

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 #377 "Lift High the Cross" **(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

Knights of North Castle VBS Slideshow by Nicole Radel

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms: 116:1-9

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

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

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

Sunny Sermon with Miss Laurie

Sermon

We Respond to All That God Gives Us

Blessing of the Backpacks and Devices

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

Blessing:

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

C: **AMEN**

Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" **(softly singing entire song)** See Bulletin Insert

Dismissal:

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

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

Keyboard Postlude and Silent Prayer

Looking Ahead

Upper Dauphin Conference Cabinet will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, September 20, tentatively in-person at St. Christopher Lutheran, Lykens.

Worship & Music Committee will meet (planned in-person at the church, likely in the pavilion) at 6:15 P.M. on Tuesday, September 21.

St. John will be hosting the Annual Convention of the Lower Susquehanna Synod Women's Organization on Saturday, September 25 – please see the details in the separate item in this morning's bulletin.

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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
Vincent Lamenza	Lector
Roy Henry	Council President

For the month of September, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin is sponsored by Fred and Jean Weaver for good health and God's many blessings. **Tree 4 Hope** is sponsored by Joe and Arlene Doyle for God's many blessings and Support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania is sponsored by Chris and Dana Klouser in honor of a new school year – may all children feel safe, loved, and secure in God's embrace.

Today, Sunday, September 12

8:45am Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)
9:30am **OUTDOOR WORSHIP – SUNDAY CELEBRATION WORSHIP** (In-Person and On Zoom)
10:30am Departing for Annual Congregational Outing to Knoebel's (Everyone attending will gather in our reserved pavilion space, with their covered dish and container of drink for sharing to join in lunch together, followed by plenty of time for riding. Our younger members will have some ride tickets provided.)
7pm Congregational Council Meeting (In-Person at the Church)

Monday, September 13

8-9:30am Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30pm **You are Invited to Book Discussion and Fellowship in the Pavilion!** Coming up tomorrow evening – **When Women Were Birds** by **Terry Tempest Williams**. Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to participate and haven't joined in before, you can still borrow a copy of the book at church - on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer, just inside the main doors. Questions? Call or email Ann at 717-362-7895 or rahbruner@gmail.com.

Tuesday, September 14

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

Wednesday, September 15

Deadline to Submit Items for Inclusion in October "St. John's Epistle"

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

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, September 16

8am-12pm Pastor Tom's Office Hours

From Thursday afternoon until late Saturday evening, Pastor Tom will be away. In his absence, Pastor Nancy Brody, who serves the Halifax Lutheran Parish, will be on call for any emergency needs for pastoral care (since Pastor Godfred, Pastor Tom's usual go-to person, is himself on vacation over that time). Should you need to get in touch with Pastor Brody, 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 Brody. Or, Pastor Brody can be reached directly by calling 443-974-5558. For all non-emergency matters, Pastor Tom will be back in the office on Sunday morning.

Friday, September 17

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off (instead of September 25)

Saturday, September 18

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

Next Sunday, September 19

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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** (In-Person and On Zoom – **Everyone is encouraged to dress warmly and bring along a jacket for our outdoor gathering on this breezy hill!**)
11:15am Welcome Back Picnic in the Pavilion, Hosted by Youth Group (Everything will be provided by Youth Group – all you need to bring is your appetite, for both great picnic food and great fellowship!)
3pm St. John Hosts Upper Dauphin Conference Lutheran Youth Organization Annual School Kit Project in Pavilion

Our Faith Active in Worship – September 5, 2021

Current – Budget Goal	\$2,545
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,356
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$271
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$53
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$661
Total Attendance	Zoom – 21, In Person – 55

Hospitalized/Residing in Senior Living/Dealing with Acute Illness

- **Louise Baumgardner** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home
- **Judy Cheatham** – UPMC Harrisburg, Rm. #591
- **Ron Erb** – Heading to UPMC Harrisburg on 9/14 for Knee Replacement Surgery
- **Paul Glace** – Two Upcoming Procedures at Johns Hopkins with Dates TBD – Installation of a Pacemaker/Defibrillator and 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** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home

33rd Convention of the Lower Susquehanna Synod Women of the ELCA

On September 25, 2021, St. John's Women's Group will be hosting the **Annual Convention for the Lower Susquehanna Synod Women of the ELCA.**

If you are not planning to attend that doesn't mean you can't help! We would like to ask our congregation for help in attaining food items for our seminarians. We are collecting the following items:

- Cans of Chunky Soups (any kind)
- Cans of Tuna
- Cans of Chicken
- Gift Cards to be used for gas and prescriptions. Gift cards should come from Weis Market, Giant Stores, or Walmart.
- SPAM
- Cans of Salmon
- Cans of Mackerel
- Or any other meat items in a can

We will be collecting these items in the Conference Room near the window until September 22, 2021. Thank you for your help!

Medical Professionals in Our Prayers in this Time of COVID-19:

- 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

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