

Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

9:30am



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Welcome to Saint Nicholas! We're glad you're worshipping with us today. May our time together be a blessing to you. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign the guest register in the Narthex on the podium.

Child care is available during worship for infants and toddlers in our staffed nursery room down the hall. All children ages 5 – 10 are invited to attend Time for Children in the North Wing where they will hear a bible lesson presented through story, song and prayer. Children are dismissed with the adult leaders following the Children's Sermon and return to worship for Holy Communion.

Our worship always includes the sacrament of Holy Communion and all people are welcome to receive. Children are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor.

GATHERING

Congregation reads bold print

**Power point*

Prelude: *Amazing Grace* *(performed by Ashlynn Vilcheck)*

Welcome

Please stand

Confession And Forgiveness

I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers
and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by
my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault;
wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all
my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

***The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness,
and remission of all your sins. Amen.***

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The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and
remission of all your sins. Amen.

Gathering Song: *We Want to See Jesus Lifted High

***Greeting**

***Kyrie**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Sit

Temple Talk *Congregational Engagement* (Bryan Mullins)

Time For Children *(All children ages 5-10 are invited to hear a bible lesson presented through story, song and prayer in the North Wing)*

Psalm: 4 *(Please read responsively)*

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²***“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”***

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴***Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.***

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶***Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.***

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸***In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.***

Psalm Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, source of deliverance and help, do not let our hearts be troubled, but fill us with such confidence and joy that we may sleep in your peace and rise in your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. † Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and forever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

A reading from 1 John.

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

***Gospel Acclamation**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit
Sermon

Stand

Hymn of the Day: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (ELW 855)



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.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 Ten Commandments

The Third Commandment *Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.*
What is this? or What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not despise preaching or God's word, but instead keep that word holy and gladly hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment *Honor your father and your mother.*
What is this? or What does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we neither despise nor anger our parents and others in authority, but instead honor, serve, obey, love, and respect them.

***Prayers Of Intercession**

***Sharing Of The Peace**

MEAL

Sit

Gathering Of Gifts/Setting The Table

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church. If you would like to give electronically here is our QR code and Wi-Fi password: SaintNicholas.



***Offertory: Celebrate Jesus**

Stand

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Be known to us, O lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

***Dialogue**

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
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,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

