

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 #632 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" **(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: Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms: 16

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

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

Rite of Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation

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 #669 "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" **(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

To take part in our annual tradition of the "Angel Tree", which provides Christmas gifts of clothing to at-need students in the Upper Dauphin Area School District, please stop by the cutout tree just outside our worship space upstairs, take an angel, and be sure to sign the notebook, indicating your name and the number of the angel you are taking. Instructions for the shopping are in each envelope, including sizes, etc. Then, please be sure to return those wrapped gifts to the church no later than 12 noon on December 11, with the angel attached to your package(s). The angel and its number are a critical link in the process, since all gifts are given anonymously.

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.)***

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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	Organist
The Henry Family	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of November, 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 are in honor of the 69th wedding anniversary of Bob & Doris Schaffer and the many blessings in their lives.

Today, Sunday, November 14

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	Youth Group Members Preparing for Take Out/To Go Chicken & Waffles Dinner
10:15am	Worship, Including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom) – Masking is required for everyone who is not fully vaccinated, and remains a very good idea – although not required – for everyone! This morning , we have the honor of celebrating with Ashton Schreffler and her family as she makes affirmation of her baptism and is confirmed!
11:15am	Youth Group Chicken & Waffles Dinner is Served To Go/Takeout Downstairs
2pm	Women's Group Meeting
4pm	Monthly Congregational Council Meeting

Monday, November 15

Deadline to Submit Items for combined December/January "St. John's Epistle"

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
7pm	Upper Dauphin Conference Cabinet Meeting at Salem Lutheran, Killinger

November 15 is Marzette Hoffman's 91st birthday, and her daughter, Charlotte Heany, is asking her congregational family to please shower her with birthday greeting cards – especially important after all she has experienced in the past 20 months of life in a skilled care facility with COVID and its precautions!

Tuesday, November 16

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:15pm	Worship & Music Committee Meeting (In Person at the Church)

Wednesday, November 17

8am-12pm	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-8pm	Midweek Bible Study
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, November 18

8am-12pm	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
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Friday, November 19

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
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Saturday, November 20

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, November 21

Festival of Christ the King

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!
10:15am	Annual Thankoffering Worship, led by the Women of the ELCA of St. John, Including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom) – Masking is required for everyone who is not fully vaccinated, and remains a very good idea – although not required – for everyone!
2-4pm	Our Girl Scout Troop #10010 is collecting new socks and underwear for needy UDASD students (girls and boys elementary sizes – small to large underwear and children size socks 1-8), as well as gently used books for the Upper Dauphin Human Services Christmas Express. All donations can be given to any of the girls at any time, or this will be a designated drop-off time on in our pavilion. Please contact Nicole Radel with any questions. Thank you!

If you are an Amazon.com shopper, our congregation is registered with the "Amazon Smiles" program, whereby Amazon donates one half of one percent of your purchase amount to a charitable organization that you select. Please note that, to qualify, your purchase has to be made through the "smile" side of things, to which you will find a very easily identifiable link from the main part of the Amazon.com website. (Once there, it can be a bit tricky to pick out our congregational name from all of the "St. John's" – look for **St John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berrysburg, PA**. Once you have selected us the first time, we will automatically be designated each time you shop and you won't need to re-do the search.) All monies received in this way will be automatically deposited for use in the Current Fund.

As another heating season soon gets underway, please do your part to help your congregational family be a good steward of heating oil and heating dollars. First, please be sure to keep doors closed between different heating zones – especially 1. all doors on the second floor going into the nave or up to the balcony and 2. all doors on the first floor going into the Sunday School room. Second, if you turn up a thermostat for any reason, please be sure to turn it back down again when you leave. All areas of the church other than our nave – which is automatically kept at 55 degrees – are normally kept at 60 degrees. Thank you!

If you are not currently comfortable taking 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.

Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Louise Baumgardner** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home
- **Judy Cheatham** –Rm. #47B, Cadia Healthcare, 900 Van Buren Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
- **Paul Glace** – Continuing His Recovery at Home
- **Jane Grosser** – Rm. #705, Northern Dauphin Nursing and Rehab. Center, Millersburg, 17061
- **Warren Hassinger** – Rm. #103 – 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. #805, Northern Dauphin Nursing & 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)
- **Donna Rabenold** – At Home, Undergoing Weekly Chemotherapy for Breast Cancer
- **Lois Watson** – Headed to Penn State Hershey Medical Center on 11/16 for Procedure to Repair Her Third Brain Aneurysm

Our Faith Active in Worship – November 7, 2021

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,545
Current – Offerings Received	\$4,077
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$260
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$125
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$380
Total Attendance	Zoom – 17, In Person – 117

Medical Professionals in Our Prayers in this Time of COVID-19 (updated 8/23/21)

- **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)
- **Abigail Francisco*, RN**
- **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