

## Sunday Morning Liturgy

### God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Piano Prelude and Silent Prayer

Easter Proclamation:

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Opening Hymn #365 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (entire song)

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 15:1-11

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

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

A New Creed:

**WE ARE NOT ALONE,**

**WE LIVE IN GOD'S WORLD.**

**WE BELIEVE IN GOD:**

**WHO HAS CREATED AND IS CREATING,**

**WHO HAS COME IN JESUS,**

**THE WORD MADE FLESH,**

**TO RECONCILE AND MAKE NEW,**

**WHO WORKS IN US AND OTHERS**

**BY THE SPIRIT.**

**WE TRUST IN GOD.**

**WE ARE CALLED TO BE THE CHURCH:**

**TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE,**

**TO LIVE WITH RESPECT IN CREATION,**

**TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS,**

**TO SEEK JUSTICE AND RESIST EVIL,**

**TO PROCLAIM JESUS, CRUCIFIED AND RISEN,**

**OUR JUDGE AND OUR HOPE.**

**IN LIFE, IN DEATH, IN LIFE BEYOND DEATH,**

**GOD IS WITH US.**

**WE ARE NOT ALONE.**

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

-The United Church of Canada, 1968

Organ Anthem

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

Benediction:

P: Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift us up and restore us to wholeness.

**C: AMEN**

P: Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless us and send us to be his witnesses.

**C: AMEN**

P: God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh us in the gift of baptism this day and always.

**C: AMEN**

Closing Hymn #376 "Thine Is the Glory" (entire song)

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.

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

Organ 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.	Pastor
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
Judy Ferree	Keyboardist
Judy Cheatham	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of April, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts are dedicated to the Glory of God by LuAnn Ressler in loving memory of her husband, Jeffery Ressler. **Tree 4 Hope** sponsored by the Mottter Family in celebration of the Easter season and Our Risen Lord Jesus. Support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania in honor of Lynn and Helen Henninger's 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary from their grandchildren Sadie & Ayden.

### Today, Sunday, April 4

6:30am Brief In-Person Sunrise Easter Worship (**We will gather on the field across from the pavilion and next to the sexton house with our masks covering both nose and mouth – no exceptions for anyone over the age of 2 – and maintain safe spacing. Instead of gathering beforehand in the foyer for warmth as in normal times, please remain in your car if needed until we are ready to begin.**)

9am Faith Formation Time (Adult Bible Study on Zoom; Youth Class, Confirmation Class, and SONday Celebration Meeting In-Person at Church)

10:15am Worship (**In-Person and On Zoom**) Including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons Attending In-Person (For those who are attending worship in-person, please remember that a mask covering both nose and mouth is required to be worn by every worshipper over the age of two, with no exceptions for any reason at this time. Of course, please do not attend in-person worship if you aren't feeling well for any reason or if you have been exposed any time in the prior 14 days to a person who subsequently develops COVID-19-like symptoms or who tests positive for COVID-19. Ushers will guide you to designated safely-spaced seating.)

**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.**

*(In these times of COVID-19 precautions, please remember that he, like Pastor Tom, would be responding to any emergency needs via the telephone instead of in-person as would normally be the case.) For all non-emergency matters, Pastor Tom will return to the office Wednesday morning.*

### Wednesday, April 7

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

6:30-8pm Monthly Gathering of **Celebration Club with Miss Laurie** In-Person at the Church

7pm Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer 1. for All Educators/Students/Families and 2. for Our Health Professionals (**Please make use of the list of health care professionals at the end of this bulletin information, taking a few minutes to lift each person up to God by name. To add names to the list, please contact Pastor Tom with their information.**)

### Thursday, April 8

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

6-7:30pm Weekly Zoom Fellowship Time (**Think of it as the Zoom version of our sextons unlocking the front door of the church, turning on the lights, and turning up the heat for anyone who might wish to stop in for any or all of that time. Roy and Rachel Henry will simply create a weekly recurring Zoom event which will automatically begin at 6:00pm and end at 7:30pm, but no actual host will be needed and they themselves will likely not be able to be present due to family schedules. Likewise, Pastor Tom will typically not be present and there will be no agenda or theme – simply a "space" to come together and visit and catch up for whomever might wish to do so. It is an experiment for this time until the "new normal" when we anticipate returning to all of the various in-person things much as we knew them pre-pandemic.**)

