

Sunday Morning Liturgy – ELW Setting 10

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer

Easter Proclamation:

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Opening Hymn #365 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Apostolic Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Prayer of the Day

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: I Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel Acclamation (spoken in unison):

ALLELUIA! LORD AND SAVIOR: OPEN NOW YOUR SAVING WORD. LET IT BURN LIKE FIRE WITHIN US; SPEAK UNTIL OUR HEARTS ARE STIRRED.

ALLELUIA! LORD WE SING FOR THE GOOD NEWS THAT YOU BRING. (Pg. 205)

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Response after the reading is announced: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Response after the reading is concluded: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

Hymn of the Day WOV #671 “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

Announcements

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the Church

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings and Musical Anthem

Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray... our Savior and Lord. **C: AMEN.**

We Share in God’s Supper and God Sends Us to Share the Good News

Words of Institution of Holy Communion

Our Lord’s Prayer – traditional version on right

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Song of Praise – “Lamb of God” (spoken in unison)

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Blessing:

P: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord’s face shine on us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

C: AMEN

Closing Hymn #377 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

Dismissal:

P: Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD! ALLELUIA!

Musical Postlude, We Receive Jesus’ Body & Blood, and We Depart to Serve

Looking Ahead

The Upper Dauphin Conference Cabinet will meet on Monday, April 25, at 7:00 P.M. at Zion Lutheran, Erdman.

Property Committee will gather at the church at 6:15 P.M. on Tuesday, April 26.

The Second Planning Meeting for our Annual Strawberry Festival will take place at the church on Thursday, April 28, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

We are in need of two Voting Members – a man and a woman who must both be voting members of the congregational family, confirmed, contributing, and communing – to join with Pastor Tom in taking part in our Annual Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly, taking place on Friday evening, June 3, and Saturday, June 4. As was the case last year, the Assembly will once again take place only virtually on the Zoom platform. The only other requirement for those participating is that they will each need to have two Zoom-compatible devices available to them – one with a suitable screen to allow for viewing and hearing everything that is taking place and the other, such as a smart phone, to be used as a dedicated voting device. Since we will all be Zooming from the comfort of our own locations/homes, please take note of the opportunity presented to multi-task during the Assembly. Registrations are due by the end of April, so please speak with Pastor Tom as soon as possible if you might be interested in serving in this interesting ministry!

Please join us for an upcoming Book Group Discussion on Zoom! Call or email Ann 717.362.7895 rahbruner@gmail.com if you need a book or have any questions. Copies of the book should be available on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer. Next up – Monday, May 2 American Harvest by Marie Mutsuki Mocket. Hope to see you there!

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Our Mission

St. John congregation, responding to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, unites together to preach and teach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission. With God's guidance and grace, we strive to boldly proclaim by word and action the reconciling Gospel of Jesus: Working together for justice and peace, and caring for those in need in our community and world. We invite everyone to join us wherever you are on your faith journey.

Adopted December 8, 2013

Serving Today

The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr.

Pastor

Laurie Little

Young Christians Minister

Judy Ferree

Organist

Kim Williard

Lector

Roy Henry

Council President

For the month of April, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts are sponsored by Dana and Chris Klouser to the Glory of God in memory of our parents: Richard Klouser, Jean Kessler, and Juney Yeager. Our support of **Tree 4 Hope** and the support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is sponsored by Delmar & Ginny Enders for the blessings of grandchildren, Miana, Olivia, Caleb; and great-grandchildren, Axten, Sophia and Kyrah.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book in the foyer. As we celebrate our Lord's Supper, we welcome to our table all baptized Christians who have received the sacrament in their home congregations. All persons who do not yet commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please worship with us again and join in other congregational family activities!

Today, Sunday, April 17

6:30am Brief Outdoor Sunrise Worship

9am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)

9am SONday Celebration (In-Person) – Masking and safe distancing are required for everyone present – both adults and young persons – to do our best to protect our (unvaccinated per current guidelines) younger congregational family members!

9am Confirmation Class (In-Person)

9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)

10:15am Festival Liturgy of Holy Communion

From this afternoon until Wednesday morning, Pastor Tom will be away, taking his weekly day off from yesterday and his monthly extra day off for April. In his absence, Pastor Godfred Effisah (pronounced eh-FEE-suh), who serves the Rife/Killinger Parish, will again be on call for any emergency needs for pastoral care. Should you need to get in touch with him, please call Fay Nichols, our Telephone Prayer Chain Coordinator, at 717-329-7447, who will both place the concern on the prayer chain and contact Pastor Godfred. Or, Pastor Godfred can be reached directly by calling 571-572-0119. For all non-emergency matters, Pastor Tom will return to the office Wednesday morning.

Monday, April 18

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

Join the Youth Group for a FREE showing of the movie **OVERCOMER**:

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., at the Colonnade in Millersburg, PA

(Rated PG)

"Life changes overnight for coach John Harrison when his high school basketball team's state championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected news. When the largest manufacturing plant in town suddenly shuts down and hundreds of families begin moving away, John must come to grips with the challenges facing his family and his team. Urged by the school's principal to fill-in and coach a sport he doesn't know or like, John is frustrated and questioning his worth... until he crosses paths with a student struggling with her own journey."

***** CONCESSION STAND WILL BE OPEN*****

*****BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS*****

PLEASE REGISTER AT:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4FADAB2DAAFE3-family>

Wednesday, April 20

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

9:30am First Quarter Audit Committee Meeting – Please have all your records at this meeting. Thank you. Pat Herb

Thursday, April 21

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, April 22

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Saturday, April 23

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, April 24

Second Sunday of Easter

9am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)

9am SONday Celebration (In-Person) – Masking and safe distancing are required for everyone present – both adults and young persons – to do our best to protect our (unvaccinated per current guidelines) younger congregational family members!

