

Sunday Morning Liturgy

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Keyboard Prelude and Silent Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

C: AMEN.

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

(brief silence follows)

P: God and Father of all,

C: WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED. WE HAVE THOUGHT BETTER OF OURSELVES THAN OTHERS. WE HAVE TOLD LIES, SAID HURTFUL THINGS, ACTED IN WAYS WE WISH WE COULD TAKE BACK, AND LOOKED THE OTHER WAY WHEN ACTION WAS NEEDED. IN YOUR MERCY, O GOD, FORGIVE US, CLEANSE US, AND HEAL US, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS, OUR SAVIOR. AMEN.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, we are a new creation: our sins are taken away and we are made new. Let us be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.

C: AMEN.

Opening Hymn LBW #546 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (softly singing entire song)

Greeting:

P: The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

Psalm: 85:8-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

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

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

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

We Proclaim Our Faith:

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. (THIS MEANS THAT) I BELIEVE THAT BY MY OWN UNDERSTANDING OR STRENGTH I CANNOT BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST MY LORD OR COME TO HIM, BUT INSTEAD THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS CALLED ME THROUGH THE GOSPEL, ENLIGHTENED ME WITH HIS GIFTS, MADE ME HOLY, AND KEPT ME IN THE TRUE FAITH, JUST AS HE CALLS, GATHERS, ENLIGHTENS, AND MAKES HOLY THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON EARTH AND KEEPS IT WITH JESUS CHRIST IN THE ONE COMMON, TRUE FAITH. DAILY IN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH THE HOLY SPIRIT ABUNDANTLY FORGIVES ALL SINS – MINE AND THOSE OF ALL BELIEVERS. ON THE LAST DAY THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL RAISE ME AND ALL THE DEAD AND WILL GIVE TO ME AND ALL BELIEVERS IN CHRIST ETERNAL LIFE. THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

-Martin Luther's "Small Catechism"

Prayers

God Sends Us to Share the Good News and We Share in God's Supper

Jesus' Words of Institution of Holy Communion:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

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.

Blessing:

P: Almighty and merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us this day and forevermore.

C: AMEN

Closing Hymn LBW #500 "Faith of Our Fathers" (softly singing entire song)

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD!

Keyboard Postlude and Silent Prayer

We Depart and Receive Jesus' Body and Blood

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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

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| The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr. | Pastor |
| Laurie Little | Young Christians Minister |
| Carol Hubler | Keyboardist |
| Amy Gehring | Lector |
| Roy Henry | Council President |

For the month of July, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin is sponsored by the Baumgardner family. We are so blessed in having our prayers answered. God is good!!! Support from our family, friends and our awesome church family is so amazing!!! **Tree 4 Hope** and Support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania is sponsored by Delmar and Ginny Enders for our many blessings of family, friends and good health.

Today, Sunday, July 11

8:45am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)
9:30am SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person at Church)
9:30am **OUTDOOR WORSHIP, ENDING WITH "DRIVE THROUGH" HOLY COMMUNION WITH PASTOR TOM AND MISS LAURIE** (In-Person and On Zoom)
(Mutual Ministry Committee will meet in the pavilion immediately following serving of Holy Communion.)
(The Women of the ELCA of St. John will meet in the conference room immediately following serving of Holy Communion.)
7pm Congregational Council Midsummer Meeting

Monday, July 12

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

Tuesday, July 13

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6-8pm Youth Group Outing

Wednesday, July 14

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
7pm Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer 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, July 15

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, July 16

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

Saturday, July 17

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
10am Lower Susquehanna Synod Women's Organization Convention Planning Committee Meeting
10am-3pm Youth Group Fundraiser – Hotdog and Sausage Stand: Youth Group will be having a Hotdog and Sausage Stand in the Mid Penn Bank parking lot at Wal-Mart in Elizabethville. Youth should arrive at 10:00 a.m. to help set up the stand. We will serve food from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Clean up will start at 2:00 p.m. This is one of our biggest fundraisers. All proceeds go toward youth group outings and the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2022. ***We are asking for volunteers to make baked goods for sale at our stand. All baked goods need to be individually wrapped and ready to be sold. Please drop off all baked goods at the stand at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Olivia Williard with any questions.***

Next Sunday, July 18

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
8:45am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)
9:30am SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person at Church)
9:30am Worship (In-Person and On Zoom)

Looking Ahead

Vacation Bible School – **Knights of North Castle** – gets underway on Monday, July 19, at 6:30 P.M.

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IT'S BACK!! After being cancelled last year due to COVID-19, our annual Congregational Yard Sale is back on for 2021. Please donate your gently used items and/or your time to support the **Lutheran Disaster Response** of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The sale will take place in the pavilion on Thursday, July 29, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Friday, July 30, also from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, July 31, from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Donations for the yard sale may be delivered directly to the pavilion beginning on Monday, July 26. Please place those donations on the tables in the pavilion. **Please do not bring donations to the church before Monday, July 26 and please do not place them anywhere but directly in the pavilion.** Stay tuned for more information about helping to set up for and/or staff the yard sale, and please contact Camie Litzel or Sheila Barder with any questions.

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.

If you are not yet ready to take part in 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

- **Louise Baumgardner** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home and Preparing for Second Aneurysm Procedure
- **Marie Farner** – On Hospice Care at Home
- **Jane Grosser** – Rm. #206, Premier at Susquehanna, Millersburg, 17061
- **Warren Hassinger** – Rm. #101 – Connections Unit, Providence Place of Pottsville, 2200 First Avenue, Pottsville, 17901
- **Lorraine Henninger** – Rm. #133, 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. #128, Commonwealth Senior Living at Harrisburg, 150 Kempton Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111 (717.909.0417)
- **Lois Watson** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home

Our Faith Active in Worship – June 27, 2021

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| Current – Budget Goal | \$2,545 |
| Current – Offerings Received | \$1,629 |
| Benevolence – Offerings Received | \$355 |
| Improvement – Offerings Received | \$65 |
| Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received | \$690 |
| Total Attendance | Zoom – 20, In Person – 92 |

Our Faith Active in Worship – July 4, 2021

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| Current – Budget Goal | \$2,545 |
| Current – Offerings Received | \$2,587 |
| Benevolence – Offerings Received | \$339 |
| Improvement – Offerings Received | \$63 |
| Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received | \$384 |
| Total Attendance | Zoom – 20, In Person – 68 |

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. 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
- Whitney 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)
- 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

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