### Friday, April 9

**Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East**

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

### Saturday, April 10

Pastor Tom Taking Weekly Day Off

### Next Sunday, April 11

Second Sunday of Easter

9am Faith Formation Time (Adult Bible Study on Zoom; Youth Class, Confirmation Class, and SONday Celebration Meeting In-Person at Church)

10:15am Easter Celebration Worship including Miss Laurie and Sunny (**In-Person and On Zoom**) (For those who are attending worship in-person, please remember that a mask covering both nose and mouth is required to be worn by every worshipper over the age of two, with no exceptions for any reason at this time. Of course, please do not attend in-person worship if you aren't feeling well for any reason or if you have been exposed any time in the prior 14 days to a person who subsequently develops COVID-19-like symptoms or who tests positive for COVID-19. Ushers will guide you to designated safely-spaced seating.)

11:15am Mutual Ministry Committee Quarterly Meeting

## Looking Ahead

The second planning meeting for our Annual Strawberry Festival is scheduled for **Monday, April 12, beginning at 7:00pm in-person upstairs in our main worship space**, which will allow for those present to (each wearing a mask covering both nose and mouth) gather and maintain safe spacing. At the first planning meeting, the decision was made by those present to proceed with planning for an adapted “drive through” Festival which will allow the entire pavilion to function as one large kitchen and serving space for those working, with traffic directors helping to keep the drive through line flowing smoothly while runners take orders and deliver food to “curbside”. There will be no on-site dining, no entertainment, and no stands of any kind. Needless to say, it will be unlike anything we have ever done and will result in some familiar committees not being necessary this year while much more help will be needed in other new and/or adapted committees. Please contact **Chairperson Jeff Lehman** with any questions or ideas and, as is always the case for these planning meetings, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Thursday, April 15, will be the deadline to submit items for inclusion in the May **St. John’s Epistle**.

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### **You are invited to our Book Discussion on Zoom!**

We continue our monthly times of reading and sharing via Zoom. Next up:

**Monday, April 19, 7:00 P.M.      Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens**

**Monday, May 10, 7:00 P.M.      Small Victories by Anne Lamott**

**Monday, June 7, 7:00 P.M.      The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison**

Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to participate and haven’t joined in before, you can borrow a physical or e-copy of the current book at your local library or pick up a copy at church - on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer, just inside the main doors. Please let Ann know if we run out of books, and she will locate more. Questions? Call or email Ann at 717-362-7895 or [rahbruner@gmail.com](mailto:rahbruner@gmail.com).

The Altar Guild Team Annual Meeting scheduled for April 20 has been postponed until the fall, when we will be at least much closer to the resumption of normal altar ministry duties. Please stay tuned for a new date closer to time!

### **Your Chance to Give the Gift of Fun – and Support our Youth Group!**

Through April 18, Youth Group members will be holding a unique fundraiser, selling \$20 books of Knoebels ride tickets for just \$18. For all ticket books not needed this morning for Easter baskets, delivery will take place on May 2. All proceeds will go to our Youth Group for support of Youth Group outings and the planned 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering. Please give your payment to your Youth Group member when you order your tickets. **And remember – one of the many things that we all love about Knoebels is that those ride tickets never expire!!**

The Youth Group continues to collect aluminum – aluminum only, please – on the lower level of the barn, facing toward Elizabethtown. 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!

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 4, and Saturday, June 5. For the first (and most likely last) time, the Assembly will take place only virtually, probably 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, please take note of the opportunity presented to multi-task (not to mention attend in your jamies!) such as has never been the case before and likely never will be again. To take advantage of less expensive “early bird” registration – paid for by our congregational family – Voting Members are needed by Pastor Tom by Thursday, April 15.

