

## Sunday Morning Liturgy

### God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

“Procession” with Palms

Opening Hymn #344 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (entire song)

Greeting:

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

Prayer of the Day

### We Hear God’s Word

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: 31:9-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Passion Gospel Reading:

L: Announcement of the Reading

C: Hymn #703, v. 1-2

L: Mark 14:1-31

C: Hymn #703, v. 3-4

L: Mark 14:32-72

C: Hymn #353, v. 1-2

P: Mark 15:1-47

C: Hymn #353, v. 3-5

Silence for Meditation

### We Respond to All That God Gives Us

We Proclaim Our Faith – Apostles’ Creed:

**I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

**I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD’S ONLY SON, OUR LORD, WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED; HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER, AND HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND DEAD.**

**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. AMEN.**

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

Benediction:

P: The blessing of God almighty, the wisdom and power of Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

**C: AMEN**

Closing Hymn #347 “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (entire song)

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Organ Postlude and Silent Prayer

### Looking Ahead

Miss Laurie will lead a gathering of **Celebration Club** on Wednesday, April 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. – in-person at the church.

Each Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:30, beginning Thursday, April 8, everyone is welcome to drop by for a time of fellowship on Zoom. Think of it as the Zoom version of our sextons unlocking the front door of the church, turning on the lights, and turning up the heat for anyone who might wish to stop in for any or all of that time. Roy and Rachel Henry will simply create a weekly recurring Zoom event which will automatically begin at 6:00pm and end at 7:30pm, but no actual host will be needed and they themselves will likely not be able to be present due to family schedules. Likewise, Pastor Tom will typically not be present and there will be no agenda or theme – simply a “space” to come together and visit and catch up for whomever might wish to do so. It is an experiment for this time until the “new normal” when we anticipate returning to all of the various in-person things much as we knew them pre-pandemic.

Mutual Ministry Committee will gather on Zoom on Sunday, April 11, following worship at 11:15 A.M.

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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	Keyboardist
Judy Cheatham	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of March, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts, our support of **Tree 4 Hope**, and our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania are all sponsored by Jamie Doyle to the glory of God and for the many blessings of our congregation.

### Today, Sunday, March 28

9am Faith Formation Time (Adult Bible Study on Zoom; Youth Class, Confirmation Class, and SONday Celebration Meeting In-Person at Church)

10:15am Worship (***In-Person and on Zoom***) Including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons Attending In-Person (***For those who are attending worship in-person, please remember that a mask covering both nose and mouth is required to be worn by every worshipper over the age of two, with no exceptions for any reason at this time. Of course, please do not attend in-person worship if you aren't feeling well for any reason or if you have been exposed any time in the prior 14 days to a person who subsequently develops COVID-19-like symptoms or who tests positive for COVID-19. Ushers will guide you to designated safely-spaced seating.***)

### Monday, March 29

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

### Tuesday, March 30

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

### Wednesday, March 31

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

6pm Youth Group Gathering In-Person to Prepare for Easter Egg Hunt

7pm Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer 1. for All Educators/Students/Families and 2. 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, April 1

Maundy Thursday

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

7pm Maundy Thursday Worship (***on Zoom only***)

### Friday, April 2

Good Friday

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

7pm Solemn Good Friday Worship Featuring Youth Group Members Reading "The Passion of Jesus According to St. John" (***on Zoom only***)

### Saturday, April 3

Holy Saturday/Easter Eve

8am Youth Group Members Meet to Set Up for Annual Easter Egg Hunt

9am Annual Easter Egg Hunt

7pm Easter Eve Quiet Worship of Readings and Prayer (***on Zoom only***)

### Next Sunday, April 4

Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

6:30am Brief In-Person Sunrise Easter Worship (***We will gather on the field across from the pavilion and next to the sexton house with our masks covering both nose and mouth – no exceptions for anyone over the age of 2 – and maintain safe spacing. Instead of gathering beforehand in the foyer for warmth as in normal times, please remain in your car if needed until we are ready to begin.***)

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Our spring session of Midweek Bible Study will get underway on **Wednesday, April 14** 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., tentatively on the Zoom platform. After spending the year thus far in the New Testament, we will now turn to the Old Testament with a study of the **Book of Jeremiah** and the closely related **Book of Lamentations**. 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, please register in advance (by speaking with Pastor Tom) **this morning**.

