

Sunday Morning Liturgy

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Observance of Girl Scout Sunday

Confession and Forgiveness:

R.J. HENRY

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

C: **AMEN.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(brief silence follows)

P: Gracious God,

C: **WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED, BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE. FORGIVE US AND GIVE US STRENGTH TO TURN FROM SIN AND TO SERVE YOU IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. AMEN.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

C: **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn #785 It Is Well with My Soul" (verses 1 and 4)

Greeting:

R.J. HENRY

P: The immeasurable grace of Christ Jesus, the rich mercy of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Prayer of the Day

R.J. HENRY

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Psalm 104

AIDAN ROADCAP

Second Reading: Matthew 5:1-11

GARY LEITZEL

Third Reading: Psalm 148

MADELINE WILLIARD

Fourth Reading: Matthew 6:25-34

GABE GEHRING

Miss Sunny and Gerard Sermon

KELSEY HENNINGER

Sermon

GRACIE GEHRING

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

We Proclaim Our Faith:

COLE ROADCAP

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON, OUR LORD, WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED; HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER, AND HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD. (THIS MEANS THAT) I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST, TRUE GOD, BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER IN ETERNITY, AND ALSO A TRUE HUMAN BEING, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, IS MY LORD. HE HAS REDEEMED ME, A LOST AND CONDEMNED HUMAN BEING. HE HAS PURCHASED AND FREED ME FROM ALL SINS, FROM DEATH, AND FROM THE POWER OF THE DEVIL, NOT WITH GOLD OR SILVER BUT WITH HIS HOLY, PRECIOUS BLOOD AND WITH HIS INNOCENT SUFFERING AND DEATH. HE HAS DONE ALL THIS IN ORDER THAT I MAY BELONG TO HIM, LIVE UNDER HIM IN HIS KINGDOM, AND SERVE HIM IN ETERNAL RIGHTEOUSNESS, INNOCENCE, AND BLESSEDNESS, JUST AS HE IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD AND LIVES AND RULES ETERNALLY. THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

-Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*

Anthem

HOYT SCHLEGEL

Prayers

KELSEY HENNINGER

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:

GRACIE GEHRING

P: The blessing of God almighty, the wisdom and power of Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

C: **AMEN**

Closing Hymn #290 "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (entire song)

Dismissal:

ALLYSA RABENOLD

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Piano 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.
Laurie Little
Judy Ferree
Barry Williard
Roy Henry

Pastor
Young Christians Minister
Keyboardist
Lector
Council President

For the month of February, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts are sponsored in dedication by Dana & Chris Klouser to the Glory of God in memory of their parents: Richard Klouser, Jean Kessler, and Juney Yeager.

The support for one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania is sponsored in honor of the February birthdays of Ayden Henninger & Sadie Bork Henninger grandchildren of Lynn & Helen Henninger.

Today, Sunday, February 28

9am Faith Formation Time on Zoom (Adult Bible Study, Youth Class, Confirmation Class and SONDay Celebration)
9:50am Youth Worship Leaders & Youth Grp. Advisors Meet in Zoom Breakout Rm
10:15am Annual Youth-Led Worship with Observance of Girl Scout Sunday on Zoom (Those folks who for whatever reason do not otherwise access the Zoom platform are invited to the Sunday School Room, where it is possible to join worship on Zoom on the large-screen TV, with Larry Gessner setting up the necessary technology. **Please remember that 1. maintaining safe spacing and 2. wearing a mask covering both nose and mouth at all times is required for everyone over the age of two, with no exceptions for any reason. Of course, please do not attend this or any other in-person activity 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.** Since there will not be any other in-person activities in the Sunday School Room or anywhere else prior to 10:15am, those folks coming to the Sunday School Room for their Zoom-ing can arrive as early – or as late – as they wish.)

Thank you to the following youth members of our congregational family for their leadership of our worship this morning: Gabe Gehring, Gracie Gehring, Kelsey Henninger, R.J. Henry, Gary Leitzel, Allysa Rabenold, Aidan Roadcap, Cole Roadcap, Hoyt Schlegel, and Madeline Williard. We are certainly blessed with enthusiastic and gifted youth. When we all unmute after worship and in the days to come, please be sure to express your appreciation for their presence in the life of our congregational family and for their leadership today!

