Ushers:

Frank Davis, Jeff Conner,
Larry Jones, Terry Gano,
Mike Dooley, Barry Dooley

Cradle Roll:

Volunteer/Avery Nagel

Bible Discovery Zone:

Brian Lensink/Matthew Kroah

Media Worship Team:

Sound:

8:00 am: Charlie Bruah

Sound & Video:

11:00 am: Ken Kroah/Julie Kroah

Financial Update

Monthly Faith Promise goal	\$ 4,840.42
Income as of May 5, 2024	<u>6,645.00</u>
Month to Date Balance	\$ 1,804.58
Boiler Cost	\$ 99,260.00
Boiler loan amount	\$ 26,654.19
Boiler Donations received	- <u>8,988.20</u>
Donations still needed	\$ 17,665.99

Live streaming is now available on Facebook. If you missed the Live stream, you can watch a replay anytime on our YouTube or Facebook pages. Links for both of these sites can be found on our church website at www.stjohnsnewark.org

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Friday- 9 am -12 pm. Please call the office 740-323-2407 and leave a message to make any additional appointments or call/text Anita 740-973-8218. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE

*Report for Sunday,
April 28, 2024*

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4/28/24 Sunday Live Stream Views – 88

4/25/24 No Livestream Thursday Prayer Service