

## 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, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: **AMEN.**

P: Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*(brief silence follows)*

P: God of grace and glory,

C: **YOU HAVE BROUGHT US THROUGH THE NIGHT OF SIN INTO THE LIGHT OF JESUS' RESURRECTION. YET OUR LIVES ARE STILL SHADOWED BY SIN. MAKE US ALIVE IN CHRIST, O GOD. MAKE US NEW AS YOU MAKE ALL THINGS NEW. RESCUE US FROM EVIL AND THE GLOOM OF SIN, RENEW US IN GRACE, AND RESTORE US TO LIVING IN YOUR HOLINESS, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR RISEN LORD. AMEN.**

P: Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves us and frees us from our sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C: **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn #367 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Greeting:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the 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: Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: 67

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Gospel: John 14:23-29

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

Order for Blessing of Prayer Shawls

We Proclaim Our Faith:

**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 THE DEAD. (THIS MEANS THAT) I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST, TRUE GOD, BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER IN ETERNITY, AND ALSO A TRUE HUMAN BEING, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, IS MY LORD. HE HAS REDEEMED ME, A LOST AND CONDEMNED HUMAN BEING. HE HAS PURCHASED AND FREED ME FROM ALL SINS, FROM DEATH, AND FROM THE POWER OF THE DEVIL, NOT WITH GOLD OR SILVER BUT WITH HIS HOLY, PRECIOUS BLOOD AND WITH HIS INNOCENT SUFFERING AND DEATH. HE HAS DONE ALL THIS IN ORDER THAT I MAY BELONG TO HIM, LIVE UNDER HIM IN HIS KINGDOM, AND SERVE HIM IN ETERNAL RIGHTEOUSNESS, INNOCENCE, AND BLESSEDNESS, JUST AS HE IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD AND LIVES AND RULES ETERNALLY. 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: The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among us and remain with us always.

C: **AMEN**

Closing Hymn #785 "When Peace Like A River"

Dismissal:

P: Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news

C: **WE WILL. THANKS BE TO GOD. ALLELUIA!**

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.  
Laurie Little  
Carol Hubler  
Amy Gehring  
Roy Henry

Pastor  
Young Christians Minister  
Organist  
Lector  
Council President

For the month of May, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts are sponsored by Tim & Lori Motter in honor of the marriage of their daughter Shannon Motter to Aaron Troutman on May 14, 2022. Our support of **Tree 4 Hope** is sponsored by Chris & Dana Klouser in Honor of our Risen Savior in joyful anticipation of the birth of our grandson, Cooper, later this month. The support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** is sponsored by Dale and Carol Hassinger for the Glory of God and the Founding Fathers that provided stability to enable us to continue our works of the church.

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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, May 22

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 Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom) – In keeping with current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Dauphin County, masks are not required for anyone gathering upstairs for worship, but they remain an option for everyone.

### Monday, May 23

9-10:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours

### Tuesday, May 24

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

5:30pm Combined First Work Night for the Annual Strawberry Festival and Church Outside Property Work Night (As we have done successfully now for several years, we are again putting what had in past years been two annual work nights together into one slightly longer evening, but lots of help will be needed! Please come and help, and please bring along your favorite cleaning supplies and yard tools.)

### Wednesday, May 25

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

6:30-8pm Midweek Bible Study

### Thursday, May 26

Ascension of Our Lord

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

7pm Kelsey Henninger Receives **St. John's Scholarship for Faith and Education** at Upper Dauphin Area High School Class Night

7pm Liturgy of Holy Communion (This festival, coming on the 40th day of the Easter season, recalls the end of the 40 days of appearances of the Risen Jesus to his disciples, and his ascension into heaven. **Worship will be held upstairs this year.**)

### Friday, May 27

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

### Saturday, May 28

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

### Next Sunday, May 29

Seventh Sunday of Easter

**8:45am** Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)

**9:30am** 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!

**9:30am** **OUTDOOR WORSHIP IN THE PAVILION** (In-Person and On Zoom) ***(We will have approximately 100 well-spaced 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!)***

## Looking Ahead

At a Special Congregational Meeting held following worship on Sunday, May 1, the **St. John Restoration 250** project was approved by a vote of **71-2**. Things to watch for next:

- The work is expected to begin approximately the first week in June and take approximately 4 weeks (subject to any supply-chain issues encountered).
- **Our worship will take place outside in the pavilion for the duration of the project, but just where we will be worshipping on June 5 and 12 – indoors or outdoors – will depend on the exact starting date. Please stay tuned for more information.**
- In the next few weeks, all congregational family member households will be receiving a USPS mailing concerning how to make a pledge/contribution toward the project. With advance gifts and major pledges already received and with interest from our Memorials Fund approved for use for the project, we will be seeking approximately **\$65,000** in additional gifts/pledges over a two-year period to fully fund the \$220,000 project.
- This \$65,000 in additional funding will allow us to hold back a \$100,000 reserve in our Memorials Account interest, a portion of which will be used to fund our steeple base roof replacement just as soon as a best plan/contractor/price can be obtained and presented to the congregational family for approval in a future special congregational meeting.

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As approved by Congregational Council, our St. John's Congregational Family will be supporting **Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center and Family Support System's** annual **Baby Bottle Campaign** this year by placing a large baby bottle in the foyer on Sunday mornings for cash donations, spare change, and checks during the month of May. **Lifeline** is a local organization located in Millersburg to help individuals and couples cope with the challenges of unplanned pregnancies and parenting responsibilities free of charge. (To place a gift in the baby bottle at some time other than on Sunday morning, please check with Pastor Tom.)

We are seeking 2 additional Zoom hosts/households to help in creating a more permanent rotation of hosting. The only requirement is a basic knowledge of computers and the internet – all other training will be provided. Questions? Please speak with Roy or Rachel Henry. To volunteer, please speak with the Henrys or with Pastor Tom.

**Attention Musicians!!** 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.

### **Jammin' with the Ladies!**

This year as we prepare for the Strawberry Festival, the Women's group again are having an area for "Jammin' with the Ladies". We will have jams and jellies as well as the home-made breads. If anyone wants to help with items needed: Sugar, Sure Jell, Jars and lids, or financial help please contact Fay Nichols

Publicity posters for the Strawberry Festival are available for picking up on the table just outside the church office.

For Strawberry Festival donations again this year, we are simply requesting monetary donations for all items. This is because the different committees who are responsible for the preparation of various food items for June 8 can make much more cost-effective purchases by buying supplies in bulk, often at wholesale outlets, allowing us all to be the best possible stewards of everyone's time and hard-earned money. Therefore, please see the sign-up sheet posted on the foyer bulletin board, where the approximate prices of different items are listed, and consider taking the amount of money that you might have used in the past to go shopping for Festival items, placing it in a plain envelope showing your name and offering envelope number – checks payable to "St. John Bicentennial Fund" please – and dropping it in the offering plate or passing it along to Lynn Henninger or Jeff Lehman or Pastor Tom – by June 5 if possible.

## Our Faith Active in Worship – May 15, 2022

<b>Current – Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$2,606</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$3,501
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$565
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$145
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$220
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 14, In Person – 92</b>

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

- **Judy Cheatham** – Rm. #47B, Cadia Healthcare, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **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
- **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, with Important Upcoming 5/31 Appointment
- **Donna Rabenold** – At Home, Receiving Follow-Up Cancer Treatment