

Sunday Morning Liturgy of Lessons and Carols

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Piano Prelude and Silent Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who spoke light into creation, who calls us to listen and follow, who sends us to shine like stars.

C: AMEN.

P: Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

(brief silence follows)

P: Holy and merciful God,

C: WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS AND AGAINST YOU. WE CHERISH THE VALUES OF THIS WORLD. WE CAUSE OTHERS TO STUMBLE. THE EARTH IS WOUNDED BY OUR EXCESS. HAVE MERCY, O GOD. FORGIVE US, RENEW US, AND RAISE US UP ON EAGLES' WINGS, THAT WE MAY DO YOUR WILL WITH COURAGE AND DELIGHT. AMEN.

P: Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved." God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless. Be cleansed, be healed, for in the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you the forgiveness of our sins and the revealing of God's reign.

C: AMEN.

Opening Hymn WOV #698 "We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus" (verses 1 and 3)

Apostolic Greeting:

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

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm: 29

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

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

Installation of New Congregational Council Members

We Proclaim Our Faith – Apostles' Creed:

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

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 DEAD.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

Piano 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

*Benediction:

P: God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless us and give us peace.

C: AMEN

Hymn #732 "Borning Cry" (whole song)

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

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
Reyann Cheatham
Roy Henry

Guest Leader
Young Christians Minister
Keyboardist
Lector
Council President

For the month of January, 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 the Henry Family for the many blessings in the past year.

Today, Sunday, January 10

9am Faith Formation Time on Zoom (Adult Bible Study, Youth Class, Confirmation Class, and SONday Celebration)

10:15am Worship on Zoom, with Installation of New Congregational Council Members (Those folks who for whatever reason do not otherwise access the Zoom platform are invited to the Sunday School Room, where Roy and Rachel Henry – and eventually the other members of the Video Ministry Team – are making it possible to join worship on Zoom on the large-screen TV. 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 School Room for their Zoom-ing can arrive as early – or as late – as they wish.)

11:15am Mutual Ministry Committee Meeting on Zoom

4pm Congregational Council Meeting on Zoom
This morning, we install four recently elected persons in their offices as Congregational Council Members: **Ira Antes, Sheila Barder, Michael Henninger** and **Dana Klouser**. As we do so, we also give thanks for the outgoing members they replace: Barbara Bullock, Darrell Denlinger, Carol Hassinger, and Daniel Maurer.

Monday, January 11

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
11am Pastor Tom Leads Graveside Funeral Worship for Aleta Schreffler
7pm Monthly Book Discussion Group on Zoom (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, **God Never Blinks: 50 Lessons for Life's Little Detours** by Regina Brett, on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer, just inside the main doors. Please get in touch with Ann if you have any questions – 717.362.7895 or rahbruner@gmail.com.)

Tuesday, January 12

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

Wednesday, January 13

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-8pm Midweek Bible Study on Zoom
6:30-8pm Monthly Celebration Club with Miss Laurie on Zoom (**postponed from January 6 and moved from in-person to Zoom – contact Miss Laurie if you need the Zoom log-in/call-in information**)
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, January 14

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, January 15

Deadline to Submit Items for February "St. John's Epistle"

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

Saturday, January 16

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, January 17

Second Sunday after Epiphany

9am Faith Formation Time on Zoom (Adult Bible Study, Youth Class, Confirmation Class, and SONday Celebration)

10:15am Worship on Zoom, with Annual Blessing of Our Lectors (Those folks who for whatever reason do not otherwise access the Zoom platform are invited to the Sunday School Room, where Roy and Rachel Henry – and eventually the other members of the Video Ministry Team – are making it possible to join worship on Zoom on the large-screen TV. 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.)

- 11:15am Part Two of our Annual Congregational Meeting on Zoom (We will review reports of our ministry during 2020 and conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Voting members of the congregation – those confirmed members who have communed and contributed during 2019 or 2020 – are especially needed to attend this brief, but important, meeting. **For everyone from whom Annual Reports are due, please remember to get them to Rachel as soon as possible, preferably in digital form via email at henryfamily2004@gmail.com. If submitting a hard copy report, please be sure to have it typed and ready for scanning and copying.**)
- 11:45am Due to COVID Sickness and Quarantining in Miss Laurie's Household, the Drive Through Holy Communion with Pastor Tom and Miss Laurie will be **postponed to Sunday, January 17, at 11:30 A.M.**
- 6-7pm Youth Group Gathering on Zoom

Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Cynthia Carr** – Recovering at Home from COVID Infection
- **Warren Hassinger** – Rm. #114 – Connections Unit, Providence Place of Pottsville, 2200 First Avenue, Pottsville, 17901
- **Lorraine Henninger** – At Home on Hospice Care
- **Marzette Hoffman** – Rm. #803, Premier at Susquehanna, Millersburg, 17061
- **Ken Koller** – At Home, Ill with COVID Infection
- **Little Family** – Recovering at Home from COVID Infections
- **Cora Mace** – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022
- **Joyce & Ray Matter** – Rm. #328, Polk Personal Care, 301 North St., Millersburg
- **Craig & Sharon Peters** – Recovering at Home from COVID Infection
- **Robert Schaffer** – Harrisburg, Rm. #753

Our Faith Active in Worship – December 27, 2020

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,806
Current – Offerings Received	\$3,450
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$195
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$50
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$45
Total Attendance	86

Our Faith Active in Worship – January 3, 2021

Current – Budget Goal	\$TBD
Current – Offerings Received (includes lump-sum 2021 gift)	\$11,643
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$370
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$65
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received (includes lump-sum 2021 gift)	\$2,790
Total Attendance	76

Looking Ahead

Worship & Music Committee and Faith Formation Team will both gather on Zoom on Tuesday, January 19 – Worship & Music at 6:15 P.M. and Faith Formation at 7:00 P.M.

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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.

For the month of February, we are seeking a sponsor 1. for our monthly gift of one pastor's salary in the **Konde Diocese** of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** and 2. for our weekly **Celebrate** bulletin inserts. Please email or call Pastor Tom or sign up on the foyer bulletin board to sponsor either of these ministry gifts in honor or in memory of loved ones or events.

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.

Please be sure to pick up your copy of the new quarter of the devotional **Christ in Our Home**, in either large or regular print, in the foyer. This devotional is provided by our Sunday School treasury for all interested persons.

The 3rd quarter and year end audit will be held Monday, January 11th at 9:00 a.m. All treasurers are to have their books at the church no later than Friday, January 8th. Remember to have your year-end reports in a copy appropriate for Rachel to include it in the Bulletin of Reports. Thank you. Pat

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**
- **Alayna Peters, Doctor of Pharmacy** (Practicing 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)
- **Terri Daniels, BS, RRT**
- **Gary Daniels, EMT**
- **Timothy Bruner & Gabrielle Fregeau*, Doctors of Physical Therapy** (Practicing in Ocean County, NJ)
- **Daniel Bruner & Richelle Demers*, Doctors of Chiropractic**
- **Dr. Jerrel Boyer*** (Neurosurgeon in Chicago, IL)
- **Brett Bellis*, Doctor of Chiropractic**

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

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