

Liturgy for Zoom and In-Person Worship

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Piano Prelude and Silent Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Sovereign over all the earth, the Wisdom from on High, our merciful Judge and Savior.

C: **AMEN.**

P: Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God's mercy and love.

(brief silence follows)

P: Generous and faithful God,

C: **WE CONFESS TO YOU ALL THE WAYS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, THAT WE REJECT AND UNDERMINE YOUR STEADFAST LOVE. THOUGH YOU MADE US YOUR PEOPLE, WE TREAT STRANGERS WITH SUSPICION. THOUGH YOU FORGAVE OUR DEBTS, WE COLLECT WITHOUT MERCY AND WE ARE QUICK TO PASS JUDGMENT ON OTHERS. HAVE MERCY ON US, O GOD, AND REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE TO US, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.**

P: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Through the living Word, Jesus Christ, God forgives our every debt, our every sin, and gives us a new heart and a new spirit.

C: **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn **WOV** #778 "O Christ the Same" **(verses 1 and 3)**

Apostolic Greeting:

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: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalms: 90:1-12

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Response after the reading is announced: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Response after the reading is concluded: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

8:30 Only – Sunny Sermon with Miss Laurie

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us And, at 11:00, Share in God's Supper

We Proclaim Our Faith:

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. (THIS MEANS THAT) I BELIEVE THAT BY MY OWN UNDERSTANDING OR STRENGTH I CANNOT BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST MY LORD OR COME TO HIM, BUT INSTEAD THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS CALLED ME THROUGH THE GOSPEL, ENLIGHTENED ME WITH HIS GIFTS, MADE ME HOLY, AND KEPT ME IN THE TRUE FAITH, JUST AS HE CALLS, GATHERS, ENLIGHTENS, AND MAKES HOLY THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON EARTH AND KEEPS IT WITH JESUS CHRIST IN THE ONE COMMON, TRUE FAITH. DAILY IN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH THE HOLY SPIRIT ABUNDANTLY FORGIVES ALL SINS – MINE AND THOSE OF ALL BELIEVERS. ON THE LAST DAY THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL RAISE ME AND ALL THE DEAD AND WILL GIVE TO ME AND ALL BELIEVERS IN CHRIST ETERNAL LIFE. THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

-Martin Luther's "Small Catechism"

Piano Anthem

Prayers

11:00 Only – Words of Institution:

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.

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.

11:00 Only – We Partake of Our Lord's Supper

11:00 Only – Post Communion Blessing:

P: The bodily presence of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

All: **AMEN**

11:00 Only – Post Communion Prayer:

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **AMEN**

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

Benediction:

P: The blessing of almighty God, the Father of glory, Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth, be upon and remain with us always.

C: **AMEN**

Closing Hymn #543 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" **(verses 1 and 3)**

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Jesus is with us.

C: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Piano 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

The Henry Family

Lector

Roy Henry

Council President

The **November Celebrate Inserts, Tree 4 Hope, and Konde Diocese Pastor's Salary** ministry gifts are in celebration of Bob and Doris Schaffer's 68th Wedding Anniversary on November 28th and God's many blessings.

The altar flowers today are presented by Tim and Donna Rabenold in honor of her birthday and her granddaughter Emily's birthday.

Today, Sunday, November 15

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

8:30am Worship via Zoom

9:45am Faith Formation Time (Adult Bible Study via Zoom; Youth Class, Confirmation Class, and SONday Celebration Meeting In-Person at Church)

11am Worship In-Person ***in the Church Building***, Including Holy Communion (We continue to have plenty of room for more folks to join in this worship opportunity in our safely-spaced seating plan – please remember that a mask covering both nose and mouth is required to be worn by every worshipper over the age of two, with no exceptions for any reason at this time. Of course, please do not attend in-person worship in any fashion if you aren't feeling well for any reason or if you have been exposed any time in the prior 14 days to a person who subsequently develops COVID-19-like symptoms or who tests positive for COVID-19.)

6-8pm Youth Group Zoom Gathering

Monday, November 16

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

7pm Upper Dauphin Conference Cabinet Meeting In-Person at Zion Lutheran, Rife

Tuesday, November 17

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

6:15pm Worship & Music Committee Gathering on Zoom

Wednesday, November 18

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

6:30-8pm Midweek Bible Study on Zoom

Thursday, November 19

8-10am Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Friday, November 20

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

Saturday, November 21

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, November 22

Christ the King

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We are in need of sponsors for the altar flowers on Sundays, December 20 and 27. Please sign up in the foyer, or contact Yalonda Rabenold directly, to sponsor these ministry gifts in honor or in memory of a loved one or event. **Two important things in these COVID times...**

1. **Since we will be greatly simplifying our Advent/Christmas decorations this unusual year, poinsettias in some form would be especially welcome altar flowers on those two Sundays.**
2. **And for as long as we are under COVID precautions and restrictions, we are asking that all altar flower sponsors please arrange to stop by and take their flowers directly from the vases at the altar, which can be done as soon as immediately after the end of 11:00am worship. Bags for wrapping the flowers are being kept on the front pew by the lectern.**

Our yearly "Angel Tree" ministry is underway once again, whereby Christmas gifts for needy young persons in the Upper Dauphin Area School District who have been identified by the guidance department can be sponsored. To participate, please follow these simple steps:

- Stop by the "tree" in the foyer, near the guestbook, and take one of the numbered envelopes attached to it.
- Sign your name on the line by the number you have selected in the logbook next to the "tree".
- Inside each envelope, you will find information – but no name – about your young person, such as gender, particular needs, sizes, etc.
- When you have purchased your gift(s), please wrap and mark each one with your envelope number. The number on each package is the only way your gift will be able to get to your sponsored young person, since names aren't used.
- Return your gift(s) to bench in the hallway by the elevator – or let them close by – by the deadline when they will be picked up by school district personnel.

