

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



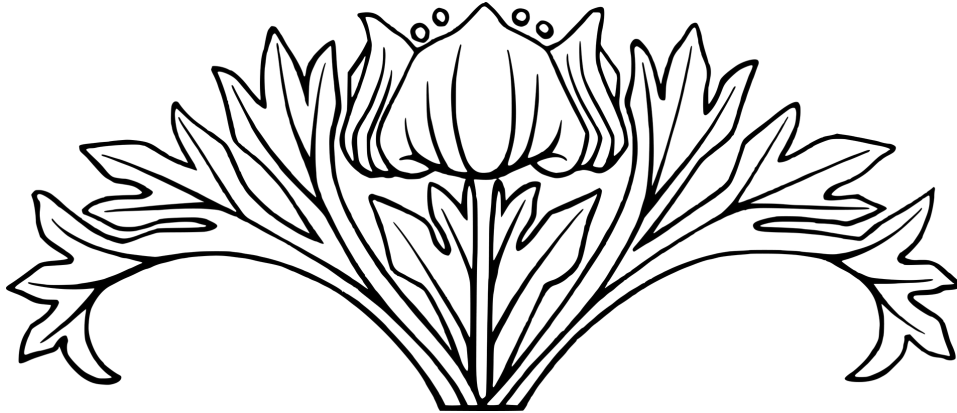
Sunday Worship

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2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 7, 2026

The Prelude
The Greetings



Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence for Prayer & Confession

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

LBW 551

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

The Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The First Reading
Hosea 5:15--6:6

I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

“Come, let us return to the Lord,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:7-15
(Read Responsively)

“Listen, my people, and I will speak:
Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.

**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;

**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

**If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

The Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.' The music consists of simple, rhythmic patterns of quarter and eighth notes.

The Gospel Reading Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 **Glory to you, O God.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.”

And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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

The Sermon
 Pastor Jamie Retallack

Hymn of the Day

ELW 617

We Come to You for Healing, Lord



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers,
we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you,
O God, through Jesus 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
Text © 1990 Augsburg Fortress

The Offertory Prayer

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **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

Musical notation for the Sanctus, consisting of five staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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



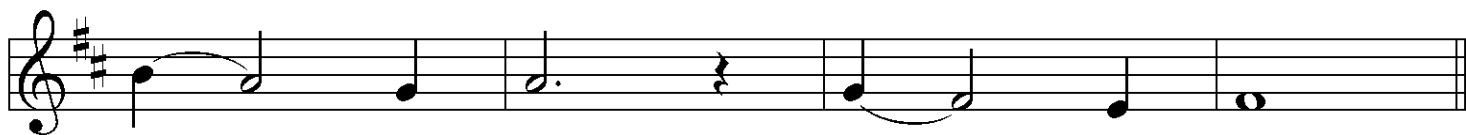
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

The Benediction

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



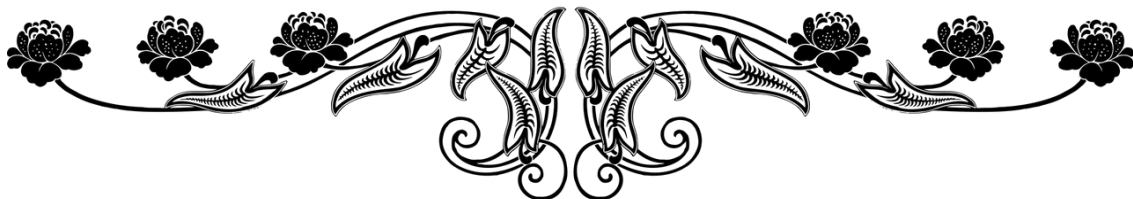
Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
 When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

The Sending
 Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.



We Come to You for Healing, Lord

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 Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824
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The People of St. John's Welcome You to Worship Today!

This Week's Calendar

Sun June 7	Worship
Tues June 9	Council Meeting
Sun June 14	Worship/Summer Picnic

<u>Reader Schedule</u>		<u>Communion Asst. Schedule</u>	
6/7/2026	Dwayne Guerin	6/7/2026	Sharann Ratka
6/14/2026	Victor Ball	6/14/2026	Jackie Kuntz
6/21/2026	Lisa Blair	6/21/2026	Heidi Caldarella
6/28/2026	Patty Grover	6/28/2026	Debbie Schulz

<u>Birthdays This Week</u>	<u>Anniversaries This Week</u>
<p>7 Jackie Kuntz</p> <p>9 Rachel Balcerzak</p> <p>13 Hannah Wyzykiewicz</p>	<p>8 Gregory & Kimberly Kawalec</p>

SAVE THE DATE

July 12 @ Lancaster. A small reception will be held to honor Pr. Jamie's 15 year Ordination Anniversary



**FISH IS IN NEED OF SOUP, PEANUT BUTTER,
CEREAL, AND GLUTEN-FREE ITEMS.**

There is a basket for donations in the narthex entrance. **Let's keep it full!**

“As you did it to the least of these,
you have done it unto me.”

