

## 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, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

**C: AMEN.**

P: Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

*(brief silence follows)*

P: Merciful Father,

**C: WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND BEFORE YOU. WE DO NOT FULLY LIVE AS YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS. WE USE YOUR GIFTS TO OUR OWN ENDS. FORGIVE US AND RESTORE US, THAT WE MAY RESIST ALL THAT DRAWS US AWAY FROM YOU, AND BE AT PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER. AMEN.**

P: We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes us in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of Jesus Christ, forgiving us all our sins and making of us a New Creation.

**C: AMEN.**

Opening Hymn #329 "As the Sun with Longer Journey"

Greeting:

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling 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: Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms: 63:1-8

Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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*

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings and Musical Anthem

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: God our Father bless us and shield us. Christ our Brother shelter us and carry us. God the Holy Spirit guide our journey, both now and forever.

**C: AMEN**

Closing Hymn #733 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**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
Judy Ferree	Organist
Reyann Cheatham	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of March, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts are sponsored by Robert and Faye Weaver thanking God for his presence in their lives. Our family is so blessed with God's Love and Guidance each day!! Our support of **Tree 4 Hope** is sponsored by Carol and Dale Hassinger to the Glory of God, and in Thanksgiving for a Happy and Healthy Christian Family. Our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is sponsored by Dana and Chris Klouser to the Glory of God in honor of our children's birthdates (February 20 and March 8).

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Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book in the foyer, and please worship with us again and join in other congregational family activities!

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### Today, Sunday, March 20

9am	Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)
9am	SONDay Celebration (In-Person) – Masking and safe distancing are required for everyone present – both adults and young persons – to do our best to protect our (unvaccinated per current guidelines) younger congregational family members!
9am	Confirmation Class (In-Person)
9am	Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
10:15am	Worship, Including a <b>Sunny Sermon</b> and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom) – In keeping with the most recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Dauphin County, masks are no longer required for anyone gathering upstairs for worship, but they remain an option for everyone.

### Monday, March 21

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
7pm	Upper Dauphin Conference Spring Assembly at Messiah Lutheran, Fisherville

### Tuesday, March 22

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:15pm	Property Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, March 23

8am-12pm	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
7pm	Community Worship for Lent at Trinity United Methodist Church, Elizabethville

### Thursday, March 24

8am-12pm	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
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### Friday, March 25

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
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### Saturday, March 26

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

### Next Sunday, March 27

Fourth Sunday in Lent

9am	Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)
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10:15am	Worship, Including Hunger Appeal Kickoff and Camping Sunday Temple Talks and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom) – In keeping with the most recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Dauphin County, masks are no longer required for anyone gathering upstairs for worship, but they remain an option for everyone.
11:15am	Youth Group Take-Our Spaghetti Dinner

### Camp Sunday:

Throughout the month of March we are celebrating Summer Camp opportunities at Nawakwa and Kirchenwald, members of the Lutheran Camping Corporation who St. John supports. Have you thought about sending your child to Summer Camp? Maybe you have considered Family Camp? Visit the camp table just inside the church entrance for information on both camps and how to register. See your official CampPerson, Amy Gehring, if you have any questions. Our celebration of Summer Camp will end with "Camp Sunday" on March 27. On that day be sure to sport your camp "swag." Wear your favorite summer camp t-shirt, hoodie or hat. No apparel? Bring your favorite summer camp water bottle, mug, lanyard or draw string bag. You get the idea. Your camp "swa"g can be from any Summer Camp, including Camp Mount Luther or Camp Hebron.

\*And just for fun, a camp basket will be awarded to one person drawn from a raffle at the end of "Camp Sunday." **How can you be included in the raffle?**

1. **Ask your CampPerson a question related to summer camp. (limit 1 ticket per person)**
2. **Visit your CampPerson to show off your summer camp "swag" on "Camp Sunday." (1 ticket for every item on you—items cannot be shared with others)**
3. **Register for camp and submit with payment by March 27. (3 tickets per registration—Family Campers get 2 tickets for every family member registered!)**

## Looking Ahead

Pastor Tom will be leading an Inquirer's Class on Tuesday, March 29, from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. This class is designed for folks who are interested in joining our congregational family, folks who are trying to figure out if this is where God might be guiding them to a faith home, and folks who are already a part of the congregational family but would like to have a bit of a refresher in the basics of Lutheran Christian history and belief. Simply speak with Pastor Tom any time before March 29 to sign up. New members will be received during morning worship on a Sunday in April to be determined.

**Please join us for upcoming Book Group Discussions on Zoom!** Call or email Ann 717.362.7895 [rahbruner@gmail.com](mailto:rahbruner@gmail.com) if you need a book or have any questions. Copies of the book should be available on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer. Next up – Monday, April 4, at 6:30 P.M.: **And Then You Loved Me** by Inglath Cooper. And looking ahead to next month: May 2 **American Harvest** by Marie Mutsuki Mocket. Hope to see you there!

Our spring session of Midweek Bible Study will get underway on **Wednesday, April 27**, and will continue through the end of May, wrapping up just before the Memorial Day weekend. We will meet each week from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M., with the exact format and location to be determined. We will spend these weeks of the Easter Season delving into the 150 prayers, songs, liturgies, and poems which make up the Book of Psalms, under the guidance of ELCA pastor and consultant the Rev. Dr. Joana Elise Brown and her guidebook ***Songs of the Faithful: Studies in Psalms***. The Book of Psalms displays the highest highs and the lowest lows of the life of faith, along with everything in between and we will read through them all during the course of the study, while focusing on six psalms in particular which we will read in worship later in the summer. No previous Bible study experience is required – only an interest and enthusiasm to study, reflect on, and (as you are comfortable doing so) discuss God's Word together. So that the correct number of study books can be ordered for our study in a timely fashion, please register in advance (by contacting Pastor Tom in whatever way is easiest for you) **no later than Sunday morning, April 3.**

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.

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**. Thank you!

If you are not currently comfortable taking 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.

## Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Judy Cheatham** – Rm. #47B, Cadia Healthcare, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **Janet Denlinger** – UPMC West Shore Hospital
- **Timothy Enders** – Rm. #336, Geisinger St. Luke's Hospital, 100 Paramount Blvd, Orwigsburg, 17961
- **Jane Grosser** – Rm. #705, Northern Dauphin Nursing and Rehab. Center, Millersburg, 17061
- **Warren Hassinger** – Rm. #103 – Connections Unit, Providence Place of Pottsville, 2200 First Avenue, Pottsville, 17901
- **Marzette Hoffman** – Rm. #805, Northern Dauphin Nursing and Rehab. Center (Back in Her Room After Recovering from Effects of Long COVID)
- **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)
- **Ken Nace** – At Home, Undergoing Chemotherapy Treatment for Cancer
- **Donna Rabenold** – At Home, Undergoing Second Phase of Chemotherapy for Breast Cancer
- **Doris Schaffer** – At Home on Hospice Care



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