

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 out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

C: AMEN.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(brief silence follows)

P: Gracious God,

C: WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED, BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE. FORGIVE US AND GIVE US STRENGTH TO TURN FROM SIN AND TO SERVE YOU IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. AMEN.

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

C: AMEN.

Opening Hymn #324 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" **(verses 1 and 4)**

Greeting:

P: The immeasurable grace of Christ Jesus, the rich mercy of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm: 19

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel: John 2:13-22

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 – 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 AS 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

Words of Institution:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

We Partake of Our Lord's Supper

Post Communion Blessing:

P: The bodily presence of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

All: AMEN

Post Communion Prayer:

P: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: 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 #705 "God of Grace and God of Glory" **(verses 1 and 4)**

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: 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	Keyboardist
Judy Cheatham	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of January, 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 7

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 Holy Communion & 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.***)

2pm Graveside Funeral Worship for Ray Matter

Monday, March 8

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

7pm Book Discussion Group Gathering on Zoom (Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to participate and haven't joined in before, you can still pick up a copy of the current book, **Night** by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel, on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer, just inside the main doors. The book, which is both an account of Wiesel's survival of the Nazi death camps as a teenager as well as a deep wrestling with such questions as how human beings can do such things to each other and where is God in it all, is widely viewed as Wiesel's masterpiece.

Please get in touch with Ann Bruner if you have any other questions – 717.362.7895 or rahbruner@gmail.com.)

Tuesday, March 9

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

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

Wednesday, March 10

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

6:30-7:30pm Lenten Study **People of the Passion** on Zoom

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, March 11

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, March 12

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

Saturday, March 13

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, March 14

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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4pm Congregational Council Meeting on Zoom

Looking Ahead

Our Upper Dauphin Conference will be holding a Zoom Spring Assembly on Monday, March 15, beginning at 7:00 P.M. If you would like to receive the Zoom connecting information, please speak with Pastor Tom.

Monday, March 15, will be the deadline to submit items for the April **St. John's Epistle**.

On Tuesday, March 16, Worship & Music Committee will meet at 6:15 P.M. and Faith Formation Team at 7:00 P.M., both on Zoom.

Sunday, March 21, will be our next "Drive Through Holy Communion" with Pastor Tom and Miss Laurie – beginning at 11:30 A.M. just outside the church entrance.

Youth Group will gather on Zoom on Sunday, March 21, from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.

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We are in need of at least a few more persons who would be willing to join the **Video Ministry Team** and serve as Zoom Hosts at the church on Sunday mornings, beginning at 9:00. Please speak with Roy or Rachel Henry – who will provide the bit of training needed – to learn more about what is involved and to volunteer to serve. **Please keep in mind that you do not need to be a technology expert to be a Zoom Host, just someone 1. who has some familiarity with Zoom-compatible devices (like a laptop or a tablet) and 2. who is comfortable accessing worship and other activities on Zoom!**

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.)**

For the month of April, we are seeking a sponsor for our monthly gift in support of the work of our ministry partners at **Tree 4 Hope**. Please email or call Pastor Tom or sign up on the foyer bulletin board to sponsor this ministry gift in honor or in memory of loved ones or events.

2021 offering envelopes are available in the foyer. Please stop by the tables any time the church is unlocked, doing your best to be sure to 1. touch/pick up only those envelopes you are actually taking along, 2. maintain safe distancing from anyone else who might happen to be there doing the same thing, and 3. wear a mask covering both nose and mouth at all times.

Some copies of the 2020 Annual Congregational Report are available in the foyer. To be good stewards of congregational family resources, we will only print a few hard copies at a time for those who either aren't able to access the pdf copy online or who would prefer to have a hard copy as well. If you stop by and there aren't any copies for pickup, that means we will be preparing more to put out – please just stop back!

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.

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 for recycling are delivered to Dauphin County Recycling in Harrisburg.

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. Thank you!

The Youth Group continues to collect aluminum – aluminum only, please – on the lower level of the barn, facing toward Elizabethville. Please place your aluminum in the barrel outside of the door. Thank you for your help with this major fundraiser for our youth and help for our environment!

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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
- **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. #328, Polk Personal Care, 301 North St., Millersburg
- **Nicholas Motter** – Recovering at Tim & Lori's Home from Surgery to Repair Broken Ankle
- **Robert Schaffer** – At Home, Traveling to Harrisburg Area for Outpatient Care from Wound Specialists for His Leg
- **Lois Watson** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home with Visiting Therapists and Other Caregivers

Our Faith Active in Worship – February 28, 2021

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,545
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,120
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$270
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$65
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$75
Total Attendance	160

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.

Updated 2/16/2021