

At **St. John's Lutheran Church** ("we", "us", "our"), accessible from <https://stjohns-salisbury.org/>

("Website"), we are committed to protecting your privacy and safeguarding your personal information. This Privacy Policy explains what information we collect, how we use it, how we protect it, and your rights regarding that information.

By using our Website, you agree to the terms of this Privacy Policy.

1. Information We Collect

We collect information when you:

- **Submit forms** (e.g., connection cards, prayer requests, newsletter sign-ups)
- **Register for events**
- **Contact us by email or phone**
- **Make donations via our Website**
- **Interact with our content (cookies and analytics)**

The types of information we may collect include:

Personal Information:

- Name
- Email address
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Any information you choose to submit through forms

Usage Data:

- IP address
- Browser type
- Pages visited
- Date/time stamps
- Other analytics data collected automatically via cookies

2. How We Use Your Information

We use your information for purposes including:

- Responding to your inquiries
- Providing newsletters, worship updates, and event information
- Processing online donations
- Improving the Website experience
- Administering church programs and ministries
- Complying with legal obligations

We **do not sell or rent** your personal information to third parties.

3. Cookies and Tracking Technologies

Our Website may use **cookies and similar tracking technologies** to:

- Remember your preferences
- Improve Website performance
- Compile analytics to understand how the Website is used

You can control cookies through your browser settings. Declining cookies may limit your access to some features.

4. Third-Party Services

We may use trusted third-party services to support the Website (e.g., donation processors or analytics tools). These services may collect information on our behalf, but they are only permitted to use your information to the extent necessary for providing those services.

Examples include:

- Payment services for online giving
- Email service providers for newsletters
- Analytics platforms that help us understand usage patterns

We are not responsible for the data practices of third parties.

5. Online Giving & Financial Transactions

Donations and payments made online are processed through secure third-party providers. We do not store your **credit card or banking information** on our servers.

6. How We Protect Your Data

We implement reasonable technical and organizational safeguards to protect personal information from unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration, or destruction.

However, no method of transmission over the internet is 100% secure — so we cannot guarantee absolute security.

7. Children's Privacy

Our Website is not intended for children under 13. We do not knowingly collect personal data from children under 13 without parental consent. If you believe we have collected such information, please contact us, and we will take steps to remove it.

8. Links to Other Websites

Our Website may contain links to external sites (e.g., social media platforms, livestream hosts like Facebook or YouTube). We are not responsible for the content or privacy practices of external sites.

9. Your Choices and Rights

Depending on where you live, you may have rights regarding your personal data, such as:

- Accessing your data
- Correcting inaccuracies
- Requesting deletion

To exercise any of these rights, contact us at the information below.

