

## 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 #244 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" (verses 1 and 4)

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: Amos 5:18-24

Psalm: 70

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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 #785 "When Peace like a River" (verses 1 and 4)

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Jesus is with us.

C: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Piano Postlude and Silent Prayer

# Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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  
The Henry Family  
Roy Henry

Pastor  
Young Christians Minister  
Keyboardist  
Lector  
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 68<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 28<sup>th</sup> and God's many blessings.

The altar flowers today are in loving memory of Carl Sr. and Mary Baumgardner. Presented by their Great Grandchildren; Hoyt, Gary and Madalyn.

### Today, Sunday, November 8

- 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 9

#### **Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East**

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 9am Audit Committee Meeting In-Person in the Sunday School Room (The audit committee will be reviewing the first three quarters of 2020. This means that the treasurer's records should include all activity from January 1st of this year through September 30th. The treasurers will be notified when the

books are finished and ready to be picked up. If treasurers have any questions, please contact Pat Herb at 717-362-9668. Thank you. Pat Herb)

### Tuesday, November 10

- 8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 6pm **Do you understand your computer?** Come join Rachel & Roy Henry for an informational session on how to navigate your computer and the internet. We will be sharing a computer screen to give you some tips and tricks on using your computer. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and get some insight on just what you can do with your computer.

#### **Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81375094330?pwd=Q2tkWm1QbmhK2pDYThHUVMvaitnQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 813 7509 4330

**Passcode:** 129106

### Wednesday, November 11

- 8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours
- 6:30-8pm Midweek Bible Study on Zoom

### Thursday, November 12

- 8-10am Pastor Tom's Office Hours

### Friday, November 13

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

### Saturday, November 14

- Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

### Next Sunday, November 15

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

#### **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)
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- 6-8pm Youth Group Zoom Gathering

## Looking Ahead

Upper Dauphin Conference Cabinet will hold an in-person meeting at 7:00 P.M. at Zion Lutheran, Rife, on Monday, November 16.

Worship & Music Committee will gather (likely on Zoom – please watch for further details) beginning at 6:15 P.M. on Tuesday, November 17.

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We have now bid a prayerful farewell to Tammy Becker and her service with us these past years as Sexton, as she moves to begin a new life in Boiling Springs. We thank her for all of her hard work in helping our building and property to give Glory to God through their cleanliness and beauty! And, in turn, we welcome Tammy's son-in-law and daughter, Lewis & Grace Weaver, to the Sexton role. Their contact information is as follows:

- Lewis: (cell phone) **570-850-2050**, [Bootsdagreat@gmail.com](mailto:Bootsdagreat@gmail.com)
- Grace: (cell phone) **717-319-4131**, **No email**

As we make plans for continuing with the Zoom platform as a part of our worship for the foreseeable future, we are trying to form a **Video Ministry Team**, which would be coordinated by Rachel & Roy Henry, our faithful Zoom hosts, but which would allow them to share those duties with our congregational family members on a regular schedule. Basic familiarity with the internet and with Zoom is helpful, but the Henrys will help all interested folks to get up to speed, which is easily done. Please contact Roy or Rachel with any questions or to serve!

**We are in need of sponsors for the altar flowers on Sundays, December 20 and 27, and for Christmas Eve, December 24. 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.**

If you are an Amazon.com shopper, perhaps especially in this time of pandemic, 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 gets underway, please do your part to help your congregational family be a good steward of heating oil and heating dollars. 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 when no one is present. Thank you!

For as long as may be needed, if you will not be attending in-person worship there are three very simple options for giving your tithes and offerings. As has been the case all the way along, 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. Pastor Tom will then see that all offerings received get securely passed along to our counters. ***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 already 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.

Please be sure that, if you are a communing member of St. John, you turn in **at least one communion record card** this year. 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!

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## Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

**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

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

## Our Faith Active in Worship – November 1, 2020

<b>Current – Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 2,806</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$ 3,718
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$ 310
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$ 55
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$ 135
8:30 A.M. Worship Attendance	<b>66</b>
11:00 A.M. Worship Attendance	<b>24</b>

**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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