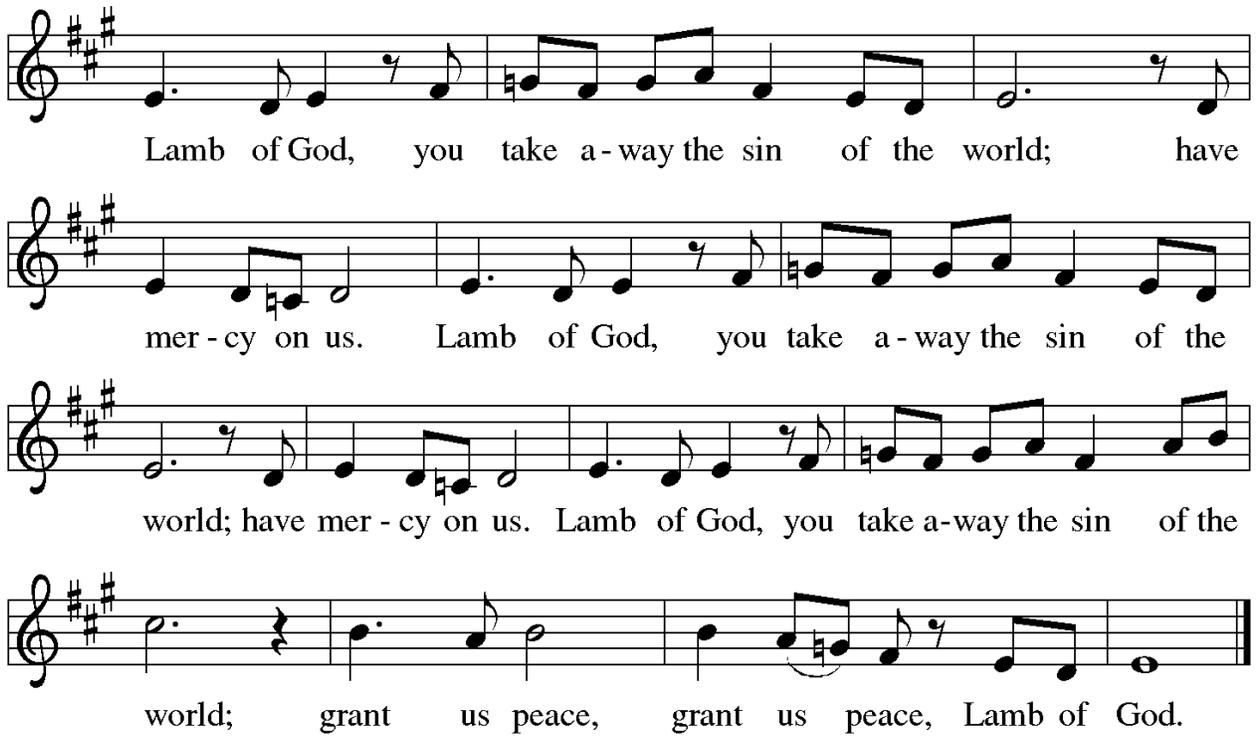
***Lord's Prayer**

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to receive the sacrament. Today we commune by intinction. With intinction, the communion participant comes forward, receives the bread and then dips it into the chalice of wine or grape juice before eating it. We also offer gluten free wafers at communion. Children not yet prepared for Holy Communion are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing from the pastor.

Sit

Communion

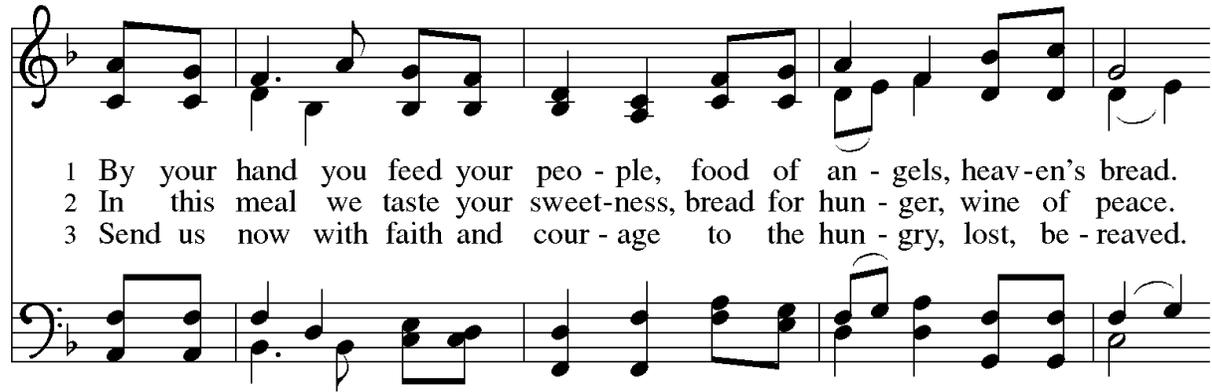


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the prayer. The second and third staves contain the second and third lines. The fourth staff contains the final line, which includes a double bar line at the end.



