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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	Organist
Ty Troutman	Senior Choir Director
Sandra Lamenza	Holy Communion Assistant, Lead Usher
Sheila Barder and Dana Klouser	Altar Guild Preparation
Michael Henninger and Sandy Paul	Acolytes
Youth Bible Group	Greeter
Carl Baumgardner	Lector
Joshua Paul	Council President

For the month of July:

Celebrate Insert is presented by Carl and Louise Baumgardner in honor of our many blessings including Dad's 91st birthday and Mom and Dad's upcoming 70th wedding anniversary.

Tree 4 Hope is sponsored by Ty and Kim Troutman in honor of Ty's mother Lucy who celebrates her 100th birthday this month.

Our 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 to the glory of God and in honor of Kyrah's 2nd birthday.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book in the foyer. As we celebrate our Lord's Supper, we welcome to our table all baptized Christians who have received the sacrament in their home congregations. All persons who do not yet commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please worship with us again and join in other congregational family activities!

Sunday Morning "Colonial" Liturgy

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Organ Prelude and Silent Prayer

*Confession of Sins (from *The Liturgy of 1748 – Henry Melchior Muhlenberg*):

P: Beloved in the Lord! Thus saith the high and holy One who inhabiteth eternity, whose Name is Holy:

I dwell in the high and holy place with him who is contrite in heart, to revive the spirit of the humble and the heart of the contrite. I will not always chide, neither will I keep my anger forever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord, thy God.

C: **AMEN.**

P: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us, therefore, confess our sins, saying:

(the congregation shall repeat each phrase after the pastor)

P/C: I, A POOR SINNER / CONFESS UNTO GOD, MY HEAVENLY FATHER / THAT I HAVE GRIEVOUSLY SINNED AGAINST HIM IN MANY WAYS / NOT ONLY BY OUTWARD AND GROSS SINS / BUT EVEN MORE BY INWARD BLINDNESS OF HEART / UNBELIEF, DOUBT, DESPAIR / IMPATIENCE, PRIDE, SELFISHNESS / LUST OF THE FLESH, AVARICE / ENVY, HATRED AND MALICE / AND BY OTHER SINFUL PASSIONS / WHICH ARE NAKED AND OPEN IN THY SIGHT, O LORD / BUT WHICH, I, ALAS, CANNOT FULLY UNDERSTAND / I DO EARNESTLY REPENT / AND AM HEARTILY SORRY FOR THESE MY SINS / AND WITH MY WHOLE HEART / IMPLORER THY DIVINE GRACE / THROUGH THY DEAR SON, JESUS CHRIST / BEING RESOLVED WITH THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT / TO AMEND MY SINFUL LIFE. **AMEN.**

P: Lord God, the Father in heaven:

C: **HAVE MERCY UPON US.**

P: Lord God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

C: **HAVE MERCY UPON US.**

P: Lord God the Holy Ghost:

C: **HAVE MERCY UPON US, AND GRANT US THY PEACE. AMEN.**

*Opening Hymn #888 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

*Greeting (from *The Liturgy of 1748 – Henry Melchior Muhlenberg*):

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **AND WITH THY SPIRIT.**

*Prayer of the Day (from *General George Washington's Circular Letter to the States, written on June 8, 1783 at his headquarters in Newburgh, New York*):

P: Let us pray.

P/C: **ALMIGHTY GOD: WE MAKE OUR EARNEST PRAYER THAT THOU WILT KEEP THE UNITED STATES IN THY HOLY PROTECTION; THAT THOU WILT INCLINE THE HEARTS OF THE CITIZENS TO CULTIVATE A SPIRIT OF SUBORDINATION AND OBEDIENCE TO GOVERNMENT, AND ENTERTAIN A BROTHERLY AFFECTION AND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER AND FOR THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS OF THESE UNITED STATES AT LARGE. AND FINALLY THAT THOU WILT MOST GRACIOUSLY BE PLEASED TO DISPOSE US ALL TO DO JUSTICE, TO LOVE MERCY, AND Demean OURSELVES WITH THAT CHARITY, HUMILITY AND PACIFIC TEMPER OF MIND WHICH WERE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DIVINE AUTHOR OF OUR BLESSED RELIGION, WITHOUT A HUMBLE IMITATION OF WHOSE EXAMPLE IN THESE THINGS WE CAN NEVER HOPE TO BE A HAPPY NATION. GRANT OUR SUPPLICATION, WE BESEECH THEE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.**

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm: 89:1-4, 15-18

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

*Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42 (from *The Liturgy of 1748 – Henry Melchior Muhlenberg*):

P: Let us devoutly listen to the reading of the Holy Gospel written in the tenth chapter of St. Matthew...

