

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 creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

C: **AMEN.**

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

(brief silence follows)

P: God and Father of all,

C: **WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED. WE HAVE THOUGHT BETTER OF OURSELVES THAN OTHERS. WE HAVE TOLD LIES, SAID HURTFUL THINGS, ACTED IN WAYS WE WISH WE COULD TAKE BACK, AND LOOKED THE OTHER WAY WHEN ACTION WAS NEEDED. IN YOUR MERCY, O GOD, FORGIVE US, CLEANSE US, AND HEAL US, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS, OUR SAVIOR. AMEN.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, we are a new creation: our sins are taken away and we are made new. Let us be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.

C: **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn #800 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" (softly singing entire song)

Greeting:

P: The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all.

C: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Prayer of the Day

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: 104:24-34, 35b

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

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*

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

Blessing:

P: Almighty and merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us this day and forevermore.

C: **AMEN**

Closing Hymn #671 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (softly singing entire song)

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

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	Keyboardist
Amy Gehring	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of May, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin, **Tree 4 Hope** and 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 in thanksgiving for all our blessings. For good health, for family and friends.

Today, Sunday, May 23

9am SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person at Church – **Masks and safe distancing are required for all young persons and parents/adults attending this indoor “close-up” time with our young persons cannot yet be vaccinated.**)

9am Faith Formation Time – Youth Class and Confirmation Class (Meeting In-Person at Church)

9am Faith Formation Time – Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)

10:15am Worship (In-Person and On Zoom – **All persons who are fully vaccinated and who wish to do so may go without masks and safe distancing, while masks and safe distancing continue to be required of all those who are not yet fully vaccinated. Please note that no one's vaccination status will be checked – we will rely on each other as Sisters and Brothers in Christ to do the honest and safe and loving thing. Also, no one who chooses to continue to mask and distance for any reason, fully vaccinated or not, will be treated any differently by those who are fully vaccinated and who choose to go without masking and safe distancing. As a congregational family, we will continue to think first of each other and not of ourselves in doing the honest and safe and loving thing, no differently now than at any time during the past 14 months!**).

Monday, May 24

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

9am The first quarter audit will be held at the church on Monday, May 24th at 9:00 a.m. All treasurers are reminded to leave their books at the church no later than Saturday, May 22nd. Treasurers will be notified when their books are ready for pick up. Thank you. Pat Herb"

Tuesday, May 25

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

5:30pm Combined first work night to begin getting the pavilion cleaned up and ready for the Annual Strawberry Festival and church outside property work night. As we did successfully prior to last year, 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, even if you can't be here right at 5:30 and even if you can only stay for part of the time, and please bring along your favorite cleaning supplies and tools.

Wednesday, May 26

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours (**subject to the timing of the live recording of his Baccalaureate sermon at UDAHS during the day at a time TBA**)

6:30-8pm Midweek Bible Study (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, May 27

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, May 28

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

Saturday, May 29

Pastor Tom Taking Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, May 30 – Summer Schedule Begins!

Festival of The Holy Trinity

8:45am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)

9:30am SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person at Church – **Masks and safe distancing are required for all young persons and parents/adults attending this indoor “close-up” time with our young persons cannot yet be vaccinated.**)

9:30am **OUTDOOR WORSHIP ENDING WITH “DRIVE THROUGH” HOLY COMMUNION WITH PASTOR TOM AND MISS LAURIE** (In-Person and On Zoom – **Everyone is encouraged to dress warmly and bring along a jacket for our in-person gathering on this breezy Hill! All persons who are fully vaccinated and who wish to do so may go without masks and safe distancing, while masks and safe distancing continue to be required of all those who are not yet fully vaccinated. Please note that no one's vaccination status will be checked – we will rely on each other as Sisters and Brothers in Christ to do the honest and safe and loving thing. Also, no one who chooses to continue to mask and distance for any reason, fully vaccinated or not, will be treated any differently by those who are fully vaccinated and who choose to go without masking and safe distancing. As a congregational family, we will continue to think first of each other and not of ourselves in doing the honest and safe and loving thing, no differently now than at any time during the past 14 months!**).

