

Sunday Morning Liturgy

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Gathering
Hymn #717, Let Justice Flow like Streams (**softly singing entire song**)
Thanksgiving for Baptism
Prayer of the Day
Sunny Sermon with Miss Laurie

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8, *The offering of justice, kindness, humility*

Psalm: 15

¹ Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, *Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God*

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12, *The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes*

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

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

Hymn of the Day: Hymn #708, Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (**softly singing entire song**)

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

Thankoffering

As we make our Thankofferings today, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800s or even earlier. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would act together as "cent" or "mite" societies. Each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.

When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, let us now give our thankoffering.

Prayers of intercession

P: ...Christ, be our light.

C: (sing) Shine in your church gathered today.

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

Sending

P: Our God calls us to do justice. May you find strength in God's grace.

C: Amen.

P: Christ Jesus calls us to love kindness. May you find comfort in Christ's gentleness.

C: Amen.

P: The Holy Spirit calls us to walk humbly with our triune God. May you always find joy in God's love and justice.

C: Amen.

P: Holy Trinity + One God, bless you now and forever

C: Amen.

Hymn #817, You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore (**softly singing entire song**)

P: Rejoice and be glad in the light of God's love! Let us go forth in peace in share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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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
Robin Willier	Guest Speaker
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
Judy Ferree	Organist
Women of the ELCE	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 21

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 Confirmation Class (In-Person)
9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
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!

Monday, November 22

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-7:30pm Cub Scout Lion Cub Den Meeting in the Sunday School Room

Tuesday, November 23

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

Wednesday, November 24

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
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 25

Thanksgiving Day
Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off

Friday, November 26

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

Saturday, November 27

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent
9am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)
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Our newly improved LED steeple stars will be lighted for the season, beginning next Sunday evening.

Looking Ahead

Miss Laurie will lead the next gathering of **Celebration Club** on Wednesday, December 1, from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. – in-person at the church.

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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 by **Larry Gessner**. Thank you!

Please join us for upcoming Book Group Discussions! Coming up next - **Monday, Dec 6, at 6:00 pm on Zoom**. The topic will be ***Snow Falling on Cedars*** by David Guterson. Pick up a copy of the book on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer. If those copies are gone, or with any questions, please call or email Ann at 717-362-7895 or rahbruner@gmail.com. Looking ahead to January, for your planning in the new year, the gatherings will be staying on Zoom and shifting a half-hour later for the rest of the winter. Hope to see you there!

December 12 will be **Warren Hassinger's** 95th birthday, and Gail is asking his congregational family to please shower him with birthday greeting cards – once again someone who in the past almost 21 months has had to deal with a lot, living in a skilled care facility with COVID and its precautions. Thank you!

The Youth Group would like to thank our congregational family for the wonderful free will offering received during last Sunday's to-go chicken and waffles dinner. A total of \$997 was received, which will be a great help as planning begins to ramp up for next year's National Youth Gathering. Thank you as always for your love and support!

As we look forward to a new bi-annual Congregational Family Directory, which will become available in January with the Annual Congregational Report, there has been a good bit of interest expressed in including best email addresses along with mailing addresses and telephone numbers in the new directory. If you would like to share your best email address(es) for the upcoming directory, please send that information with your permission to both Rachel and Pastor Tom, and it will be included. **Please note that, even though Pastor Tom and/or Miss Laurie might already have your email address(es), they will not share that information for the directory or for any other reason without your further permission, as they agreed when given that information, so please be sure to send this new email if interested!**

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 – Penn State Hershey Medical Center

Our Faith Active in Worship – November 14, 2021

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,545
Current – Offerings Received	\$1,963
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$155
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$145
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$895
Total Attendance	Zoom – 15, In Person – 89

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
- 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)
- 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