

## 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** #486 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" (**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

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalms: 19:7-14

Second Reading: James 5:13-20

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

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 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*

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 **LBW** #259 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" (**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

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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 26

9am	Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)
9am	SONDay Celebration (In-Person) – <b>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!</b>
9am	Confirmation Class (In-Person)
9am	Youth Group Bible Time (In-Person)
10:15am	<b>OUTDOOR WORSHIP</b> (In-Person and On Zoom) including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person

### Monday, September 27

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6-7:45pm	Inquirer's Class Led by Pastor Tom (We will probably meet outdoors in the pavilion, but exact location TBD based on weather. This class is designed for folks who are interested in joining our congregational family, folks who are trying to figure out if this is where God might be guiding them to a faith home, and folks who are already a part of the congregational family but would like to have a bit of a refresher in the basics of Lutheran Christian history and belief. Simply speak with Pastor Tom if you would like to take part. New members will be received during morning worship on Sunday, October 10.)

### Tuesday, September 28

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:15pm	Property Committee Meeting (in-person at the church, likely in the pavilion)

### Wednesday, September 29

8am-12pm	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
6:30-8pm	First Holy Communion Instruction (in-person at the church, likely in the pavilion)
7pm	Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer 1. for All Educators/Students/Families and 2. for Our Health Professionals ( <b>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.</b> )

### Thursday, September 30

8am-12pm	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
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### Friday, October 1

8-9:30am	Pastor Tom's Office Hours
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### Saturday, October 2

Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off

### Next Sunday, October 3

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9am	Adult Bible Study (On Zoom)
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11:15am	Pavilion/Drive Through Holy Communion with Pastor Tom & Miss Laurie
11:30am	Mutual Ministry Committee Quarterly Meeting
7pm	Congregational Council Meeting (In-Person)

### Looking Ahead

#### **You are Invited to Book Discussion and Fellowship!**

Monthly times of reading and sharing continue, with October's location still to be determined as of "press time" depending on weather and our COVID situation. Next up: **Monday, October 4, 6pm - You Belong: A Call for Connection** by **Sebene Selassie**. Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to participate and haven't joined in before, you can borrow a physical or e-copy of the current book at your local library. Questions? Call or email Ann at 717-362-7895 or [rahbruner@gmail.com](mailto:rahbruner@gmail.com), again, please watch for further details or contact Ann as to the location and format for the evening!

The Finance Committee meeting to prepare the 2022 Current Fund and other budgets will be held both in-person and on Zoom on **Tuesday, October 5, at 6:15 P.M.**

Miss Laurie will lead the next gathering of **Celebration Club** on Wednesday, October 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. – in-person at the church.

Our autumn session of Midweek Bible Study will get underway on **Wednesday, October 27** - much like last year, after Pastor Tom returns from his planned time away - and, again much like last year, will then continue each Wednesday through December 15, except for Thanksgiving Eve, when we will take the evening off. We will meet each week from 6:30-8pm. Please stay tuned for more information as to our format this fall - in person/Zoom/hybrid, which will be guided in good measure by what is happening COVID-wise closer to that time. The topic of our autumn study will be something a bit different - ***Reading the Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes: A Study of the Scriptures Jesus Read***. As summarized so well in the study description, "(Our writer) Rabbi Evan Moffic has a passion for sharing Jewish faith and traditions with Christian audiences. In this new study, Rabbi Moffic explores the first five books of the Hebrew Bible (Genesis through Deuteronomy) and highlights the key points of interest to Christians. He presents the biblical text and interpretations of it in the way Jewish leaders during the time of Jesus would have studied it while examining different commentaries from thousands of years of Jewish sources." As always with these studies, no previous Bible study experience is required - only an interest and enthusiasm to study, reflect on, and (if and when you are comfortable doing so) discuss God's Word together! So that the correct number of study books can be ordered for our study, please register in advance (by speaking with Pastor Tom) by the end of the day Wednesday, October 6.

As work begins on 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!***

### Our Faith Active in Worship – September 19, 2021

<b>Current – Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$2,545</b>
Current – Offerings Received	\$2,568
Benevolence – Offerings Received	\$303
Improvement – Offerings Received	\$80
Children & Youth Ministry – Offerings Received	\$890
Total Attendance	<b>Zoom – 20, In Person – 77</b>

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

- **Louise Baumgardner** – Continuing Her Recovery at Home
- **Judy Cheatham** – UPMC Harrisburg, Rm. #591
- **Ron Erb** – Discharged from UPMC Harrisburg on 9/22
- **Paul Glace** – At Home Preparing for Heart Valve Replacement Surgery as Early as Mid-October
- **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

### Medical Professionals in Our Praters in this Time of COVID-19 (updated 8-23-21)

**\*denotes someone who is a part of our extended congregational family:**

- **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**
- **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)**
- **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**