

Liturgy for Zoom and In-Person Worship

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

8:30 Only – 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.**

8:30 Only – Opening Hymn #608 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” (verses 1 & 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: Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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

We Proclaim Our Faith:

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON, OUR LORD, WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED; HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD. ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER, AND HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD. (THIS MEANS THAT) I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST, TRUE GOD, BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER IN ETERNITY, AND ALSO A TRUE HUMAN BEING, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, IS MY LORD. HE HAS REDEEMED ME, A LOST AND CONDEMNED HUMAN BEING. HE HAS PURCHASED AND FREED ME FROM ALL SINS, FROM DEATH, AND FROM THE POWER OF THE DEVIL, NOT WITH GOLD OR SILVER BUT WITH HIS HOLY, PRECIOUS BLOOD AND WITH HIS INNOCENT SUFFERING AND DEATH. HE HAS DONE ALL THIS IN ORDER THAT I MAY BELONG TO HIM, LIVE UNDER HIM IN HIS KINGDOM, AND SERVE HIM IN ETERNAL RIGHTEOUSNESS, INNOCENCE, AND BLESSEDNESS, JUST AS HE IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD AND LIVES AND RULES ETERNALLY. THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

-Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*

8:30 Only – Piano 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

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**

8:30 Only – Closing Hymn #732 “Borning Cry” (all verses)

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Jesus is with us.

C: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

8:30 Only – 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

Mr. James Watson	Guest Leader
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
Judy Ferree	Keyboardist
Jamie Doyle	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

The **October Celebrate Inserts**, **Tree 4 Hope**, and **Konde Diocese Pastor's Salary** ministry gifts are in honor of the October wedding anniversaries of Courtney & Rob Forman, Matt & Olivia Williard and Barry & Kim Williard.

Today, Sunday, October 11

8:30am Worship via Zoom (Guest Leader – Mr. James Watson)

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

11:00am Worship In-Person in Our Pavilion (Guest Leader – Mr. James Watson)
(We continue to have plenty of room for more folks to join in this worship opportunity – simply be sure to bring along your own comfortable chair for safe spacing and a mask covering both nose and mouth for every worshipper over the age of two, for which there are 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.)

We thank Jim Watson for his faithful worship leadership this morning! Please remember that, while Pastor Tom is away, Pastor Godfred Effisah (pronounced eh-FEE-suh), who serves the Rife/Killinger Parish, will be on call for any emergency needs for pastoral care. Should you need to get in touch with him, please call Fay Nichols, our Telephone Prayer Chain Coordinator, at 717-329-7447, who will both place the concern on the prayer chain and contact Pastor Godfred. Or, Pastor Godfred can be reached directly by calling 571-572-0119. (In

these times of COVID-19 precautions, please remember that he, like Pastor Tom, would be responding to any emergency needs via the telephone instead of in-person as would normally be the case.) For all non-emergency matters, Pastor Tom will return to the office on the morning of October 21.

Wednesday, October 14

7:00pm 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, October 15

Deadline to submit items for inclusion in the November "St. John's Epistle", please email our new secretary, Rachel Henry, at: henryfamily2004@gmail.com

Next Sunday, October 18

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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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 All Saints Day, November 1. Please sign up in the foyer, or contact Yalonda Rabenold directly, to sponsor this ministry gift in honor or in memory of a loved one or event.

Katie Gessner, still living with her mother in Alberta, Canada, far from her former home and family and friends here in Pennsylvania, will be celebrating her 16th birthday on October 24. Her grandfather, **Larry Gessner**, is requesting that we might send her birthday greetings as her day approaches at:

Katie Gessner
6 Greystone Close
Spruce Grove, Alberta, Canada
T7X2A6

Larry reminds everyone that postage will vary from the first class rates we are used to within the United States and that it might be a good idea to not include a return address, in order to prevent a costly return-to-sender if anything should go awry with your mailing. Please speak with him with any questions.

Book Discussion Group is continuing with monthly times of reading and sharing via Zoom – next up on **Monday, October 26, at 7:00pm** (later than the usual first Monday of the month because of Pastor Tom and Ann’s planned time away). 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 October, **Murder at the Vicarage** by Agatha Christie, is available there, 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.)

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.

For as long as may be needed, if you will not be attending in-person outdoor 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 to pick up your copy of the new quarter of the devotional **Christ in Our Home**, in either large or regular print, in the foyer. This devotional is provided by our Sunday School treasury for all interested persons.

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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

Sue Lebo – Rm. #5, Stonebridge Health and Rehab. Center, 102 Chandra Drive, Duncannon, 17020 (On Hospice Care)

Cora Mace – Rm. #1847, Lafayette West, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022

Our Faith Active in Worship – October 4, 2020

Current – Budget Goal	\$ 2,806.00
Current – Offerings Received	\$ 2,953.00
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$ 245
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$ 23
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$ 238
8:30am Zoom Worship Attendance	64
11:00am In-Person Worship Attendance	22

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**
- **Whitni Rudisill, RN**
- **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***
- **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 6/8/20