

## Sunday Morning 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 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 LBW #165 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (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: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm: 29

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

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*

Prayers

### God Sends Us to Share the Good News and We Share in God's Supper

Jesus' Words of Institution of Holy Communion:

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.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in 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.**

Blessing:

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

**C: AMEN**

Closing Hymn LBW #567 "God of Our Fathers" (softly singing entire song)

Dismissal:

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

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

Keyboard Postlude and Silent Prayer

We Depart and Receive Jesus' Body and Blood

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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  
Judy Ferree  
Amy Gehring  
Roy Henry

Pastor  
Young Christians Minister  
Keyboardist  
Lector  
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 30

8:45am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)  
9:30am SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person at Church – **Masks, covering both nose and mouth, 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 – **All persons who are fully vaccinated and who wish to do so may go without masks and safe distancing, while masks, covering both nose and mouth, 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 31

Memorial Day – Observed

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

### Tuesday, June 1

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

### Wednesday, June 2

8-10am Pastor Tom's Office Hours  
10am Pastor Tom on the Road for Pastoral Visits  
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.***)  
7pm St. John Congregational Scholarships will be presented at the (Virtual) UDAHS Class Night

### Thursday, June 3

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

### Friday, June 4

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

### Saturday, June 5

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

### Next Sunday, June 6

Second Sunday after Pentecost  
8:45am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)  
9:30am SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person at Church – **Masks, covering both nose and mouth, 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 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, covering both nose and mouth, 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

**The Book Discussion Group gathering scheduled for Monday evening, June 7, has been postponed, as preparation for our Strawberry Festival is ramping up by that time. Please watch for further word from Ann Bruner about the next gathering day and time. Questions? Call or email Ann at 717-362-7895 or [rahbruner@gmail.com](mailto:rahbruner@gmail.com).**

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 9, and all serving will be only walk-up/take-out, with everyone having the option to bring along blankets or chairs with which to find a spot on our beautiful Hill to enjoy their food and visit for as long as they wish!

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 and at wholesale, allowing us all to be the best possible stewards of everyone's time and hard-earned money. Therefore, as in prior years, please 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, if possible by next Sunday, June 6.

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 8, at the pavilion kitchen. The cost will again be \$10 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 each year by "congregational" pies being reserved and put aside in the cooler during the chaos of Festival Day – please help!)

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## 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).

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** – Recovering at Home Following 5/25 Outpatient Procedure

## Our Faith Active in Worship – May 23, 2021

<b>Current – Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$2,545</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$798
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$165
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$55
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$250
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 39, In Person – 46</b>

### 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**
- **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)**
- **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

Updated 4/21/21

## Holy, Holy, Holy

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1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.  
 Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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## God of Our Fathers

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1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand  
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,  
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 In this free land - by you our lot is cast;  
 Make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
 Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

Of shin ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:  
 Oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
 Fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace

Our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.  
 Your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.  
 Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 Un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841-1907, alt.  
 Tune: George W. Warren, 1828-1902

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