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Believe in the
 Word of God
 with the faith
 of a little child





SUNDAY WORSHIP

BIBLE STUDY 9:00 AM

SERVICE 11:00 AM

"Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!"

REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

Sunday - 9:00 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Sunday Worship

Monday-

Panera bread distribution 9:00-11:00 AM

Wednesday

6:30 PM - Adult Choir (September through May/June)

Thursday

6:30 PM-Narcotics Anonymous Meeting (Suspended)

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.firststjohns.org

WELCOME

Our calling is for all to know Jesus as Lord and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ. Worship should always be focused on God, the time honored traditions of worship are observed here, we want worship to be glorifying to God, honoring to God and reminding us of the greatness and glory of God. People say that they have truly worshipped after our Sunday morning service.

We are a very welcoming church and we want to help you to know Jesus.

Contact Us

Phone 717.843.8597

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion and Non-Communion, Services are held during the month, Prayer and Preaching Non-Communion services are held on the 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sundays.

We print bulletins in English (small and large print), and Chinese for morning worship. Please contact us in advance if you need a Spanish bulletin.

PHONE: (717) 843-8597

COME
WORSHIP
with us!



If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email please contact the church office at (717) 843-8597 or send an email to firststjohns@verizon.net.



If you or someone you know is a shut-in, has an illness or is unable to worship with us due to other circumstances, please call the church office.

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Music & Worship Notes (Continued form Page 10)



FOREST GREEN

Forest Green is the name of a village in Surrey, England, near Ockley. In 1903, the arranger, Ralph Vaughan Williams, transcribed the tune from a singer in Forest Green and named it after the village. FOREST GREEN is considered a folk song and was first published in 1906 in both *The English Hymnal with Tunes* and the *Journal of the Folk-Song Society*.

Related hymns: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (361) and "O Sing of Christ" (362)

RATHBUN

According to Robert Guy McCutchan, the tune RATHBUN was "named after Mrs. Beriah S. Rathbun, leading soprano of the choir of the Central Baptist Church, Norwich, Connecticut." It was "named by its composer (Ithamar Conkey), who was organist and choir director of that church when he wrote the tune."

Related hymn: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (427)

ST. GERTRUDE

During the nineteenth century, composer Arthur Sullivan often boarded with Gertrude Clay-Ker-Seymer and her family in Dorsetshire, England. The *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns* records the following about ST. GERTRUDE:

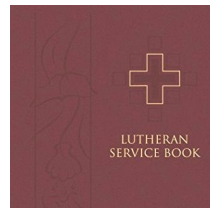
Mrs. Clay-Ker-Seymer wrote in a letter dated August 13, 1901, and quoted in the July 1, 1902, issue of *The Musical Times* p. 477: "I can tell you that I *believe* the tune was written at Hanford, my home in Dorsetshire, while Sir Arthur was staying there, but it is so long ago I cannot be quite sure; what I do remember, however, is that we sang it in the private chapel attached to the house, Sir Arthur playing the harmonium, and having taught us the tune, as we had not the music. Therefore it was certainly not published then, but I think we may assume that it was written there."

Reprinted from Concordia Publishing House - Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns

Hymns

Ken Sanders,
Minister of Music





Think about your favorite hymn in *Lutheran Service Book*. If you have a hymnal handy, take a minute to look it up. In the bottom right corner of the page, there's probably a name listed in all capital letters—this is the hymn tune. Some are simple, like CAROL or GREENSLEEVES. Others are phrases, often in Latin or German.

Have you ever wondered how a hymn tune gets its name? If so, you're in good company! The origin of hymn tunes and their names is rather fascinating. Some tune names get changed over the years, some are named after people or places, and still others have entirely unknown backgrounds. Here's a handful of well-known hymn tunes and how they got their names.

DUKE STREET

Credit for the tune DUKE STREET is given to composer John Hatton. Legend has it that he lived on Duke Street in St. Helen's, Lancaster, England and that this is where the tune originated. Although the tune is attributed to Hatton, its first print appearance was in *Euphonia*, William Dixon's book that was published in Liverpool, England, between 1805 and 1808. Additionally, Duke Street is a famous street in Liverpool, so it's possible the tune name comes from Liverpool instead of Lancaster.

Despite the mystery surrounding its origins, DUKE STREET remains a fundamentally important tune for Lutheran hymnody.

Related hymns: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (461) and "Jesus Shall Reign" (832)

EBENEZER

This hymn tune was composed by Thomas J. Williams during the 19th century. Its name hails from Ebenezer Chapel, located in Rhos, a village in southern Wales. The composer attended church at Ebenezer Chapel.

Related hymn: "Thy Strong Word" (578)

FARLEY CASTLE

The original tune was composed by Henry Lawes in the seventeenth century. In 1810, a country house was built near Swallowfield in Berkshire, England, and named "Farley Castle." Connection, if any exists, between the manor home and the hymn tune FARLEY CASTLE is unclear.

Related hymns: "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" (631), "Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ" (769), and "Lord of All Good" (786)

Related hymn: "Onward, Christian Soldiers" (662)

THE ADULT CHOIR:

Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger, Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith, Ding Wang,



IN MEMORIAM

Susan Peregoy entered her eternal rest on Wednesday, July 8, 2020. We commend her Children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other family members and friends to the comfort and care of our Lord and Savior, who is the Resurrection and the Life.

Sharon Hennig entered her eternal rest. More details will be forthcoming. We commend her Children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other family members and friends to the comfort and care of our Lord and Savior, who is the Resurrection and the Life.



