

## Sunday Morning Liturgy – ELW Setting 10

### God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements	
Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer	
Confession and Forgiveness	Pg. 94-96
Opening Hymn #660 “Lift High the Cross”	
Apostolic Greeting	Pg. 203
Kyrie (spoken in unison)	Pg. 203
Hymn of Praise: “Come, let us join...” (spoken in unison)	Pg. 204
Prayer of the Day	

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21	
Psalm: 126	
Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14	
Gospel Acclamation for Lent (spoken in unison):	
<b>WE ARE TURNING, LORD, TO HEAR YOU; YOU ARE MERCIFUL AND KIND – SLOW TO ANGER, RICH IN BLESSING, AND WITH LOVE TO US INCLINED. (Pg. 205)</b>	
Gospel: John 12:1-8	
Response after the reading is announced: <b>GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.</b>	
Response after the reading is concluded: <b>PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.</b>	
Sermon	

### We Respond to All That God Gives Us

Nicene Creed	Pg. 104
Prayers of the Church	
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings and Musical Anthem by Louise Baumgardner	
Offertory Prayer:	
P: Let us pray... our Savior and Lord. C: <b>AMEN.</b>	

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

Great Thanksgiving (spoken):	
P: The Lord be with you.	
C: <b>AND ALSO WITH YOU.</b>	
P: Lift up your hearts.	
C: <b>WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.</b>	
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
C: <b>IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.</b>	
P: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:	
C: <b>HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAV'N AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. (Pg. 207)</b>	
Eucharistic Prayer (spoken):	
P: ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.	
C: <b>CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN. (Pg. 207)</b>	
P: ...be all honor and glory in your Holy Church, now and forever.	
C: <b>AMEN, AMEN, AMEN. (Pg. 207)</b>	

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 #574 “Here I Am, Lord”

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

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

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## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

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

**Monday, April 18th**

**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>

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# Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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  
Donald Deibler  
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 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.

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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!

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### Today, Sunday, April 3

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 Holy Communion and 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.

### Monday, April 4

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours  
6:30pm **Please join us for upcoming Book Group Discussions on Zoom!** Call or email Ann 717.362.7895 [rahbruner@gmail.com](mailto: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 – **And Then You Loved Me** by Inglath Cooper. And looking ahead to next month:  
May 2 **American Harvest** by Marie Mutsuki Mocket  
Hope to see you there!

### Tuesday, April 5

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours  
9:30am Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting

### Wednesday, April 6

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours  
6:30-8pm April Gathering of **Celebration Club with Miss Laurie**  
7pm Community Worship for Lent at Salem United Church of Christ, Elizabethville

### Thursday, April 7

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

### Friday, April 8

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

### Saturday, April 9

**Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East**  
Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

### Next Sunday, April 10

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday  
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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9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)  
10:15am Worship, Including Liturgy of Palms, Dramatic Reading by Vincent Lamenza of **The Passion According to St. Luke**, Holy Communion and 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.  
11:30am Mutual Ministry Committee Meeting  
2pm Women of the ELCA of St. John Meeting  
4pm Congregational Council Meeting  
6-8pm Youth Group Gathering

## Looking Ahead

Please see Pastor Tom's letter in your April *St. John's Epistle* for our full schedule of special worship and other activities during the final week before Easter Sunday.

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Our spring session of Midweek Bible Study will get underway on Wednesday, April 27, and will continue through the end of May, wrapping up just before the Memorial Day weekend. We will meet each week from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M., with the exact format and location to be determined. We will spend these weeks of the Easter Season delving into the 150 prayers, songs, liturgies, and poems which make up the Book of Psalms, under the guidance of ELCA pastor and consultant the Rev. Dr. Joana Elise Brown and her guidebook *Songs of the Faithful: Studies in Psalms*. The Book of Psalms displays the highest highs and the lowest lows of the life of faith, along with everything in between and we will read through them all during the course of the study, while focusing on six psalms in particular which we will read in worship later in the summer. No previous Bible study experience is required – only an interest and enthusiasm to study, reflect on, and (as you are comfortable doing so) discuss God's Word together. So that the correct number of study books can be ordered for our study in a timely fashion, please register in advance (by contacting Pastor Tom in whatever way is easiest for you) **THIS MORNING**.

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!

Are you looking for a great Easter basket stuffer? Why not give the gift of fun?! The youth group has a handful of Knoebels ticket books for sale. They make the perfect Easter basket gift! They never expire!! You get a \$20.00 ticket book for only \$18.00. That's a free ride on the S&G Carousel! Please see Olivia to purchase your tickets!

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!

To make sure that our blessed prayer shawls get to as many folks in need of God's healing touch as possible, it is now possible for anyone from the St. John congregational family to deliver a prayer shawl to a person who is known to them to be hurting in body, mind, and/or spirit, and who would be blessed by receiving one of our shawls. To obtain a shawl, please first contact Pastor Tom, who will help you with the process. ***(Please bear in mind that it is the intention of the prayer shawl ministry that each person receive just one shawl "for life", to be used in whatever time(s) of brokenness they may face.)***

Please see the bright blue container at the computer desk in the Sunday School Room to recycle your AA, AAA, C, D, 9-Volt and Button Cell batteries in Alkaline, NiMH, NiCAD, Zinc Air and Non-Lithium types, 9 volts and below. All batteries must be dry cell only, and they cannot be leaking or have broken cases. Through the efforts of Larry Gessner, batteries that are in especially good condition are being recharged and donated to Bethesda Mission, while all others for recycling are delivered to Dauphin County Recycling in Harrisburg.

The Youth Group continues to collect aluminum – aluminum only, please – on the lower level of the barn, facing toward Elizabethville. Please place your aluminum in the barrel outside of the door. Thank you for your help with this major fundraiser for our youth and help for our environment!

## Our Faith Active in Worship – March 27, 2022

<b>Current – Approx. Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 2,606</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$ 1,757
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$ 155
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$ 175
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$ 140
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 31, In Person – 85</b>

## 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, Finishing Chemotherapy Treatment for Cancer
- **Donna Rabenold** – At Home, Now Finished with Second Phase of Chemotherapy for Breast Cancer