### **Your Chance to Give the Gift of Fun – and Support our Youth Group!**

From now through April 18, Youth Group members will be holding a unique fundraiser, selling \$20 books of Knoebels ride tickets for just \$18. ***Please note that, while the fundraiser will go on until Sunday, April 18, ride ticket books can also be purchased and picked up in time to serve as really great additions to those Easter baskets! In this case, the Youth Group member you are speaking with simply needs to contact Advisor Olivia Williard to arrange to pick them up so that they can be delivered to you prior to Easter Day.*** For all books of tickets not being used for Easter baskets, delivery will take place on May 2. All proceeds will go to our Youth Group for support of Youth Group outings and the planned 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering. Please give your payment to your Youth Group member when you order your tickets. **And remember – one of the many things that we all love about Knoebels is that those ride tickets never expire!!**

We are in need of two Voting Members – a man and a woman who must both be voting members of the congregational family, confirmed, contributing, and communing – to join with Pastor Tom in taking part in our Annual Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly, taking place on Friday evening, June 4, and Saturday, June 5. For the first (and most likely last) time, the Assembly will take place only virtually, probably on the Zoom platform. The only other requirement for those participating is that they will each need to have two Zoom-compatible devices available to them – one with a suitable screen to allow for viewing and hearing everything that is taking place and the other, such as a smart phone, to be used as a dedicated voting device. Since we will all be Zooming from the comfort of our own locations, please take note of the opportunity presented to multi-task (not to mention attend in your jammies!) such as has never been the case before and likely never will be again. To take advantage of less expensive “early bird” registration – paid for by our congregational family – Voting Members are needed by Pastor Tom by Thursday, April 15.

### **You are invited to our Book Discussion on Zoom!**

We continue our monthly times of reading and sharing via Zoom. Next up:

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| <b>Monday, April 19, 7:00 P.M.</b> | <b>Where the Crowdads Sing by Delia Owens</b> |
| <b>Monday, May 10, 7:00 P.M.</b>   | <b>Small Victories by Anne Lamott</b>         |
| <b>Monday, June 7, 7:00 P.M.</b>   | <b>The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison</b>        |

Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to participate and haven’t joined in before, you can borrow a physical or e-copy of the current book at your local library or pick up a copy at church - on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer, just inside the main doors. Please let Ann know if we run out of books, and she will locate more. Questions? Call or email Ann at 717-362-7895 or [rahbruner@gmail.com](mailto:rahbruner@gmail.com).

The second planning meeting for our Annual Strawberry Festival is scheduled for **Monday, April 12, beginning at 7:00pm in-person upstairs in our main worship space**, which will allow for those present to (each wearing a mask covering both nose and mouth) gather and maintain safe spacing. At the recent first planning meeting, the decision was made by those present to proceed with planning for an adapted “drive through” Festival which will allow the entire pavilion to function as one large kitchen and serving space for those working, with traffic directors helping to keep the drive through line flowing smoothly while runners take orders and deliver food to “curbside”. There will be no on-site dining, no entertainment, and no stands of any kind. Needless to say, it will be unlike anything we have ever done and will result in some familiar committees not being necessary this year while much more help will be needed in other new and/or adapted committees. Please contact **Chairperson Jeff Lehman** with any questions or ideas and, as is always the case for these planning meetings, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

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**

- **Warren Hassinger** – Rm. #101 – Connections Unit, Providence Place of Pottsville, 2200 First Avenue, Pottsville, 17901
- **Elaine Henninger** – Community General Osteopathic
- **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. #211, Premier at Susquehanna, Millersburg, 17061
- **Lois Watson** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home with Visiting Therapists and Other Caregivers

### **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. Alayna Peters** (Doctor of Pharmacy in Hagerstown, MD)
- **Courtney Peifer\*, Psych Technician**
- **Sara Paul, Family Practice Center Medical Receptionist**
- **Bobby Paul, BS**
- **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)**
- **Alexis Lehman\*, EMT** (Professional Firefighter/Responder in Metro Washington, DC Area)
- **Shawnita Latsha, RT (RDMS, RVT)**
- **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, CAN**
- **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)

\* denotes someone who is a part of our extended congregational family.

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