

## 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 #484 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (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: I Kings 19:4-8

Psalms: 34:1-8

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

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

Blessing:

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

**C: AMEN**

Closing Hymn #537 "On Our Way Rejoicing" (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

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| 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 8

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 9

#### **Pastor Tom at Morning Medical Appointment – No Office Hours**

10am Second Quarter Audit Committee Meeting – All Treasurers as reminded to please have their records at the church and ready to go before this time.  
6:30pm **Book Discussion Group (In Person in the Pavilion)** – The topic will be the book **The Bluest Eye** by Toni Morrison, the book which ended up being skipped in June. Please call or speak with Ann with any questions.

### Tuesday, August 10

**9:30-11am** Pastor Tom's Office Hours

### Wednesday, August 11

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 12

**8-10:30am** Pastor Tom's Office Hours

### Friday, August 13

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

**Outdoor Water Fun Night with Miss Laurie at the Church – Please Watch Her Email for More Information!**

### Saturday, August 14

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

### Next Sunday, August 15

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

#### **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 – **Everyone is encouraged to dress warmly and bring along a jacket for our outdoor gathering on this breezy hill!**)

### Looking Ahead

Faith Formation Team will meet in person at the church on Tuesday, August 17, beginning at 6:30 P.M.

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If you are an Amazon.com shopper, our congregation is registered with the "Amazon Smiles" program, whereby Amazon donates one half of one percent of your purchase amount to a charitable organization that you select. Please note that, to qualify, your purchase has to be made through the "smile" side of things, to which you will find a very easily identifiable link from the main part of the Amazon.com website. (Once there, it can be a bit tricky to pick out our congregational name from all of the "St. John's" – look for **St John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berrysburg, PA**. Once you have selected us the first time, we will automatically be designated each time you shop and you won't need to re-do the search.) All monies received in this way will be automatically deposited for use in the Current Fund.

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.

A big thank you to Sheila Barder and Camie Leitzel for coordinating this year's Yard Sale to Benefit Lutheran Disaster Response, which ended up raising a total of **\$1,207.50**, all of which will be sent on to help in Jesus' Name those who are victims of natural or human-created disasters. Camie and Sheila, in turn, would like to express their thankfulness to the congregational family for all of the really nice and saleable items which were donated this year and for all of the other support of their efforts, including all those who turned out on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> to help with the packing up and delivering of the leftovers. As Sheila and Camie expressed it, that clean-up was wrapped up in record time! Thank you all!!

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

- **Louise Baumgardner** – Returning to Surgeon on 8/11 to Plan for Next Aneurysm Procedure
- **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 – July 25, 2021**

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| <b>Current – Budget Goal</b>                   | <b>\$2,545</b>                     |
| Current – Offerings Received                   | \$1,731                            |
| Benevolence – Offerings Received               | \$110                              |
| Improvement – Offerings Received               | \$80                               |
| Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received | \$480                              |
| Total Attendance                               | <b>Zoom – N/A, In Person – 143</b> |

**Our Faith Active in Worship – August 1, 2021**

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| <b>Current – Budget Goal</b>                   | <b>\$2,545</b>                   |
| Current – Offerings Received                   | \$2,344                          |
| Benevolence – Offerings Received               | \$312                            |
| Improvement – Offerings Received               | \$64                             |
| Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received | \$152                            |
| Total Attendance                               | <b>Zoom – 23, In Person – 74</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**
- **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