Communion Hymn: *By Your Hand You Feed Your People* (ELW 469)

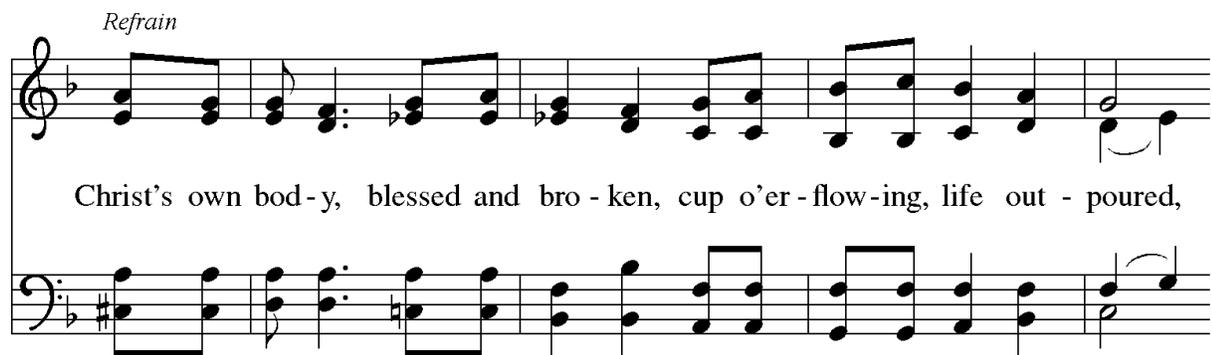


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

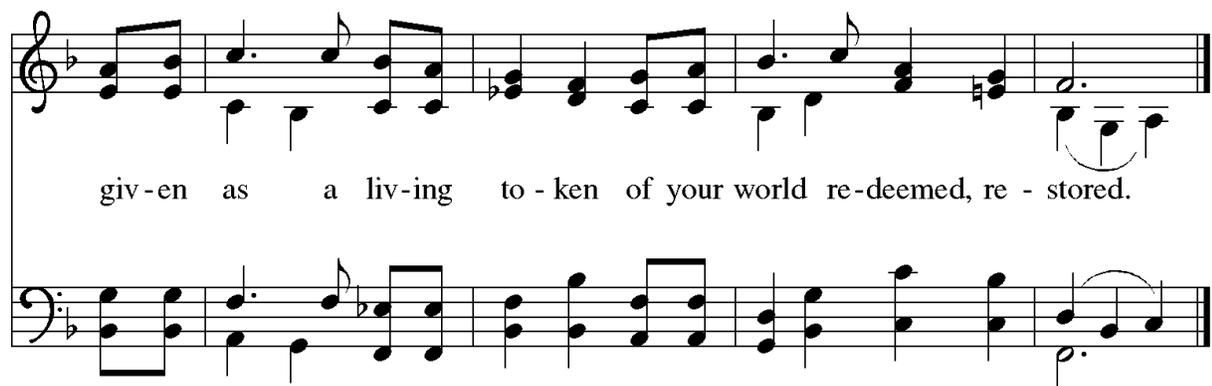


For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Remain seated

***Post Communion Blessing**

Prayer After Communion

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. ***Amen.***

SENDING

***Community Life Announcements**

Stand

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.



Sending Song: *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* (ELW 366)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909
 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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*Dismissal

SAINT NICHOLAS ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

April 15, 2018



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Barbara and Ken Puzey in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Prayer Concerns

Bereavement: The Hood Family, Family and Friends of Perry Bowen, Louis Baptista, Clarence LeBrun, Phillip Hanson, Marybelle West, Jany Brim

Health: Karen Smith, Jill Richardson, Lori Watkins, Robin LaPorte, Judy Titter, Maya Gault, Sean MacDonnell, Howard and LeAnn Schwab, Shane Callaghan, Violet Waldecker

Long term concerns: Heidi Gault, Avay Jaynes, The Smith/Biello Families, Susan Vilcheck, Garrett Krohnert, Heidi Ritter, Tommy Green

Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church has a special Prayer Team committed to intercessory prayer. Your request will always be treated with immediacy, care, and confidentiality. Contact Carol Blatt at tlblatt@comcast.net with prayer requests.

If you want your name or someone else's name added to the Prayer Concerns List, please contact the church office. Prayer concerns will be carried for 1 month unless notified otherwise.

