

Sunday Morning Liturgy

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Organ 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 #533 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" (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: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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"

Organ 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

Blessing:

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

C: **AMEN**

Closing Hymn #815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (softly singing entire song)

Dismissal:

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

C: **WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Organ 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.	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 18

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)

Monday, July 19

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-8:45pm Outdoor Vacation Bible School – **Knights of North Castle**

Tuesday, July 20

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-8:45pm Outdoor Vacation Bible School – **Knights of North Castle**

Wednesday, July 21

Pastor Tom on the Road – No Morning Office Hours

6:30-8:45pm Outdoor Vacation Bible School – **Knights of North Castle**
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 22

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-8:45pm Outdoor Vacation Bible School – **Knights of North Castle**

Friday, July 23

8-9am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
10am Marie Farner Visitation at St. Peter Lutheran, Rt. 225 Halifax
11am Pastor Tom Leads Marie Farner Funeral Worship at St. Peter Church, with Interment in St. John Cemetery
6:30-8:45pm Outdoor Vacation Bible School – **Special Closing Evening Grand Finale!**

Saturday, July 24

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, July 18

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
8:45am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)
10am OUTDOOR WORSHIP, FEATURING ANNUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSING PROGRAM (In-Person and On Zoom – **Everyone is encouraged to dress warmly and bring along a jacket for our outdoor gathering on this breezy hill!**)
11:15am "Voices & Vittles" Annual Covered Dish Picnic (will get underway immediately following the ending of worship and a bit of transition time)

Looking Ahead

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 Leitzel or Sheila Barder with any questions.

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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 by Larry Gessner, our faithful delivery person. Thank you!

Your Chance to (Still) Give the Gift of Fun – and Support our Youth Group!

Youth Group is still selling **\$20 books** of Knoebels ride tickets for just **\$18**, with all proceeds being used for the support support of Youth Group outings and the planned 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering. Please speak with Advisor **Olivia Williard** to purchase your tickets and watch for the table which will be set up for future times of outdoor worship. **And remember – one of the many things that we all love about Knoebels is that those ride tickets never expire!!**

Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Louise Baumgardner** – Returning to Surgeon on 8/11 to Plan for Next Aneurysm Procedure
- **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 – July 11, 2021

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,545
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,016
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$100
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$270
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$365
Total Attendance	Zoom – 21, In Person – 71

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**
- **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)**
- **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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