

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 #855 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (verses 1 and 5)

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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms: 95:1-7a

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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 #671 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (entire song)

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

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| 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 are presented to the Glory of God and in celebration of the blessing of our son Hank on his second birthday by Alex and Robin Langhans.

Today, Sunday, November 22

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.)

Monday, November 23

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

Tuesday, November 24

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

Wednesday, November 25

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Midweek Bible Study Will Not Meet

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 26

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

Friday, November 27

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

Saturday, November 28

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent
9am Faith Formation Time (Adult Bible Study via Zoom; Youth Class, Confirmation Class, and SONday Celebration Meeting In-Person at Church)
10:15am Worship (***In-Person and Via Zoom***) Including Holy Communion & Celebration Time for Young Persons (For those who are attending worship in-person, 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 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.)

Our steeple stars will be lighted for the season, beginning next Sunday evening.

Looking Ahead

The December gathering of ***Celebration Club with Miss Laurie*** will be held in-person at the church on Wednesday, December 2, from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

Congregational Council will meet via Zoom on Sunday, December 6, at 4:00 P.M.

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Next Up for Book Discussion Group is a gathering via Zoom on **Monday, December 7, at 7:00 P.M.** Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to participate and haven't joined in before, you can pick up a copy of the current book on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer, just inside the main doors. (That selection for December, **The Boston Girl** by Anita Diamant, is available there in several different formats, but please let Ann know if we run out of books, and she'll order more. Also, please give her a call if you have any other questions – 717-362-7895 or rahbruner@gmail.com.)

Part One of our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, December 13. We will take action on the election of four members to our Congregational Council and proposed budgets for 2021. A copy of the main 2021 budgets is included in the December/January **St. John's Epistle**, as well as the names of the Council nominees being proposed by our Nominating Committee. All voting members – those confirmed members who have communed and contributed during 2019 or 2020 – are especially encouraged to attend this brief, but very important, meeting! **Important – New for This Year's Meeting:** Since our plan is that folks will

be attending 10:15 A.M. worship on December 13 both in-person and via Zoom, we will also plan that everyone will be able to simply attend Part One of our Congregational Meeting in those same ways. For those attending via Zoom, the Zoom host of the morning will make sure to keep a close eye on all Zoom participants for any questions that need forwarding to the floor of the meeting and if/when hands need to be raised for any voting. ***But there is one potential Zoom participation issue of which all those calling in with a telephone need to be aware. Because telephone participants can neither be seen by the Zoom host nor unmute themselves, there doesn't seem to be any way for telephone participants to give input to the meeting by way of their Zoom connection, so we are hoping that perhaps all those who normally Zoom via their telephone will be able, just for the meeting, to find a way to Zoom by way of an internet-connected device, maybe shared with a family member. If this will not be possible, please contact Pastor Tom or Roy or Rachel Henry, who will try to work out a way by which telephone Zoomers could call the telephone of someone on the floor of the meeting.***

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 worship. Bags for wrapping the flowers are being kept on the front pew by the lectern.

Help Requested for our Neighbors at Premier

Our congregational family has a long history of strong support for what was once the Susquehanna Lutheran Village in Millersburg, presently known as Premier at Susquehanna. We have been called on for help once again and, to that end, Miss Laurie is coordinating two Christmas projects:

- **Goodies for Premier** - We are collecting items for residents who might not otherwise get any presents for Christmas! Suggested items for donation are: travel size toiletries including hand sanitizer; adult coloring books; Word Search books; crayons and colored pencils; single serve portions of SOFT foods like applesauce, pudding, jello, Tasty Makes; purse size tissues; soft, snugly blankets would be nice too!. A tub for donations has been placed in the foyer of the church.
- **Card Shower for Premier** - In conjunction with the "goodie" collection, we're going to do a "Christmas Card Shower" for residents of Premier as well! There are 135 people residing at the home, so we're going to need LOTS of cards!! Cards can be hand-made or store bought. A basket for the cards has also been placed in the foyer of the church.

For both projects, the deadline to contribute to either tub is December 11. Please direct any questions to Miss Laurie. Let's show our friends at Premier that they are thought of and loved!! Thank you for your help!

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 this week, prior to Thanksgiving Day.)*** 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.

Joyce & Ray Matter would like to thank their congregational family for the prayers, calls, cards, and other expressions of love and support they received during their recent time of COVID quarantine. The quarantine is being lifted and so they are both once again out and about and Susan is returning home!

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Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Pearl Buffington** – Harrisburg
- **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 ***(now with the COVID-related quarantine once again lifted)***
- **LuAnn Ressler** – Entering Community General Osteopathic on 11/23 for Hip Replacement Surgery (LuAnn was one of our new members received this past summer and so may not appear in your congregational directory unless added then: 60 Mayfield St., Elizabethtown, 17023, 717-905-2473)

Our Faith Active in Worship – November 15, 2020

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| <u>Current – Budget Goal</u> | \$ 2,806 |
| Current – Offerings Received | \$ 1,535 |
| Benevolence – Offerings Received | \$ 390 |
| Improvement – Offerings Received | \$ 30 |
| Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received | \$ 190 |
| 8:30am Worship Attendance | 66 |
| 11am Worship Attendance | 18 |

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

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