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10:15am Easter Celebration Worship, including Miss Laurie and Sunny and Reception of New Members

Special Congregational Meeting to be Held

- Immediately following worship on Sunday, May 1, we will gather for a special congregational meeting to take action on the **St. John Restoration 250** project, recommended to us by Congregational Council. This bold plan received this name because it is truly a project for the ages – one which will equip us with a facility for worship and ministry befitting our upcoming 250th anniversary celebration in 2030 and one which will in some ways outlive all of us voting on it.
- As you can see in more detail elsewhere in this bulletin, the core of the \$220,000 proposal is to contract with Bahret Church Interiors to repair the places in our upstairs worship space, down the stairs, and in the foyer where the surface of our 140+ year old horsehair plaster is powdering in such a way that paint can no longer bond to it properly. As part of this repair, all ceilings, walls and woodwork will be repainted, as has not been done since the early 1980's.
- In addition to this core work, all red carpeted areas will receive new red carpeting, including down the main stairs. In the foyer and foyer restroom, the current flooring will be replaced with an attractive heavy-duty artificial wood flooring. We will also receive a comprehensive update of our lighting with energy efficient and more effective and attractive LED lighting (although not affecting our historic chandeliers upstairs); our current sound system will be replaced with an up-to-date "smart" system that can, among other things, actually detect and compensate for when a reader is speaking a bit too softly; we will install a new motorized screen and projector which will allow us finally to see things being projected even in the bright light of day; and our Zoom worship experience will finally be brought up to snuff with aspects of the new sound system (which will be capable of handling the sound needed for Zoom worship entirely separately from the sound needed for in-person worship) as well as new cameras.
- On May 1, everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, but especially needed are all voting members of the congregational family (confirmed, as well as communing and contributing in the past two years) for this yes/no vote by secret written ballot. Please don't hesitate to speak with Sandra Lamenza, who is chairing the **St. John Restoration 250** working group, any member of Property Committee or Congregational Council, or with Pastor Tom with any questions!

If you are not currently comfortable taking part in in-person worship, there are **three** very simple options for giving your tithes and offerings. You are welcome to 1. mail your offering to the church (PO Box 270, Berrysburg, 17005-0270) or 2. drop it by the church and place it in the red plastic tub that is prominently visible in the Sunday School Room, on the table just outside Pastor Tom's office door. In addition, 3. if neither of those is easily done, you may wish to contact your bank about setting up an automatic payment, as some of our congregational family members also have done, whereby the offering you direct is sent by your bank as a check mailed directly to the church. In all cases, Pastor Tom will then see that all offerings received get securely passed along to our counters.

Containers are located in the foyer for food donations for the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens. Please drop off non-perishable food items at any time and, as the contributions add up, deliveries will be made to the pantry by **Larry Gessner**. Thank you!

Jammin' with the Ladies!

This year as we prepare for the Strawberry Festival, the Women's group again are having an area for "Jammin' with the Ladies". We will have jams and jellies as well as the home-made breads. If anyone wants to help with items needed: Sugar, Sure Jell, Jars and lids, or financial help please contact Fay Nichols.

Our Faith Active in Worship – April 10, 2022

Current – Approx. Budget Goal	\$ 2,606
Current – Offerings Received	\$ 3,398
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$ 185
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$ 81
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$254
Total Attendance	Zoom – 29, In Person – 93

Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Judy Cheatham** – Rm. #47B, Cadia Healthcare, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **Timothy Enders** – Rm. #122, The Gardens at York Terrace, 2401 W. Market St., Pottsville, 17901
- **Jane Grosser** – Rm. #705, Northern Dauphin Nursing and Rehab. Center, Millersburg, 17061
- **Warren Hassinger** – Rm. #103 – Connections Unit, Providence Place of Pottsville, 2200 First Avenue, Pottsville, 17901
- **Marzette Hoffman** – Rm. #805, Northern Dauphin Nursing and Rehab. Center
- **Cora Mace** – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022
- **Joyce Matter** – Rm. #128, Commonwealth Senior Living at Harrisburg, 150 Kempton Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111 (717.909.0417)
- **Ken Nace** – At Home, Now Finished with Chemotherapy and Awaiting Surgery for Cancer
- **Donna Rabenold** – At Home, Now Finished with Chemotherapy and Awaiting Surgery for Breast Cancer

St John Restoration 250

Summary of estimates

• Plaster repair and painting	\$59,965
• Decorative trim on ceiling	\$12,925
• Expose window in vestibule	\$5,820
• Replace carpet	\$39,689
• Comprehensive lighting package on all three levels	\$37,430
• Comprehensive sound system package	\$27,693
• Motorized screen and projector	\$18,400
• Zoom improvement package	\$12,669
• Miscellaneous expenses	\$5,409

TOTAL \$220,000

Financial Summary (as of 2/23/2022)

• Dollars contributed specifically for the	\$32,053
• Balance of available Memorial Account interest	\$188,162
• Suggested reserve of Memorials Fund Interest	(\$100,000)*
• Memorial interest dollars available for the project	\$88,162
• Total Dollars on hand and available for project	\$120,215
• Dollars needed from additional contributions	\$99,785

*From this reserve, we may need up to \$50,000 for the replacement of the steeple base roof before winter, which was found to be necessary when recent emergency repairs were made