

LITURGY FOR ZOOM AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Announcements

9:30 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.

9:30 Only – Opening Hymn #765 “Lord of All Hopefulness” (verses 1 & 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: Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm: 145:1-8

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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

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

9:30 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 GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. (THIS MEANS THAT) I BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS CREATED ME TOGETHER WITH ALL THAT EXISTS. GOD HAS GIVEN ME AND STILL PRESERVES MY BODY AND SOUL; EYES, EARS, AND ALL LIMBS AND SENSES; REASON AND ALL MENTAL FACULTIES. IN ADDITION, GOD DAILY AND

ABUNDANTLY PROVIDES SHOES AND CLOTHING, FOOD AND DRINK, HOUSE AND FARM, SPOUSE AND CHILDREN, FIELDS, LIVESTOCK, AND ALL PROPERTY – ALONG WITH ALL THE NECESSITIES AND NOURISHMENT FOR THIS BODY AND LIFE. GOD PROTECTS ME AGAINST ALL DANGER AND SHIELDS AND PRESERVES ME FROM ALL EVIL. ALL THIS IS DONE OUT OF PURE, FATHERLY, AND DIVINE GOODNESS AND MERCY, WITHOUT ANY MERIT OR WORTHINESS OF MINE AT ALL! FOR ALL OF THIS I OWE IT TO GOD TO THANK AND PRAISE, SERVE AND OBEY HIM. THIS IS MOST CERTAINLY TRUE.

-Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*

9:30 Only – 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

9:30 Only – Closing Hymn #779 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (vs 1, 3, & 5)

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Jesus is with us.

C: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

9:30 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

The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr.	Pastor
Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister
Judy Ferree	Keyboardist
Vincent Lamenza	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

The September **Celebrate Inserts** are sponsored by Randy and Sandy Paul.

The September salary of one **Konde Diocese** pastor is sponsored by Mary Ann and Dennis Smeltz

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TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:30 A.M. Worship via Zoom

9:45 A.M. Faith Formation Time (Adult Bible Study via Zoom; Youth Class, Confirmation Class, and SONday Celebration Meeting In-Person at Church)

11:00 A.M. Worship In-Person in Our Pavilion, Including Holy Communion

(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.)

3:00 P.M. Upper Dauphin Conference Lutheran Youth Organization Meets in Pavilion to Assemble School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00 – 9:30 A.M. Pastor Tom's Office Hours

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 – 9:30 A.M. Pastor Tom's Office Hours

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Pastor Tom's Office Hours

7:00 P.M. 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, SEPTEMBER 24

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off – Instead of Saturday, 9/19 – No Office Hours

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 – 9:30 A.M. Pastor Tom's Office Hours

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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LOOKING AHEAD

Property Committee will meet next on Tuesday, September 29, at 6:15 P.M. in person in the pavilion.

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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!

Our autumn session of Midweek Bible Study will get underway on **Wednesday, October 21**, instead of on the first Wednesday in October (which would have meant having to immediately miss the next two Wednesdays while Pastor Tom is scheduled to be away). To compensate for not starting earlier, and in light of the greatly changed schedules we all have in these pandemic times, Pastor Tom is planning that we will

continue the study into the Advent season, instead of stopping before Thanksgiving Day as before. And, as the COVID-19 case count continues to rise in northern Dauphin County, the study is tentatively planned to take place once again on Zoom, but this decision will be guided by developments between now and later October. Please watch for further details about signing up with Pastor Tom.

Containers are located in the foyer, underneath the display case, 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 box fills up, deliveries will be made to the pantry. Thank you!

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.

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HOSPITALIZED/RESIDING IN SENIOR LIVING/DEALING WITH ACUTE ILLNESS

- Pearl Buffington** – Discharged from Community General Osteopathic on 9/11
- 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, Recovering from COVID-19 Infection
- 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 – September 13, 2020

Current – Budget Goal	\$ 2,806
Current – Offerings Received	\$ 1,927
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$ 315
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$ 35
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$ 170
Zoom Worship Attendance	81
Outdoor In-Person Worship Attendance	23

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