

Sunday Morning Liturgy

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Musical Prelude and Silent Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

C: **AMEN.**

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

(brief silence follows)

P: Mighty and loving God,

C: **WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE CAPTIVE TO SIN AND CANNOT FREE OURSELVES. WE SEEK OUR OWN WAY. WE DIVIDE THE BODY OF CHRIST. IN YOUR MERCY, CLEANSE US AND HEAL US. LET THE WORDS OF OUR MOUTHS, THE THOUGHTS OF OUR HEARTS, AND EVERYTHING THAT WE DO BE FILLED WITH FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE. AMEN.**

P: Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of Jesus, I proclaim to you that our sins are forgiven and we are released. The joy of the Lord is our strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are ours forever.

C: **AMEN.**

Opening Song

Greeting:

P: The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 12:2-6

Psalm: 3

Second Reading: II Corinthians 1:3-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-31

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

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

Puppet Dialogue Sermon

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

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings and Musical 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: God Almighty send us light and truth to keep us all the days of our lives. The hand of God protect us; the holy angels accompany us; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us now and forever.

C: **AMEN**

Closing Song

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

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

Musical 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

James Watson	Leader
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
Judy Ferree	Organist
Barry Williard	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of February, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts, our support of **Tree 4 Hope**, and our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** are all sponsored by Jamie Doyle for the many blessings of our congregation.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book in the foyer, and please worship with us again and join in other congregational family activities!

Today, Sunday, February 13

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 Youth Group Members Prepare for Worship Leadership (In-Person)
10:15am Worship – **Led by Members of Youth Group** (In-Person and On Zoom) – Masking is required for everyone who is not yet fully vaccinated, as our area continues to remain at the highest level of virus transmission.

Monday, February 14

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

Tuesday, February 15

**Pastor Tom at Medical Appointment – No Office Hours Until Later Morning
Deadline to Submit Items for March "St. John's Epistle"**

Wednesday, February 16

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30pm Midweek Bible Study (on Zoom)
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, February 17

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, February 18

8-:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Saturday, February 19

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, February 20

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
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 the Observance of Scout Sunday with Members and Leaders of Cub Scout Pack #46*** and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom) – Masking is required for everyone who is not yet fully vaccinated, as our area continues to remain at the highest level of virus transmission.

Looking Ahead

Property Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 22, beginning at 6:15 P.M. (**planned for in-person, safely-spaced in the "Sunday School" Room**).

Congregational Council will hold their February meeting on Sunday, February 27, beginning at 4:00 P.M.

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THANK YOU to the following persons who directed Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John during 2021: Sheila Barder, Fay Bixler, Barb Bullock, Delmar & Ginny Enders, Larry Gessner, Harold & Pat Herb, and Olivia Williard. A total of \$1,094 was received and passed on to the support of such ministries as Children and Youth ministry, youth group, Lutheran World Relief, our pavilion curtain project, and our ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Thank you! (***During these recent COVID years, total Choice Dollars directed to our congregational family have been in a slow decline. All Thrivent members have until March 31 to designate 2021 Choice Dollars. A phone call to Thrivent – or logging in to the Thrivent website – is all that it takes to find out about and direct Thrivent Choice Dollars.***)

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.

Copies of the 2021 Annual Congregational Report (along with remaining 2022 offering envelopes) are also available in the foyer, for those who either aren’t able to access the pdf copy online or who would prefer to have a hard copy as well.

Attention Musicians!! In the remaining time until our Senior Choir is once again “up and singing” it would be great to share in the musical gifts of the members of our talented congregational family at least one Sunday each month, if not more often. Persons of any age or level of experience, who might be interested in playing any kind of instrument or singing, alone or with a partner, are asked to please speak with Carol Hubler or Judy Ferree.

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.)*

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Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Judy Cheatham** –Rm. #47B, Cadia Healthcare, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **Timothy Enders** – Harrisburg, Rm. #580 (Select Specialty Hospital)
- **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
- **Richard Henninger** – At Home on Hospice Care
- **Marzette Hoffman** – Rm. #805, Northern Dauphin Nursing & 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, Undergoing Chemotherapy Treatment for Cancer
- **Donna Rabenold** – At Home, Now Undergoing Second Phase of Chemotherapy for Breast Cancer
- **Lois Watson** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home

Medical Professionals in Our Prayers in this Time of COVID-19 (updated 8/23/21)

- **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)
- **Abigail Francisco*, RN**
- **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