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

*Nicene Creed (from *The Liturgy of 1748 – Henry Melchior Muhlenberg*):

WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE.

AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, BEGOTTEN OF HIS FATHER BEFORE ALL WORLDS, GOD OF GOD, LIGHT OF LIGHT, VERY GOD OF VERY GOD, BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE: BEING OF ONE SUBSTANCE WITH THE FATHER, BY WHOM ALL THINGS WERE MADE: WHO FOR US MEN, AND FOR OUR SALVATION CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND WAS MADE MAN: AND WAS CRUCIFIED ALSO FOR US UNDER PONTIUS PILATE. HE ROSE AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURE, AND ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. HE SHALL COME AGAIN WITH GLORY TO JUDGE BOTH THE QUICK AND THE DEAD: WHOSE KINGDOM SHALL HAVE NO END.

AND WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST, THE LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE, WHO PROCEEDETH FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON, WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON TOGETHER IS WORSHIPPED AND GLORIFIED, WHO SPAKE BY THE PROPHETS. AND WE BELIEVE IN ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH. WE ACKNOWLEDGE ONE BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. WE LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.

*Prayers of the Church (from *The Liturgy of 1748 – Henry Melchior Muhlenberg*)

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

We Share in God's Supper

*The Admonishment (from *The Liturgy of 1748 – Henry Melchior Muhlenberg*):

Dear Friends in Christ. Since we are here assembled in the Name of the Lord to receive his Holy Testament, I admonish ye first of all to lift up your hearts to God to pray with me the Lord's Prayer, as Christ our Lord has taught us and has given comfortable assurance that it shall be heard.

Secondly, I admonish ye in Christ, that ye look upon the Testament of Christ in true faith, above all having confident assurance in your hearts in the words by which Christ grants us his Body and Blood for the forgiveness of Sin, that ye remember and give thanks to his boundless love, of which he gave proof when he redeemed us by his Blood from God's wrath, sin, death and hell, and thereupon take to yourselves externally the bread and wine, that is his Body and Blood, as your guarantee and pledge.

In his Name, therefore, and according to his command, let us proceed by the use of his own words to the observance and administration of the Testament.

*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.

*Jesus' Words of Institution of Holy Communion (from *The Liturgy of 1748– Henry Melchior Muhlenberg*):

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.

P: After the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

P: Now let all those who are found to be prepared, by the experience of sincere repentance and faith, approach in the Name of the Lord and receive the Holy Supper.

We Partake of Our Lord's Supper

*Post Communion Blessing (from *The Liturgy of 1748– Henry Melchior Muhlenberg*):

P: The true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in the true faith unto everlasting life.

All: **AMEN**

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

*Blessing (from *The Liturgy of 1748– Henry Melchior Muhlenberg*):

P: The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

C: **AMEN**

*Closing Hymn #887 "This Is My Song"

*Organ Postlude and We Depart to Serve

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

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Today, Sunday, July 2

8:45am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)

9:30am Indoor Worship, Including Sacrament of Holy Communion (In-Person and On Zoom)

Monday, July 3

Thomas, Apostle

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

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day

Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off – No Planned Office Hours

Wednesday, July 5

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Thursday, July 6

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, July 7

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

Saturday, July 8

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, July 9

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East

8:45am Adult Bible Study (In-Person)

9:30am SONDay Celebration (In-Person)

9:30am **Outdoor Worship** in the Pavilion (In-Person and On Zoom) *(We will be back to approximately 100 metal chairs set up in advance, but anyone who would prefer to do so is also welcome to bring along their own camp chairs to create their own seating. Please keep in mind that this will be an outdoor service on a Hill known for its cool breezes – be sure to dress warmly and bring a sweater or jacket!)*