Monday, March 1

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

Tuesday, March 2

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

7pm First Planning Meeting for our Annual Strawberry Festival On Zoom **(Clearly, our first order of business will be to assess whether it makes sense to go any further in planning for June 9 or not, in view of where we are likely to be by then with regard to the pandemic, even with the ongoing vaccination effort.)**

Wednesday, March 3

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

6:30-7:30pm Lenten Study **People of the Passion** on Zoom

6:30-8pm **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, March 4

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, March 5

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

Saturday, March 6

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday in Lent

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 Holy Communion & 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.)**

Looking Ahead

Next Up for Book Discussion Group is a gathering via Zoom on **Monday, March 8, at 7:00 P.M.** Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to participate and haven't joined in before, you can pick up a copy of the current book, **Night** by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel, on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer, just inside the main doors. The book, which is both an account of Wiesel's survival of the Nazi death camps as a teenager as well as a deep wrestling with such questions as how human beings can do such things to each other and where is God in it all, is widely viewed as Wiesel's masterpiece. Please let Ann know if we run out of books, and she'll order more. Also, please get in touch with her if you have any other questions – 717.362.7895 or rahbruner@gmail.com.)

Congregational Council will meet on Sunday, March 14, at 4:00 P.M. on Zoom.

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With our planned return to in-person worship (but for the first time combined with Zoom attendance at the same time), at 10:15 A.M. on March 7, we are in need of at least a few more persons who would be willing to join the **Video Ministry Team** and serve as Zoom Hosts at the church on Sunday mornings, beginning at 9:00. Please speak with Roy or Rachel Henry – who will provide the bit of training needed – to learn more about what is involved and to volunteer to serve. **Please keep in mind that you do not need to be a technology expert to be a Zoom Host, just someone 1. who has some familiarity with Zoom-compatible devices (like a laptop or a tablet) and 2. who is comfortable accessing worship and other activities on Zoom!**

Larry Gessner would like input from our congregational family about favorite hymns which he might program into our carillon this fall for Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday, and Christ the King Sunday. He is seeking about 25 hymns for each of those festival days – please contact him with your suggestions/favorites by the end of April at: 717-362-3122.

2021 offering envelopes are available in the foyer. Please stop by the tables any time the church is unlocked, doing your best to be sure to 1. touch/pick up only those envelopes you are actually taking along, 2. maintain safe distancing from anyone else who might happen to be there doing the same thing, and 3. wear a mask covering both nose and mouth at all times.

Some copies of the 2020 Annual Congregational Report are available in the foyer. To be good stewards of congregational family resources, we will only print a few hard copies at a time for those who either aren't able to access the pdf copy online or who would prefer to have a hard copy as well. If you stop by and there aren't any copies for pickup, that means we will be preparing more to put out – please just stop back!

While we are temporarily not gathering for 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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Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Darrell Denlinger** – Discharged from Wellspan Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon, on 2/17
- **Warren Hassinger** – Rm. #101 – Connections Unit, Providence Place of Pottsville, 2200 First Avenue, Pottsville, 17901
- **Lorraine Henninger** – Rm. #100, 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. #328, Polk Personal Care, 301 North St., Millersburg
- **Ray Matter** – On Hospice Care at Home of Sandra & Craig Shade
- **Nicholas Motter** – Recovering at Tim & Lori's Home from Surgery to Repair Broken Ankle
- **Robert Schaffer** – At Home, Traveling to Harrisburg Area for Outpatient Care from Wound Specialists for His Leg
- **Lois Watson** – Discharged from Penn State Health Rehabilitation Hospital on 2/21

Our Faith Active in Worship - February 14, 2021

Current – Budget Goal	\$ 2,545
Current – Offerings Received	\$3,095
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$321
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$27
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$122
Total Attendance	88

Our Faith Active in Worship - February 21, 2021

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,545
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,076
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$278
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$322
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$275
Total Attendance	82

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. 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)**
- **Alexis Lehman*, EMT** (Professional Firefighter/Responder in Metro Washington, DC Area)
- **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, CAN**
- **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)

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

Updated 2/16/2021