

Sunday Morning Liturgy

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 #676 "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak" (verses 1 and 4)

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: I Samuel 3:1-20

Psalm: 139:1-6, 13-18

Second Reading: I Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: John 1:43-51

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

Blessing of Lectors

We Proclaim Our Faith:

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. (THIS MEANS THAT) I BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS CREATED ME TOGETHER WITH ALL THAT EXISTS. GOD HAS GIVEN ME AND STILL PRESERVES MY BODY AND SOUL; EYES, EARS, AND ALL LIMBS AND SENSES; REASON AND ALL MENTAL FACULTIES. IN ADDITION, GOD DAILY AND ABUNDANTLY PROVIDES SHOES AND CLOTHING, FOOD AND DRINK, HOUSE AND FARM, SPOUSE AND CHILDREN, FIELDS, LIVESTOCK, AND ALL PROPERTY – ALONG WITH ALL THE NECESSITIES AND NOURISHMENT FOR THIS BODY AND LIFE. GOD PROTECTS ME AGAINST ALL DANGER AND SHIELDS AND PRESERVES ME FROM ALL EVIL. ALL THIS IS DONE OUT OF PURE, FATHERLY, AND DIVINE GOODNESS AND MERCY, WITHOUT ANY MERIT OR WORTHINESS OF MINE AT ALL! FOR ALL OF THIS I OWE IT TO GOD TO THANK AND PRAISE, SERVE AND OBEY HIM. THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

-Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*

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 #574 "Here I Am, Lord" (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 17

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 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 Zooming can arrive as early – or as late – as they wish.)

This morning, we ask God's blessing on all the persons who do the important work each week of sharing the Word of God from the Bible with us in worship. The following are the persons who lead this ministry each month, while often sharing it with others at their discretion:

January	Reyann Cheatham
February	Barry Williard
March	Judith Cheatham
April	Donald Deibler
May	Amy Gehring
June	Joshua Paul
July	Carl Baumgardner
August	Gary & Terri Daniels
September	Vincent Lamenza
October	Jamie Doyle
November	The Henry Family
December	Matthew Williard

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.)
6-7pm Youth Group Gathering on Zoom

Monday, January 18

Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off – No Office Hours

Tuesday, January 19

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:15am Worship & Music Committee Meeting on Zoom
7pm Faith Formation Team Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday, January 20

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-8pm 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, January 21

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, January 22

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

Saturday, January 23

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, January 24

Third Sunday after Epiphany

- 9am Faith Formation Time on Zoom (Adult Bible Study, Youth Class, and SONday Celebration)
- 10:15am Worship 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.)
- 11:30am “Drive Through” Holy Communion with Pastor Tom and Miss Laurie at the Church

Looking Ahead

Property Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 26, at 6:15 P.M., tentatively in-person in the Sunday School Room with safe distancing and masks covering both nose and mouth.

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Next Up for Book Discussion Group is a gathering via Zoom on **Monday, February 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, **Sarah's Key** by Tatiana De Rosnay, 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'll order more. Also, please get in touch with her if you have any other questions – 717.362.7895 or rahbruner@gmail.com.)

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.

Containers are located in the foyer for food donations for the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens. Please drop off non-perishable food items at any time and, as the contributions add up, deliveries will be made to the pantry. **(At the request of the food pantry, as they are relocating in Lykens, our faithful delivery person, Larry Gessner, is waiting for their go-ahead to deliver our steadily growing accumulation of food.)** Thank you!

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.

Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Cynthia Carr** – Still Dealing with Lung Problems at Home from COVID Infection
- **Warren Hassinger** – Rm. #101 – Connections Unit, Providence Place of Pottsville, 2200 First Avenue, Pottsville, 17901
- **Lorraine Henninger** – Harrisburg, Rm. #752
- **Marzette Hoffman** – Rm. #803, Premier at Susquehanna, Millersburg, 17061
- **Ken Koller** – At Home, Ill/Quarantined 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** – VbraLife, 707 Shepherdstown Road, Mechanicsburg, 17055

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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