

Sunday Morning Liturgy

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Organ 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 #696 "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult" (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

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalms: 34:15-22

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel: John 6:56-69

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

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

Sunny Sermon with Miss Laurie

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

Blessing:

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

C: AMEN

Closing Hymn #697 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (softly singing entire song)

Dismissal:

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

C: WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD!

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	Organist
Gary Daniels	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of August, 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 22

8:45am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)
9:30am SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person)
9:30am Worship (In-Person and On Zoom)

Monday, August 23

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

Tuesday, August 24

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

Wednesday, August 25

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
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, August 26

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

5pm **Free (Curbside Pickup) Community Dinner at Trinity United Methodist Church, Elizabethtown** (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.)

Friday, August 27

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

Saturday, August 28

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, August 29

Fourteenth 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

Miss Laurie will lead the first gathering of **Celebration Club** for a new year on Wednesday, September 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. – in-person at the church.

Our next Drive-Through/Walk-Up Holy Communion with Pastor Tom and Miss Laurie will follow outdoor worship in the pavilion on Sunday, September 5.

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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 are Invited to Book Discussion and Fellowship!

Monthly times of reading and sharing continue in the beauty of our pavilion. Next up: **Monday, September 13, 6:30pm - When Women Were Birds** by **Terry Tempest Williams**

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.

As per our annual practice, on **Sunday, September 19**, we will return to our "rest of the year" Sunday morning schedule, but with a twist this year. Faith Formation activities for all ages will return to **9:00am**, including Adult Bible Study, Youth Group Bible Time, Confirmation Class, and SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie. And worship will follow at 10:15am, but outdoors in our beautiful pavilion one final time, SO THAT we can go right to a **Welcome Back Picnic** immediately following the close of worship, hosted by Youth Group. Everything will be provided by Youth Group – all you need to bring is your appetite, for both great picnic food and great fellowship!

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 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!!**

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.

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Our Faith Active in Worship – August 15, 2021

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,545
Current – Offerings Received	\$3,475.50
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$435
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$70
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$740
Total Attendance	Zoom – 3, In Person – 100

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

33rd Convention of the Lower Susquehanna Synod Women 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 23rd. 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. 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
- 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 in the Conference Room near the window 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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