10:30am Mutual Ministry Committee Quarterly Meeting in the Pavilion

6pm Congregational Council Midsummer Meeting

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Book Group - Summer 2023

Join us for some light summer reading! We'll read the first 3 titles in each of these 2 series, and then we'll discuss them at an Evening Picnic on Monday, August 21, 6:30 pm in the Pavilion:

- **The Mitford Years Series** by Jan Karon (**At Home in Mitford; A Light in the Window; These High, Green Hills**)
- **The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency Series** by Alexander McCall Smith (**The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency; Tears of the Giraffe; Morality for Beautiful Girls**)

Choose to read one of the series ... or all 6 books. A few copies are available for sharing in the church library -- and more at your local public library, both physical copy and ebook. If you have questions or need to locate a book, please contact Ann (rahbruner@gmail.com). Everyone is welcome!

We have a new location for food donations for the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens. Please place those non-perishable food items on any shelf inside the north (right side, coming in the front doors) closet, where the door is labelled accordingly. As the contributions add up, deliveries will be made to the pantry by **Larry Gessner**. Thank you!

To make sure that our blessed prayer shawls get to as many folks in need of God's healing touch as possible, it is now possible for anyone from the St. John congregational family to deliver a prayer shawl to a person who is known to them to be hurting in body, mind, and/or spirit, and who would be blessed by receiving one of our shawls. To obtain a shawl, please first contact Pastor Tom, who will help you with the process. *(Please bear in mind that it is the intention of the prayer shawl ministry that each person receive just one shawl "for life", to be used in whatever time(s) of brokenness they may face.)*

Please see the bright blue container at the computer desk in the Sunday School Room to recycle your AA, AAA, C, D, 9-Volt and Button Cell batteries in Alkaline, NiMH, NiCAD, Zinc Air and Non-Lithium types, 9 volts and below. All batteries must be dry cell only, and they cannot be leaking or have broken cases. Through the efforts of Larry Gessner, batteries that are in especially good condition are being recharged and donated to Bethesda Mission, while all others are recycled.

The Youth Group continues to collect aluminum – aluminum only, please – in the lower level of the barn, facing toward Elizabethville. ***Please be sure to place your aluminum inside the sliding door and not outside in the pull-in space, where the animals tend to create a mess with donations.*** Thank you for your help with this major fundraiser for our youth and help for our environment!

YARD SALE NEWS!

We know everyone's been busy putting aside their gently used items for the upcoming Congregational Yard Sale to benefit *the Lutheran Disaster Response of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*.

- Donations will be accepted Monday, July 31 through Wednesday, August 2. Please place donations in the front part of the pavilion, near the kitchen. ***Please do not bring donations to the church before Monday, July 31 and please do not place them anywhere but directly in the pavilion.***
- ***Yard Sale Set Up*** - The greatest need for help is Monday, Tuesday and/or Wednesday morning between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and Noon. This will be when we unpack, sort, hang and organize donations.
- The sale will take place in the pavilion:
 - Thursday, August 3 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - Friday, August 4 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, August 5 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- To help during the yard sale, please come to the pavilion at any time during the hours of the sale, listed above.

Our Faith Active in Worship – June 25, 2023

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,796
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,296
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$150
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$110
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$370
Total Attendance	Zoom – 12, In Person – 91

"St John's Restoration 250" Financial Update – As of June 25, 2023

Final Total Project Cost (under \$220,000 Budgeted)	\$216,795
Memorials Interest Money Expended for Project	\$82,380
	(under \$88,000 Budgeted)
Total Financial Gifts Received	\$123,145
Total Financial Gifts Pledged, Not Yet Received	\$11,270

Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Cindy Carr** – At Home, Undergoing Treatment for Autoimmune Disorder and Resulting Organ Damage
- **Judy Cheatham** – Rm. #47B, Complete Care at Annapolis, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **Timothy Enders** – Rm. #120, The Gardens at York Terrace, 2401 W. Market St., Pottsville, 17901
- **Cora Mace** – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022
- **Joyce Matter** – Rm. #128, Viva Senior Living at Harrisburg, 150 Kempton Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111 (717.909.0417)
- **Steven Schlegel** – Healing at Home and Preparing for Follow-up Surgery at Penn State Hershey Medical Center
- **Jean & Fred Weaver** – In Need of Prayer