In Memoriam



Bible Study

9:00 AM

AUGUST 2020 PARISH VISITOR

SEPTEMBER 2020 DEADLINE

Articles Due

August 21st-Friday

Mail / Publication Date

August 27th -Thursday

Newsletter

MEETINGS IN AUGUST

Worship Committee

To be announced

Church Council

13th at 6:00 PM

Future Committee

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month



UPCOMING AUGUST 2020 SERVICES

August 2nd, Communion (9th Sunday after Pentecost)

August 9th, Non-Communion (10th Sunday after Pentecost)

August 16th, Communion (11th Sunday after Pentecost)

August 23rd, Non-Communion (12th Sunday after Pentecost)

August 30th, Non-Communion (13th Sunday after Pentecost)



OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS
Bible Study 9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Service 11:00 AM

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AUGUST 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9th Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green	3 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	4	5	6	7	8
9 10th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	10 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	11	12	13 CHURCH COUNCIL MTG 6:00 PM	14	15
16 11th Sunday after Pentecost C/ Green	17 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	18	19	20	21	22
23 12th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	24 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	25	26	27	28	29 Martyrdom of John the Baptist
30 13th Sunday after Pentecost NC/ Green	31 Panera Bread 9:00-11:00 am	LAY READER	USHER	ALTAR GUILD Barb Klahold		

WELCOME BACK FATHER'S HOUSE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, You have gathered us together around the Word of Your Son and the blessed Sacraments He instituted. Have mercy on every Christian congregation stressed by illness and precaution. In chaos and change, give us the peace which this world cannot give. Preserve us from sickness and fear. Refresh our generosity and love for one another. While caution and circumstance divide us from each other, help us find consolation in the communion of saints, in which we are never divided from Christ, our Head, nor from His body, the Church; through Jesus Christ...Amen

AUGUST 2020 STEWARDSHIP

Winston Churchill reportedly said, “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten and more by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. So it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got us for Himself, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. Giving softens our hearts and frees us from the worries of this world and making a living. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get.

That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives – our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to others?” to “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But, when we give, we do not have less, and we do not become less. We have more and become more. Because when we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

Stewardship

*is the grateful response of a Christian disciple
who recognizes and receives God's gifts
and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.*

Bonnie Abendschoen

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If you are aware of any changes with those on the list please contact the church office.

We encourage you to drop a card or letter to our shut-ins to let them know that they are missed and a valued member of the congregation.



O God, You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ. Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace, and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation.

Grant that as St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life.

Amen.





PRAYERS

Ruthetta Fogle
 Christians especially in the Middle East– persecuted
 Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving
 Becky Lupp
 Angie Linebaugh
 Susan Null-Cancer
 Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home
 Marianne DeModena-Cancer
 Patti Tripp-COPD
 Beth Smith
 Bill Hildebrand
 Julia
 Pastor Jay Mazikas (nephew of Sylvia Barclay)- Severe Headaches
 Nancy Hildebrand
 Rich Holen-Serious health problems (Son-In-Law) of Sylvia Barclay
 Linda Mumford-Health issues
 Marge Driskell-Health issues
 Kathy Butts Oster-Health issues
 Shannon Schwartzman-Health issues
 Joyce Devan-Health issues
 Aimee Walton-Health Issues
 Ruth Strathmeyer-Health issues
 Anna vanDyk
 David Soter-Health issues
 Wally and Beth Smith-Health concerns

We remember in prayer those who are in need of God's special presence in their lives due to special needs:

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

Ron Snyder-Health issues
 Family of Sharon Hennig-who went to be with the Lord
 Family of Susan Peregoy, who went to be with the Lord
 Hadley Schumacher-illness (President John Denninger's-Granddaughter)
 Dawn Yenez-Health issues (Aunt of Wally Smith)
 Jerry Allison-York Hospital-Health issues

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen	Dawn Frey	Joyce Devan
Bill Hildebrand	Ruth Hermann	

LEADERS

Church Pastor, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lay Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Nzinski, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Seifferlein (Replaced Adam Koontz), Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robertson, Pastor Schaefer. Sally Hiller, David Maack. District President John Denninger

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

For all of God's Gifts
 Karl & Anna vanDyk
 Ryan Sanders

SPIRITUAL NEEDS

For all those who do not know Jesus as Lord
 For our "action" committees/task forces
 Our Community and Families



1st - Christina Lin
 1st - Breana Wilson
 6th - Norma Null
 9th - Marguerite Beck
 15th - Alexis Stover
 18th - Kay Markel
 23rd - Edward Abendschoen III
 24th - Chrystal Myers
 25th - Tyler Fogle
 26th - Daniel Montanez
 26th - Jeanne Noll
 27th - Idarae Lauer-Olinger

Please Note - On the 1st Sunday service of the month the birthdays for the month will be read. The Birthdays for the current month will be posted on the bulletin board

Early September Birthdays

7th - Deborah Stover
 9th - Adette Brady

PRAYER LIST (cont.)

MILITARY

Kevin Kuhn	U.S.C.G.
Lindsay Wood	U.S.A.F.
Dakota Kaufman	U. S. Army in Kuwait
Matthew Holland	U. S. Army
Chuck Barrows	U. S. Army
Megan Messersmith	U.S.A.F.
Krista McKenzie	U.S.A.F.
Jonathan Cosgrove	U.S.M.C.
James Bova	U. S. Navy
Dylan Moynihan	U. S. Navy
Tyr Abendschoen	U. S. Army



POLICE

Jonathan



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