Looking Ahead

St. John Congregational Scholarships will be presented at the (Virtual) UDAHS Class Night on Wednesday, June 2, at 7:00 P.M.

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You are invited to our Book Discussion on Zoom!

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

Monday, June 7, 7:00 P.M. The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

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.

Immediately following worship on May 2, a combined Property Committee/Congregational Council meeting gave the go-ahead to a proposal from Shady Lane Curtains, LLC of Bird-In-Hand to replace our pavilion's three curtains (north, east, and south sides) with new, motorized curtains, each of which contains a "window" strip of clear siding which will allow for a much brighter experience for anyone gathered in the pavilion with the curtains lowered. This will also allow us to combine what have been two smaller curtains on the east side (since our expansion of the pavilion years ago) into a single and more solid curtain. The total cost of \$9,011 will be financed through the Strawberry Festival/Bicentennial Fund, as have many such improvements in the pavilion which directly benefit our Annual Strawberry Festival, but the hope is to receive special donations of half or more of the cost. If you would like to make a gift, please place your check (payable to **St. John Bicentennial Fund** and indicating "Curtain Project" on the memo line) in a plain envelope marked with the notation "Curtain Project" and your offering envelope number and drop it in the offering plate at the top of the stairs on Sunday morning or route it to church by any of the alternate means listed below. By moving quickly, we were able to take advantage of almost \$900 in discounts for ordering during what is traditionally Shady Lane's less busy season, and we will be able to have the work done prior to our June 9 Drive-Through Strawberry Festival.

Your Chance to (Still) Give the Gift of Fun – and Support our Youth Group!

In case you didn't get a chance to purchase those books of Knoebels tickets prior to filling your Easter baskets, Youth Group still has about 120 **\$20 books** of Knoebels ride tickets for sale for just **\$18**. All proceeds will go to our Youth Group for support of Youth Group outings and the planned 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering. Please speak with Advisor **Olivia Williard** to purchase your tickets, and watch for the table which will be set up for future times of outdoor worship. **And remember – one of the many things that we all love about Knoebels is that those ride tickets never expire!!**

The church desktop computer (everything except the printer) is available for free to a good home. To turn it on and/or take a look at it, please stop in to the Sunday School Room (just outside of Pastor Tom's office). To learn more about its specifics, please contact Larry Gessner (717.362.3122).

For Strawberry Festival donations again this unique 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 9 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 which will soon be 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 6.

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

- **Louise Baumgardner** – Recovering at Home Following 5/17 Outpatient Procedure – Scheduled for 6/17 Brain Aneurysm Surgery
- **Marie Farner** – On Hospice Care at Home
- **Jane Grosser** – Rm. #206, Premier at Susquehanna, Millersburg, 17061
- **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. #128, Commonwealth Senior Living at Harrisburg, 150 Kempton Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111 (717.909.0417)
- **Aidan Roadcap** – Recovering at Home Following 5/17 Outpatient Surgery
- **Lois Watson** – Headed to Penn State Hershey Medical Center on 5/25 for Outpatient Procedure

Our Faith Active in Worship – May 16, 2021

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,545
Current – Offerings Received	\$3,242
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$2550
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$155
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$1,340
Total Attendance	Zoom – 42, In Person – 52

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. Todd Peters* (Chief Medical Officer in Baltimore, MD)
- Joshua Peters, PA-C (Serving in Colorado)
- Dr. Alayna Peters (Doctor of Pharmacy in Hagerstown, MD)
- Courtney Peifer*, Psych Technician
- Sara Paul, Family Practice Center Medical Receptionist
- Bobby Paul, BS
- Angela Paul, PTA
- Cindy Nicholson*, RN
- Whitney Ney, RN
- Haley Nestor*, BSN, RN
- Shannon Motter, RN
- Courtney Miller, B.S. R.T(R)(CT)
- Roni Mace, RN
- Heidi Lehman, RT (R)
- Shawnita Latsha, RT (RDMS, RVT)
- Rose Kell, MS (Occupational Therapist in California)
- 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, CNA
- 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)
- Chelsea Beard, EFDA

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

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