

Easter “Celebration” Worship

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Announcements

Gathering Song - “Great is the Lord”

Great is the Lord. He is holy and just.
By His power, we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord. He is faithful and true.
By His mercy, He proves He is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice.
Now lift up your voice.
Great is the Lord!

(repeat)

Great is the Lord. He is faithful and true.
By His mercy, He proves He is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice.
Now lift up your voice.
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 118:14-29

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sunny Sermon with Miss Laurie

Sermon

We Rejoice in God’s Word

“Jesus Lives”

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

Reception of New Members by Affirmation of Baptism

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Reception of New Members from Other Lutheran Christian Congregations

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings and Offertory Song: “You Are My All In All”:

You are my strength when I am weak; You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jewel; Lord to give up I’d be a fool. You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Taking my sin, my cross, my shame; rising again I bless Your name. You are my all in all.

When I fall down, You pick me up; when I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

(3 times)

Worthy is Your name. (2 times)

Prayers

Our 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 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.

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

Easter Object Lesson

Benediction

Sending Song - “Because He Lives”

God sent His son- they called Him, Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive.

He lived and died, to buy my pardon.

An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

(chorus):

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.

Because He lives, all fear is gone.

Because I know, he holds the future.

And life is worth the living just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a new born baby.

And feel the pride and joy he gives.

But greater still, the calm assurance

This child can face uncertain days because He lives!

(chorus)

Because He, because He, because He lives. Because He, because He lives! (2 times)

(repeat verse 1 and chorus)

And life is worth the living just because He lives!!

Because He lives!!

Sending Statement

P: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude and Silent Prayer

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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.
Laurie Little
Judy Ferree
Kim Williard
Roy Henry

Pastor
Young Christians Minister
Organist
Lector
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 June 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, and please worship with us again and join in other congregational family activities!

Today, Sunday, April 24

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 Easter Celebration Worship, including Miss Laurie and Sunny and Reception of New Members

In our worship this morning, we officially welcome into congregational family membership **Sandy Bixler; Denise Howard; Matthew, Brandi, Mary & Sarah Riland; Ty & Kim Troutman; and Mary Yeager**. The Rilands and Mary come to us from sister Lutheran Christian congregations (St. Paul, Millersburg and St. Christopher, Lykens, respectively) while Sandy, Denise, Kim & Ty are received by making Affirmation of their Baptism. Please be sure to personally welcome them and add Denise to your new congregational directory as follows:

HOWARD, Denise
18 W. Broad Street, Apt. #109, Elizabethville, 17023
570-590-6349

Monday, April 25

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
7pm Upper Dauphin Conference Cabinet at Zion Lutheran, Erdman

Tuesday, April 26

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:15pm Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 27

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-7:45pm Midweek Bible Study

Thursday, April 28

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
7pm Planning Meeting #2 for Our June 8 Annual Strawberry Festival

Friday, April 29

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

Saturday, April 30

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, May 1

Third 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!
9am Confirmation Class (In-Person)
9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
10:15am Worship, Including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom) – In keeping with the most recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Dauphin County, masks are no longer required for anyone gathering upstairs for worship, but they remain an option for everyone.

11:15am **Special Congregational Meeting** to Take Action on the **St. John Restoration 250** Project (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. 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!

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

Looking Ahead

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 Mockett. Hope to see you there!

The May gathering of **Celebration Club with Miss Laurie** will be held in-person at the church on Wednesday, May 4, from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

The dog days of summer are just around the corner – please plan to stay after church on **Sunday, May 15th** as we kick things off with a **Here Comes Summer 'Dog Dayz' Family Fun Time!** There will be hot DOGS and s'mores by the fire; Mongrel Madness with BW the Hound Dog; and lots of other canine capers! Bring your lawn chair for a DOGGONE good time! Thanks to the Women of the ELCA of St. John for organizing this event!!

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!

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.

Attention Musicians!! It would be great to share in the musical gifts of the members of our talented congregational family at least one Sunday each month, if not more often. Persons of any age or level of experience, who might be interested in playing any kind of instrument or singing, alone or with a partner, are asked to please speak with Carol Hubler or Judy Ferree.

Our Faith Active in Worship – April 14-17, 2022

Current – Approx. Budget Goal	\$2,606
Current – Offerings Received	\$5,294
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$467
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$189
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$270
Total Attendance	

6:30am: In Person - 28
10:15am: Zoom – 36, In Person – 98

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** – Entering UPMC Community Osteopathic on Wednesday for Breast Cancer Surgery