

## Sunday Morning Liturgy

### God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Keyboard Prelude and Silent Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

**C: AMEN.**

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

*(brief silence follows)*

P: God and Father of all,

**C: WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED. WE HAVE THOUGHT BETTER OF OURSELVES THAN OTHERS. WE HAVE TOLD LIES, SAID HURTFUL THINGS, ACTED IN WAYS WE WISH WE COULD TAKE BACK, AND LOOKED THE OTHER WAY WHEN ACTION WAS NEEDED. IN YOUR MERCY, O GOD, FORGIVE US, CLEANSE US, AND HEAL US, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS, OUR SAVIOR. AMEN.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, we are a new creation: our sins are taken away and we are made new. Let us be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.

**C: AMEN.**

Opening Hymn **LBW** #41 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (**softly singing entire song**)

Greeting:

P: The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all.

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Prayer of the Day

Recognition of High School Graduates

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 61:7-11

Psalms: 34:1-9

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 1:46-55

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 **LBW** #40 "What Child Is This" (**softly singing entire song**)

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

Prayers

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

Jesus' Words of Institution of Holy Communion:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

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.**

Blessing:

P: Almighty and merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us this day and forevermore.

**C: AMEN**

Closing Hymn **LBW** #39 "Joy to the World" (**softly singing entire song**)

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

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

Keyboard Postlude and Silent Prayer

We Depart and Receive Jesus' Body and Blood

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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
Gary Daniels	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of July, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin, **Tree 4 Hope** and Support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania is sponsored by Matt and Olivia Williard in honor of Madeline's birthday.

### Today, Sunday, August 15

**Deadline to Submit Items for Inclusion in September "St. John's Epistle"**

8:45am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)  
9:30am SONday Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person)  
9:30am **OUTDOOR WORSHIP, Including Recognition of Our High School Graduates and Ending with "Drive Through" Holy Communion with Pastor Tom and Miss Laurie** (In-Person and On Zoom)

**Following services there will be a Women's Group Meeting in the Conference Room.**

### Monday, August 16

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

### Tuesday, August 17

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

### Wednesday, August 18

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours  
7pm Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer 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, August 19

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

### Friday, August 20

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

### Saturday, August 21

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

### Next Sunday, August 22

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:45am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)  
9:30am SONday Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person)  
9:30am Worship (In-Person and On Zoom)

### Looking Ahead

A Free (Curbside Pickup) Community Dinner will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, Elizabethtown, on Thursday, August 26. This meal in a series of Free Community Dinners is intended to especially benefit persons who are in need of food and/or fellowship support, but there are no income guidelines or restrictions of any kind. This ministry is being supported by a number of area christian congregations, including St. John, as well as local businesses and other organizations. Please call the church office by 5:00 P.M. on August 20 to sign up.

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***With September just around the corner, please note that our Sunday following Labor Day (September 12) will again be a kind of transition time from summer to fall:*** Pastor Tom will lead a combined Adult Bible Study on our summer schedule, from 8:45 A.M. to 9:15 A.M. Our worship at 9:30 A.M. will be a "SONday Celebration" worship as we prepare to transition back to our fall schedule, including a Sunny Sermon by Miss Laurie, a ***Knights of North Castle*** VBS slideshow by Nicole Radel, and our ***Annual Blessing of the Backpacks & Devices*** led by Pastor Tom (for which all students – Preschool through Grade 12 – are asked to bring along their school backpacks (***or devices***) for a time of recognition, blessing, and prayer, as a new school year gets underway). When our worship ends at 10:30 A.M., it will be time to head out for our congregational outing to Knoebel's – which we of course missed last year – where everyone attending will gather with their covered dish and container of drink for sharing to join in lunch together, followed by plenty of time for riding. Our younger members will have some ride tickets provided.

You're invited to a Welcome Back Picnic!! On Sunday, September 19th, the youth group will be hosting a welcome back picnic for the congregation in the church pavilion. September 19th is the first Sunday back to normal for Faith Formation. The youth group will be providing the entire meal. We will be collecting a free will offering. All donations go toward future youth group activities and the ELCA youth gathering next summer in Minneapolis, MN. The picnic immediately follows church service.

**Bob & Doris Schaffer** have now relocated from their home on Rakers Mill Road to an apartment at Polk in Millersburg. For your congregational family directory, their new contact information is as follows:

**Polk Personal Care Center**  
**301 North Street, Apt. #125**  
**Millersburg, 17061**  
**717-692-2411**

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, our faithful delivery person. Thank you!

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

Youth Group is still selling **\$20 books** of Knoebels ride tickets for just **\$18**, with all proceeds being used for the support support of Youth Group outings and the planned 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering. Please speak with Advisor **Olivia Williard** to purchase your tickets and watch for the table which will be set up for future times of outdoor worship. **And remember – even if you have already made your final visit to Knoebels for this summer, one of the many things that we all love about Knoebels is that those ride tickets never expire – and it isn't too early to be working on those Christmas stocking stuffer gifts!!**

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

- **Louise Baumgardner** – Next Brain Aneurysm Repair Procedure Scheduled for 8/30 at Penn State Hershey Medical Center
- **Judy Cheatham** – UPMC Community Osteopathic, Rm. #522
- **Jane Grosser** – Rm. #304, Premier at Susquehanna for Nursing & Rehab, Millersburg, 17061
- **Warren Hassinger** – Rm. #101 – Connections Unit, Providence Place of Pottsville, 2200 First Avenue, Pottsville, 17901
- **Lorraine Henninger** – Rm. #133, Frey Village, 1020 North Union Street, Middletown, 17057
- **Marzette Hoffman** – Rm. #803, Premier at Susquehanna for Nursing & Rehab
- **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)
- **Lois Watson** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home

**Our Faith Active in Worship – August 8, 2021**

<b>Current – Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$2,545</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$1,850
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$108
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$61
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$181
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 16, In Person – 65</b>

**33<sup>rd</sup> Convention of the  
 Lower Susquehanna Synod Woman of the ELCA**

On September 25, 2021, St. John's Women's Group will be hosting the **Annual Convention for the Lower Susquehanna Synod Women of the ELCA.**



If you wish to attend, registration is required. Please contact Fay Nichols, President of the St. John's Women's Group for a registration form. Registration must be postmarked by August 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is a \$25.00 registration fee.

There are many things to be done and learned at this event. There will be 5 display tables, each one will either inform you about the projects we do or ask for help in some way.

If you are not planning to attend that doesn't mean you can't help! We would like to ask our congregation for help in attaining food items for our seminarians.

If you can help, we are collecting the following items:

- Cans of Chunky Soups (any kind)
- Cans of tuna
- Cans of chicken
- SPAM
- Cans of Salmon
- Cans of Mackerel
- Or any other meat items in a can

We will be collecting these items in the Conference Room near the window.

Also, there is a need for Gift Cards to be used for gas and prescriptions. Gift cards should come from Weis Market, Giant Stores, or Walmart.

We will be collecting these items until September 22, 2021.

Thank you for your help!

### 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**
- **Angela Paul, PTA**
- **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)**
- **Rose Kell, MS** (Occupational Therapist in California)
- **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

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