Please contact coordinator Fay Nichols with any questions – and thank you!

Bob and Doris Schaffer will be celebrating their 68th Wedding Anniversary on November 28, and some of their friends are asking that we their congregational family "shower" them with cards or other greetings. Their address is: 680 Rakers Mill Road, Elizabethtown, 17023.

As many in our congregational family have been regularly doing for months now (thank you!!), if you will not be attending 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.

Containers are located in the foyer for food donations for the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens. Please drop off non-perishable food items at any time and, as the contributions add up, deliveries will be made to the pantry. **(Our faithful delivery person, Larry Gessner, plans to deliver our collected items during the week of the Thanksgiving holiday.)** Thank you!

Please be sure that, if you are a communing member of St. John, you turn in **at least one communion record card (or, in these COVID times, if you have already communed this year but aren't sure if you did already turn in a record card, and can't comfortably stop by in person to do so now, feel free to contact Pastor Tom, who can make the notation)** this year. **And please bear in mind that Holy Communion is currently being offered each week at 11:00 A.M. in-person worship.** Also, if you are a contributing member of the congregation, please be sure that you **use your offering envelopes at least once** this year, so that you are on record as having made a contribution. Please help to make sure that our parish records are as accurate as possible!

While we are following COVID guidelines established by Congregational Council, please note that spaces within the church building, such as the Sunday School Room, will not be available for non-congregational-ministry functions as they would be in "normal" times.

The Schaffer and Gessner families would like to extend a big thank you to their St. John congregational family for the greeting cards sent to Katie for her recent 16th birthday. Katie has indicated that she did receive cards but, because of ongoing communication challenges, she could not be clear about how many. She has now been living in Alberta, CA for nine months, and so the Schaffers and Gessners also ask for our continuing prayers!

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Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

Pearl Buffington – Entering Harrisburg on 11/18 for Surgery to Install "Watchman" Anti-Clot Device

Janet Denlinger – Recovering at Home after 11/11 Outpatient Biopsy Procedure

Warren Hassinger – Rm. #107, Providence Place, 24 Hikes Hollow Road, Pine Grove, 17963

Lorraine Henninger – At Home On Hospice Care

Marzette Hoffman – Rm. #803, Premier at Susquehanna, Millersburg, 17061

Cora Mace – Rm. #3647, Roosevelt 3, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022

Ray & Joyce Matter – Rm. #328, Polk Personal Care, 301 North St., Millersburg **(and Daughter, Susan Foster, Currently Staying with Them During a 14-Day Quarantine Period after a Recent Outbreak of COVID-19 at the Polk Facility)**

Our Faith Active in Worship – November 8, 2020

Current – Budget Goal	\$ 2,806
Current – Offerings Received	\$ 3,996
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$ 306
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$ 322
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$ 426
8:30 A.M. Worship Attendance	61
11:00 A.M. Worship Attendance	27

Medical Professionals in our Prayers in this time of COVID-19:

- **Paulette Warner** (Serving in 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**
- **Joanne Rheem*, Healthcare Administrator**
- **David Rheem*, Healthcare Administrator**
- **Alayna Peters, Doctor of Pharmacy**
- **Courtney Peifer*, Psych Technician**
- **Sara Paul, Family Practice Center Medical Receptionist**
- **Bobby Paul, BS**
- **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)**
- **Alexis Lehman, EMT*** (Professional Firefighter and EMT in Metro Washington, DC Area)
- **Shawnita Latsha, RT (RDMS, RVT)**
- **Nichole Holman, RN***
- **Dr. Tonya Henninger** and Her Spouse **Dr. Sarah Bork*** (Hospitalists in Seattle, WA)
- **Robert Foreman, Paramedic**
- **Courtney Foreman, RN**
- **Glenn Fontaine, RN***
- **Ann Fontaine, PA-C***
- **Olivia Enders, CNA**
- **Dr. Seth Eisenberg*** (Anesthesiologist in Atlanta, GA)
- **Rachel Denlinger, RN***
- **Terri Daniels, BS, RRT**
- **Gary Daniels, EMT** (Serving in Non-Emergency Medical Transportation)
- **Timothy Bruner, Doctor of Physical Therapy**
- **Daniel Bruner, Doctor of Chiropractic** and His Spouse **Richelle Demers*, Doctor of Chiropractic**
- **Dr. Jerrel Boyer*** (Neurosurgeon in Chicago, IL)
- **Brett Bellis*, Doctor of Chiropractic**

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

Updated 10-26-20