

## Sunday Morning Liturgy

### God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

Keyboard Prelude and Silent Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.

**C: AMEN.**

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

*(brief silence follows)*

P: God and Father of all,

**C: WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED. WE HAVE THOUGHT BETTER OF OURSELVES THAN OTHERS. WE HAVE TOLD LIES, SAID HURTFUL THINGS, ACTED IN WAYS WE WISH WE COULD TAKE BACK, AND LOOKED THE OTHER WAY WHEN ACTION WAS NEEDED. IN YOUR MERCY, O GOD, FORGIVE US, CLEANSE US, AND HEAL US, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS, OUR SAVIOR. AMEN.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, we are a new creation: our sins are taken away and we are made new. Let us be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us.

**C: AMEN.**

Opening Hymn LBW #229 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (softly singing entire song)

Greeting:

P: The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all.

**C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Prayer of the Day

Recognition of First Holy Communicants

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms: 46

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

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

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

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*

Prayers

### God Sends Us to Share the Good News and We Share in God's Supper

Jesus' Words of Institution of Holy Communion:

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.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in 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.**

Blessing:

P: Almighty and merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us this day and forevermore.

**C: AMEN**

Closing Hymn LBW #369 "The Church's One Foundation" (softly singing entire song)

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

**C: WE WILL! THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Keyboard Postlude and Silent Prayer

We Depart and Receive Jesus' Body and Blood

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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	Organist
Jamie Doyle	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of October, 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 wedding anniversaries of Kim and Barry Williard Jr., Courtney and Rob Forman and Matt and Olivia Williard.

### Today, Sunday, October 31

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 **OUTDOOR WORSHIP**, Including First Holy Communion and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom)  
This morning, we honor **Abigail Adams, Grady DeSoto, Todd Paul, Jr., Briana Radel, Abigail Bixler, Stella DeSoto, Brady Dresel, Jennifer Kell, Elsie Rabenold, Marc Schaffner, and Maclyn Shoop** and celebrate with their families as they receive their First Holy Communion, after completing instruction with Pastor Tom. Congratulations!

11:15am Walk-Up/Drive-Through Holy Communion with Pastor Tom & Miss Laurie  
11:30am Youth Group Halloween Outing, Beginning with Pizza Lunch

### Monday, November 1

#### **All Saints Day**

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

### Tuesday, November 2

**Election Day – Please be sure to fulfill your responsibility as a Christian and as a citizen of our great nation by voting!**

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

6:15pm Property Committee Meeting (at the Church)

### Wednesday, November 3

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

6:30-8pm Monthly **Celebration Club** with Miss Laurie – in-person at the church.

6:30-8pm Midweek Bible Study – On Zoom This Week

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 4

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

### Friday, November 5

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

### Saturday, November 6

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

**Before going to bed next Saturday night, please be sure to set your clocks back one hour, as we return to Standard Time early Sunday morning.**

### Next Sunday, November 7

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9am Confirmation Class (In-Person)

9am Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)

10:15am Worship, Including Celebration of Confirmation and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person (In-Person and On Zoom – **Location TBD by Congregational Council on 10/31**)

11:15am Walk-Up/Drive-Through Holy Communion with Pastor Tom & Miss Laurie

## Looking Ahead

The November gathering of Book Discussion Group will be held on Monday, November 8, beginning at 6:00 P.M.

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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!**

As another heating season soon gets underway, please do your part to help your congregational family be a good steward of heating oil and heating dollars. First, please be sure to keep doors closed between different heating zones – especially 1. all doors on the second floor going into the nave or up to the balcony and 2. all doors on the first floor going into the Sunday School room. Second, 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. Thank you!

If you are not currently comfortable taking part in 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.

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

- **Louise Baumgardner** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home
- **Judy Cheatham** – UPMC Harrisburg, Rm. #591
- **Paul Glace** – At Home Preparing for Heart Valve Replacement Surgery
- **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)
- **Lois Watson** – Preparing for November 16 Procedure at Penn State Hershey Medical Center to Repair Her Third Brain Aneurysm

### Our Faith Active in Worship – October 10, 2021

<b>Current – Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$2,545</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,374
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$540.76
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$116
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$276
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 26, In Person – 51</b>

### Our Faith Active in Worship – October 17, 2021

<b>Current – Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$2,545</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$1,302
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$345
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$20
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$120
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 26, In Person – 45</b>

### Our Faith Active in Worship – October 24, 2021

<b>Current – Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$2,545</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$1,570
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$415
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$35
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$235
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 14, In Person – 42</b>

**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