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.)***

Last year about this time the Women of the ELCA of St. Johns were making plans for the purchase of new church aprons. The ordering was put on hold because of the Pandemic. The women would like to reopen this project. The aprons, both full and half, will be available in gray. The color will be a bit lighter than the original aprons we purchased 8 years ago. The full aprons will have 2 pockets and will cost approximately \$8.00. The half aprons will have 3 pockets and will cost approximately \$7.00. We still have the original sign-up sheet which is posted at church. We will continue to take orders through April 25th. The sign-up sheet will remain posted through that time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pat Herb. Thank you.

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.

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. Thank you!

If you are not yet ready to take 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.

If you have not yet done so, please be sure to pick up your copy of the new quarter of the devotional Christ in Our Home, in either large or regular print, in the foyer.

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**Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness**

- **Warren Hassinger** – Rm. #101 – Connections Unit, Providence Place of Pottsville, 2200 First Avenue, Pottsville, 17901
- **Elaine Henninger** – Discharged from Community General Osteopathic on 3/26
- **Lorraine Henninger** – Rm. #133, Frey Village, 1020 North Union Street, Middletown, 17057
- **Marzette Hoffman** – Rm. #803, Premier at Susquehanna, Millersburg, 17061
- **Cora Mace** – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022
- **Joyce Matter** – Rm. #416, Premier at Susquehanna, Millersburg, 17061
- **Roberta Radel** – Harrisburg
- **Lois Watson** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home with Visiting Therapists and Other Caregivers

**Our Faith Active in Worship – March 21, 2021**

<b>Current – Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$2,545</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$3,071
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$200
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$131
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$316
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>Zoom – 64, In Person – 37</b>

**Medical Professionals in our prayers in this time of COVID-19:**

- **Paulette Warner, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation**
- **Jenna Troutman, RN**
- **Jodi Thompson, CCMA**
- **Gwen Switzer, RTR**
- **Payton Stutzman, Hospital Clinical Assistant**
- **Kristen Spicher, RN**
- **Sara Shaffer, RN**
- **Steven Schlegel, Paramedic**
- **Michelle Scheff\*, MS, CCC/SLP** (Speech Therapist in Seattle, WA)
- **Joanne Rheem\*, Healthcare Administrator**
- **David Rheem\*, Healthcare Administrator**
- **Dr. Todd Peters\*** (Chief Medical Officer in Baltimore, MD)
- **Joshua Peters, PA-C** (Serving in Colorado)
- **Dr. Alayna Peters** (Doctor of Pharmacy in Hagerstown, MD)
- **Courtney Peifer\*, Psych Technician**
- **Sara Paul, Family Practice Center Medical Receptionist**
- **Bobby Paul, BS**
- **Cindy Nicholson\*, RN**
- **Whitni Ney, RN**
- **Haley Nestor\*, BSN, RN**
- **Shannon Motter, RN**
- **Courtney Miller, B.S. R.T(R)(CT)**
- **Roni Mace, RN**
- **Heidi Lehman, RT (R)**
- **Shawnita Latsha, RT (RDMS, RVT)**
- **Nichole Holman\*, RN**
- **Dr. Tonya Henninger & Dr. Sarah Bork\*** (Hospitalists in Seattle, WA)
- **Robert Foreman, Paramedic**
- **Courtney Foreman, RN**
- **Glenn Fontaine\*, RN** (Serving in Michigan)
- **Ann Fontaine\*, PA-C** (Serving in Michigan)
- **Olivia Enders, CNA**
- **Dr. Seth Eisenberg\*** (Anesthesiologist in Atlanta, GA)
- **Rachel Denlinger\*, RN** (Serving in Charleston, SC)
- **Gary Daniels, EMT**
- **Dr. Timothy Bruner & Dr. Gabrielle Fregeau\*** (Doctors of Physical Therapy in Ocean County, NJ)
- **Dr. Daniel Bruner & Dr. Richelle Demers\*** (Doctors of Chiropractic)
- **Dr. Jerrel Boyer\*** (Neurosurgeon in Chicago, IL)
- **Dr. Brett Bellis\*** (Doctor of Chiropractic)
- **Chelsea Beard, EFDA**

\* denotes someone who is a part of our extended congregational family