

## Outdoor Worship Liturgy

### God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Keyboard 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 LBW #369 "The Church's One Foundation"

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 16:16-34

Psalm: 97

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel: John 17:20-26

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 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*

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 LBW #474 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Dismissal:

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

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

Keyboard 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
Carol Hubler	Organist
Amy Gehring	Lector
Roy Henry	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 29

8:45am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)  
9:30am SONDay Celebration (In-Person) – With the coming of summer, more open windows, and frequent outdoor activities, masking and safe distancing are no longer required for anyone for this in-person gathering with Miss Laurie, but they remain an option for everyone.  
9:30am **OUTDOOR WORSHIP IN THE PAVILION** (In-Person and On Zoom)

### Monday, May 30

Memorial Day  
**Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off – No Office Hours**

### Tuesday, May 31

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

### Wednesday, June 1

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours  
6-9pm Youth Group **Welcome Summer!** Gathering and Outing

### Thursday, June 2

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

### Friday, June 3

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours  
8am Food Preparation for Annual Strawberry Festival  
Afternoon-Evening, Pastor Tom Attending Annual Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly on Zoom

### Saturday, June 4

8am Food Preparation for Annual Strawberry Festival  
All Day, Pastor Tom Attending Annual Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly on Zoom

### Next Sunday, June 5

Day of Pentecost  
8:45am Adult Bible Study (**Now In-Person**)  
9:30am SONDay Celebration (In-Person) – With the coming of summer, more open windows, and frequent outdoor activities, masking and safe distancing are no longer required for anyone for this in-person gathering with Miss Laurie, but they remain an option for everyone.  
9:30am Worship, Including Holy Communion and Rite of Confirmation (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.

**Next Sunday**, we will have the honor of celebrating with **Allysa Rabenold** and **Sarah Riland** and their families as they make affirmation of their baptisms and are confirmed!

## Looking Ahead

Please see Pastor Tom's letter on the front of the June St. John's Epistle or his recent congregational emails for complete details on days and times of preparation for and serving of our Annual Strawberry Festival next week. The big day, of course, is Wednesday, June 8!

The work for our **St. John Restoration 250** project is scheduled to get underway on Monday, June 13. This means that our worship on Sunday, June 12, will take place indoors as originally scheduled while worship on June 19, June 26, and July 3 will take place outdoors, also as originally scheduled. The work is expected to take approximately 4 weeks (subject to any supply-chain issues encountered), and so worship on July 10 will more than likely also be held outdoors. In the next couple of 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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### **For All Congregational Family Members Planning on Purchasing Whole Strawberry**

**Pies:** If at all possible, please plan to pick up and pay for your pie(s) on the evening of Tuesday, June 7, at the pavilion kitchen. The cost will again be \$10.50 per pie and exact change would be very helpful. (The hope is that this will help to make sure that everyone from the congregational family gets the pies they want and also help to avoid the confusion that has resulted in the past with "congregational" pies being reserved and put aside in the cooler during the chaos of Festival Day – please help!)

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.

As approved by Congregational Council, our St. John's Congregational Family is supporting **Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center and Family Support System's** annual **Baby Bottle Campaign** this final Sunday in May through the large baby bottle located by the bulletins for any and all donations. **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.

### 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.

### Our Faith Active in Worship – May 22, 2022

<b>Current – Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$2,606</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$1,148
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$140
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$80
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$95
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 25, In Person – 45</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
- **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 Tuesday Appointment Regarding Future Treatment Plans
- **Donna Rabenold** – At Home, Receiving Lower-Level Maintenance Chemotherapy Through Fall with Radiation Therapy Still to Come