This Week's Birthdays

Wednesday — Meghan Flynn, Christine Hogan, Michael Vilcheck

Friday — Alissa Hogenson

Staff & Leadership

The Rev. Kenneth D. Taylor ~ pastor@saintnicholaslutheran.org

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Jamie Flanders, Council President ~ Jaflanders65@gmail.com

SAINT NICHOLAS WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 15

9:30 am Worship

10:45 am Sunday School

1:00 pm Youth Group

2:00 pm Softball Practice

7:30 pm Another Chance

Monday - Thursday ~ 9:00 am – 3:30 pm Office Hours

Tuesday, April 17 ~ 7:00 pm Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts

Thursday, April 19 ~ 6:30 pm Choir Practice

7:00 pm Steps to Serenity

Friday, April 20 ~ 6:00 pm Girl Scouts

Saturday, April 21 ~ 8:00 am Adopt-a-Highway

Sunday, April 22

9:30 am Worship

10:45 am Sunday School

11:30 pm Church Work Day/Cookout

(TBD) Softball Practice

5:00 pm Project ECHO Meal

7:30 pm Another Chance

Volunteer Opportunities

Adopt-A-Highway

Please consider joining us to celebrate Earth Day 2018 by participating in SNLC's adopt-a-highway program. Our new section of highway includes the first mile (both sides of the road) of Plum Point Road off of Rt. 4. We are currently planning on a pick up on **April 21 at 8 am** (meeting at the bowling alley). First time volunteers need to be 13 or over and need to watch a safety video before participating. For more information or to sign up to help, please contact Vicki Soto at vicki.marie.soto@gmail.com or soto.vicki@epa.gov.



Celebrate Earth Day with a general yard cleanup and Cookout/Picnic!

Please help out after church on **Sunday April 22** getting in some yard work followed by a picnic/cookout. We need to do some trimming, raking, weed-pulling and overall yard work and many hands will make light work. Please bring battery powered equipment, rakes or other yard work tools if you have them. Afterwards we will have a cookout/picnic. Grilled burgers, hot dogs, brats will be provided by the church and we are asking for YOU to bring drinks, sides, extras. We will start directly after church or Sunday School. For more information, please contact Vicki Soto - vicki.marie.soto@gmail.com.

Project ECHO Meal

Thanks to the Girl Scout Troop for preparing the March meal for Project Echo! If you would like to help prepare a portion of the April meal, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact Kathy Dangin at kdangin@live.com. The meal will be served on **Sunday, April 22nd**.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Children are one of God's greatest blessings! Enjoy these blessings by volunteering for nursery. Sign up now! We need volunteers! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. For more information please contact Anne King at ann_ie0220@hotmail.com.

T.P. for P.E.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our first toilet paper delivery of 2018. SNLC donated 273 rolls of toilet paper to Project Echo! Our next delivery will follow worship on June 24, so please keep the generosity rolling!

Christmas In April

Every year, home repair teams gather on the last Saturday in April to fix and repair the homes of our elderly and/or low income neighbors. The goal is to complete these repairs in a single work day. Saint Nicholas has sponsored a team for at least the last 18 years, but we are in need of additional volunteers to help keep the momentum going. We have projects for all skill levels from painters, to minor maintenance, to light carpentry, to projects that require special skills (plumbing, flooring, etc.). This year our project is located in St. Leonard and will require smaller portions of work over multiple days. We will be teaming with a group of high school kids from Calvert High School to paint the exterior of the house on Saturday April 14 (rain date April 21). Additional projects include replacing the kitchen floor, renovating a non-working bathroom, and securing some ceiling drywall. Depending on how many volunteers we can get for each day, we can complete these other projects either on April 7 or on the regular work day of April 28. If you can help, even for just a couple hours on one of the above three Saturdays in April, please call me (202) 340-7083 or email me at keith.williams@nrl.navy.mil. A sign-up sheet is also on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, I will be available during the Sunday school time in the conference room next to the fellowship hall.