Alternate Drop Off: FISH bin in
entryway at Cy's Elma Pharmacy.

FISH of East Aurora is truly grateful for your donations. Costs are increasing which means an increase in FISH clients. Your continued support goes directly to those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

Women's Fellowship Lunch

Our monthly lunch on **Wednesday, June 10th @ 11:30am will be at St. John's Lancaster in the Fellowship Hall.** Use the ramp to enter. Everyone is bringing their own lunch, and a couple of ladies will be bringing desserts for us to enjoy. In addition to your lunch, we ask if you can bring a T-shirt and scissors. After eating we will make some cloth bags. Quite easy to do and instructions/guidance will be provided. We will use these bags to put in the socks collected and if we have extra bags we will give to Poppi's Pantry for folks to use. We can also discuss if we want to do another project, and when our next lunch/breakfast will be. How often and when we might want to continue to do this. Please bring your suggestions and if you have any questions contact Kathy Snyder.

Church Picnic

June 14th @ 8:45am is our church picnic @ Elma Town Park @ 3007 Bowen Rd. (behind Elma museum) at shelter 1. The Blue Grass band will be playing. The Sunday school will also be singing. Coffee and water will be provided. Bring your own mug, lawn chair, and a dish to pass if able. Hope to see you there. Church Council

Our Gifts to God: On Sunday, May 31, 38 people attended worship, and the offerings given to the glory of God were \$2245. Needed each week to meet the budget is \$1805.00. Thank you! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

BOOK CLUB

Please join us at the Conference Table downstairs in the Chapel Hall at St. John's Lancaster (using the ramp entrance) on Wednesday, June 24th at 2:30 PM to discuss the novel, THE KEEPER OF HAPPY ENDINGS by Barbara Davis.

BINGO

Join us June 19th in the Fellowship Hall (Lancaster) for fun, fellowship, and prizes! Doors open at 6:30pm - bingo starts at 7:00pm. Bingo chips, drinks and snacks will be available for anyone who doesn't bring their own!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS should be submitted by Monday if you would like them in the Sunday bulletin.

Coffee Hour sign-up is on the board in the Narthex if you would like to sign up to run a coffee hour the first Sunday of each month. Thank you!

There will be a graveside memorial service for Vera Smith on June 13th @ 1pm in the cemetery on Two Rod Rd in Marilla, right across from Tomarsue Dr. All are welcome.

If you would like to help Ronald McDonald House by collecting can tabs, please see or call Carol Jenney 716-449-0632.

Melissa is @ St. John's Elma office on Tuesdays from 10am-3pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Please review the prayer list and make note of changes.

For those in mourning, family and friends of:

Esther Fischer
Dave Clark
Barbara Farrell
Jean Miernik
Barb (Schulz) Malinski
Vera Smith
Bill Hauser
Roger Cornell
Hillary Breen
Barnhard Family (daughter Natalie)
Maria Cockeral
Family of James Kuntz
Family of Chris Elder
Laura Carlson (husband)
Family & Friends of Walt Dryden
Family of Joe Gauthier Sr.

For members in need of prayer:

Ron Luders Sr.
Nancy Luders
Arline Trautwein
LuAnn Cox
Scott Caldarella
Heidi Caldarella
Mark Taber
Rose Sperber
The LaBrake Family
Della Taber
June & Harvey Schoenthal
Anna Kuntz, children & grandchildren

For those in need of prayer:

Dee & Dave Plott (strength & healing)
Alec Delamater
Hazel (liver transplant)
Jim Root (back surgery)
Tom, Pat & all firemen
The Festa Family
Mike
Branden Taber (heart surgery)
The Minnick Family
Sandy Burns
Kathy Merritt
Dave & Kathy W.
Sharan Renn
Mary (Healing)
Mike Z. (Hospice)
Jerry K. (80th Bday)
Camile (tests)
Christina (healing)
Marcin (healing)
Camille
Lorraine (health issues)
Cory (healing)
Michelle (healing)
Ashley Z. (Strength & healing)
Holly Hicks
Josh Wulf (cancer)
Randy Riel (health)

To add or remove names from the list please contact the church office.

Names will remain on the list for 6 months.



*I desire mercy, not sacrifice.
For I have not come to call
the righteous but sinners.*

Matthew 9:13





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Prayers of Intercession

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, all you have made is yours (local landmarks and bodies of water may be named). Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need (*especially*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: Jackie, Rachel, Hannah, and Gregory & Kimberly. May they be strengthened by you to love, forgive, and live in your abundant new life. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness (*like Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, whom the church remembers today*). May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
Amen.