

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 #606 "Our Father, We Have Wandered"

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

World Hunger Appeal Kick-Off Temple Talk

Camping Sunday Temple Talk

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm: 32

Second Reading: II Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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 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

Prayers of the Church

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 #666 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

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).

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!

Today, Sunday, March 27

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 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

Monday, March 28

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

Tuesday, March 29

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

7:30-9pm Inquirer's Class Led by Pastor Tom (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 to sign up. New members will be received during morning worship on a Sunday in April to be determined.)

Wednesday, March 30

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

7pm Community Worship for Lent at Salem Lutheran Church, Elizabethville

Thursday, March 31

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, April 1

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

Saturday, April 2

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, April 3

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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 Holy Communion 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.

Looking Ahead

Please join us for upcoming Book Group Discussions on Zoom! Call or email Ann 717.362.7895 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!

The April gathering of **Celebration Club with Miss Laurie** will be held in-person at the church on Wednesday, April 6, from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

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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 next Sunday morning, April 3.**

Attention Musicians!! Until our Senior Choir is once again “up and singing” it would be great to share in the musical gifts of the members of our talented congregational family at least one Sunday each month, if not more often. Persons of any age or level of experience, who might be interested in playing any kind of instrument or singing, alone or with a partner, are asked to please speak with Carol Hubler or Judy Ferree.

Are you looking for a great Easter basket stuffer? Why not give the gift of fun?! The youth group has a handful of Knoebels ticket books for sale. They make the perfect Easter basket gift! They never expire!! You get a \$20.00 ticket book for only \$18.00. That's a free ride on the S&G Carousel! Please see Olivia to purchase your tickets!

Our Faith Active in Worship - March 13 and 20, 2022

Current – Approx. Budget Goal	\$ 5,212
Current – Offerings Received	\$ 3,508
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$ 652
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$ 80
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$ 1,249
Total Attendance – March 13	Zoom – 82, In Person – N/A
Total Attendance – March 20	Zoom – 34, In Person – 65

Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Judy Cheatham** –Rm. #47B, Cadia Healthcare, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **Janet Denlinger** – Discharged from UPMC West Shore Hospital on 3/18
- **Timothy Enders** – Rm. #122, The Gardens at York Terrace, 2401 W. Market St., Pottsville, 17901
- **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
- **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