

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 #310 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" **(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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm: 111

Second Reading: I Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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

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

Closing Hymn #302 "As with Gladness Men of Old" **(verses 1 and 5)**

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

Pastor
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 31

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

Monday, February 1

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

Tuesday, February 2

Presentation of Our Lord

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

Wednesday, February 3

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

6:30-8pm Monthly Celebration Club with Miss Laurie – Planned In-Person at the Church

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, February 4

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, February 5

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

Saturday, February 6

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, February 7

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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Looking Ahead

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.)

By the end of the day February 10, please be sure to fill out the worship survey, either online via the following link: <https://www.stjohnhillchurch.org/survey.html> (a link which you can also find in Pastor Tom's letter in the February **St. John's Epistle** or on our congregational website) **or** by returning to the church the tear-off survey form at the bottom of Pastor Tom's letter in your hard copy **St. John's Epistle**. You can find all of the details about the survey in Pastor Tom's letter in the **Epistle**, but please don't hesitate to contact him or Congregational Council President Roy Henry with any questions.

Congregational Council will meet on Sunday, February 14, immediately following worship, on Zoom.

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For the month of February, we are seeking a sponsor for our weekly **Celebrate** bulletin inserts. Please email or call Pastor Tom or sign up on the foyer bulletin board to sponsor this ministry gift in honor or in memory of loved ones or events.

Thanking and Supporting Our Health Care Professionals!

On January 11, Book Discussion Group began a project of gathering items to show appreciation for the nurses (including our own **Shannon Motter**) and health care workers doing the difficult and important work of caring for patients on the COVID floor. We pulled together 3 initial baskets of personal and snack items, and Shannon took them in late that week for both the daytime and nighttime shifts. We would like to restock those baskets and expand our ministry project by gathering items and a small gift to support others on our healthcare worker list (and beyond, if you know of others) who are working hard to keep everyone safe and healthy. Monetary donations (checks payable to "St John Lutheran Church" noting on the memo line "Health Care Workers Ministry" please) will be placed in the Strawberry Festival Fund and used to purchase gift cards for everyone on our prayer list as well as additional Equal Exchange coffees, teas and chocolate bars for the baskets. We will also gather the items below. If you would like to donate them, please place them in the box in the church narthex/entry:

- travel size lotions
- travel size hand sanitizers
- hot cocoa packets
- creamers
- honey sticks
- small, individual packs of nuts

If you know of others who would benefit from this project, please talk with Pastor Tom or with me. We hope to continue to show our support and appreciation beyond those already mentioned and will consider individuals or groups in the order their names are received. Thank you for the gratitude and love you share every day! - **Ann Bruner**

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

- **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** – Rm. #100, Frey Village, 1020 North Union Street, Middletown, 17057
- **Marzette Hoffman** – Rm. #803, Premier at Susquehanna, Millersburg, 17061
- **Ken Koller** – Recovering at Home from COVID Infection
- **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
- **Lois Watson** – Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Neuro Science ICU
- **Lewis & Grace Weaver (Sextons)** – Recovering at Home from COVID Infections

Our Faith Active in Worship - January 24, 2021

Current – Budget Goal (Approx.)	\$2,536
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,450
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$440
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$90
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$440
Total Attendance	101

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)
- **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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