VBS

This year Vacation Bible School is the week of **June 25th through June 29th** from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and there are plenty of volunteer opportunities to help make this event a success. Adult and youth participation is greatly needed! We need lots of help with decorating, leading a station, skits, and walking a group from station to station. There is a place for YOU to help! Monetary donations are also needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Currently, we are searching for two Storytime station leaders, two Game Station leaders and help with decorating. Please email Elizabethtaby@gmail.com if you are interested in helping in anyway.

Announcements

Lenten Coin Boxes

Donations for Safe Harbor from the noisy cans contributions, the Lenten coin boxes, and the donations received from the old softball jersey/cap give-away total \$ 385.49 so far. If you still have a Lenten coin box at home, please return it as soon as you can so we can add your gift to the total before sending the check. Thank you very much for your generous contributions for Safe Harbor!!

Softball practice

The softball team has its next practice **THIS AFTERNOON at 2:00 PM** at Hallowing Point #4 (weather permitting). Because the team received a bye for the first week of the season, there will be one last practice next Sunday April 22. The time and location of the practice is not known at the time the bulletin is going to print.

Caring for Others

We are offering a course titled *Caring for Others... How to better care for people in our lives* on **April 22, 29 and May 6** during the Sunday School hour. All are welcome to attend. If you have questions, please contact Glenn Wolfgang.

Financial Statements

If you haven't yet picked up your statement detailing all your recorded financial contributions to Saint Nicholas through March 31, please look for it in the box on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions about the statement, please contact Tom Blatt as soon as possible. Thanks!!

Oktoberfest Planning Committee

Guten Tag! It's time once again to start planning the biggest event of the year, our 3rd annual Oktoberfest! If you are interested in being a part of an amazing team, please join us for our first planning meeting on **Sunday, April 29th at 11:00** in the conference room adjacent to the Fellowship Hall. We will meet on the last Sunday of each month. No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm for planning our largest community celebration that empowers our ministries. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Mullins (mullinsb@calvertnet.k12.md.us).

New Member Class

For those considering membership at Saint Nicholas we will be offering a new member class on **Sunday, May 13** after the 9:30 worship service. New members will be inducted on **Sunday, May 20**. If you're interested in becoming a new member please contact Pastor Ken.

AED Machine

We have a goal of purchasing an AED machine to have on hand for emergencies. We need ~\$1k to purchase a quality machine. Please consider giving towards this very achievable goal. Checks can be placed in the offering plate with the word "AED" in the memo line. If you have questions, please see Lauren Wawroski.



New Worship Times

June 3 - September 2 (Summer Worship Schedule)

Worship: 8:00 AM

Worship: 9:30 AM

(No Sunday School during Summer months)

Beginning September 9 (Rally Day and God's Work Our Hands Day of Service)

Worship: 8:00 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Worship: 11:00 AM

Worship Participants		
Worship Leaders	April 15	April 22
Assisting Minister	Bryan Mullins	Dominic Soto
Bread	Ann Wolfgang	Becky Watkins
Altar Care	Carol Blatt Anna Kitzmiller	Kathy Dangin
Acolyte	Miles Roger	Liam Roger
Altar Flowers	Puzey	Hogan
Lector	Bryan Mullins	Christine Hogan
Ushers/Communion Assistant	Tracey & Jim Lotz	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
Offering Counters	Colleen Hyland Christy Mullins	Ed Aronhalt Kris Wood
Coffee Set-up	Vicki Soto	Vicki Soto
Coffee Clean-up	Rob Frick	Vicki Williams
Nursery	Erin McClelland Sherry Owens	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
Fellowship	Sara Bowen	Elliton/Forseth
Time for Children	Erin McClelland Breanna Kekesi	Donna Neri Sandy Hickin
AV Operator	Jason Starks	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>



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God's work. Our hands.

*Begin Anew! Saint Nicholas Lutheran Church
Enjoying God by worshipping joyfully, engaging youth,
experiencing community.*