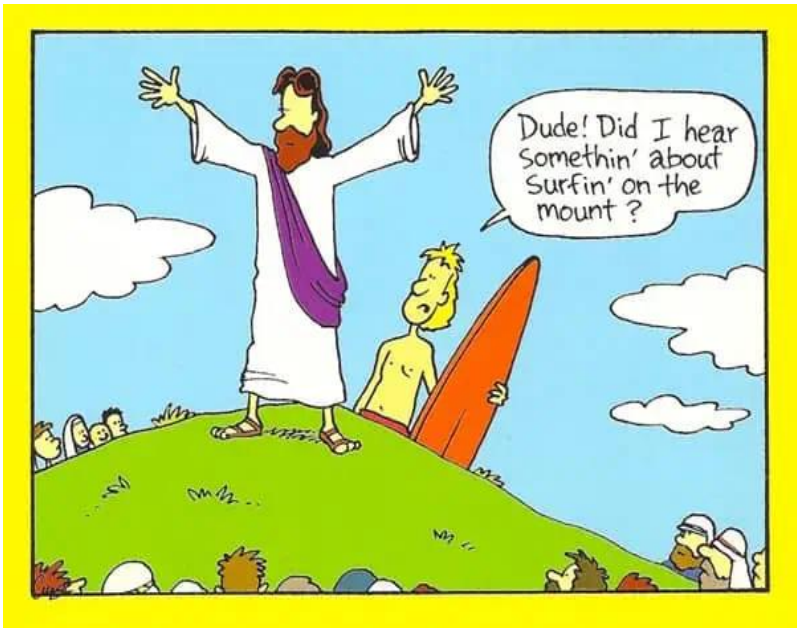


*Upper Bermudian Lutheran
Parish*

PASTOR ERIC SNYDER



*Holy Hilarity Sunday/Bright Sunday
April 16, 2023*

Welcome to Our Worship Service

Upper Bermudian Evangelical Lutheran Church

185 Ground Oak Church Road
Gardners, PA, 17324

April 23, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Joint Service at Mt. Zion

April 30, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Joint Service at Ground Oak

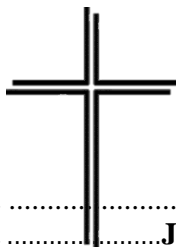
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Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

4200 Carlisle Road
Gardners, PA 17324



**Our prayerful beginning to a Sunday filled with the Joy of
the Lord**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We want Debbie to play background music for
announcements (no seriously)

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 126)**

P: When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,
We were like those who dream.

C: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and
our tongue with joyful shouting; then they said among
the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

P: The LORD has done great things for us; we are joyful.

C: Restore our fortunes, LORD, as the streams in the South.

P: Those who sow in tears shall harvest with joyful
shouting.

C: One who goes here and there weeping, carrying *his* bag
of seed, shall indeed come again with a shout of joy,
bringing his sheaves *with him*.

***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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**C: We believe in God, who made us in His image.
We live, we love, we laugh because we are like Him.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.
He rose from the dead, securing our eternal joy.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son.
Our counselor, our guide, our motivator – He is our
joy!**

***OPENING HYMN**

(We are not sure what it is yet but will let Debbie know by no later than 10:29). He He..... 😊

OPENING PRAYER

P: Holy God,

C: as you have taken what we call an absurdity and turned it into possibility.....as you have coaxed us to sing springtime alleluias where once there was a gray dawn, as you have called us out of the tombs we inhabit into an undreamed-of tomorrow, we praise you for this day! Come, Risen Christ, in newness and hope on this Eastertide day. Amen.

SKIT By Joyce and Rhoda

“Dinner party at MARY and Martha’s”

***HYMN** “Go Tell it on the Smartphone”

Refrain - **Go tell it on the smartphone,
FaceTime and Skype and way too many Zooms,
Go tell it on the smartphone
that Jesus is alive.**

**While soldiers watched the gravesite
that quiet Sunday dawn
there came a big commotion
and then the storm was gone. *Refrain***

**The women found no body
their spices to anoint;
instead they found an angel,
God's message to appoint. *Refrain***

**When Jesus spoke to Mary,
He said, “Don’t hold me tight,
I’m going to the Father,
so-that-you’ll always have my light!” *Refrain***

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Debbie Drobenak and Kathy Hoffman will perform a
clarinet/piano duet (THIS IS NOT A JOKE!!!): The Strife is
O'er written by G. Palestrina*

We have asked Dan Flohr at this time to do a little standup comedy. Originally, we asked Dan to do 30 minutes but after the council reviewed his material we trimmed it down to 2 minutes and 15 seconds...

ELECTION OF PERCUSSION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

(Led by Pastor Eric)

“We Are Marching in the Light of God” ELW #866 (verse 1)

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

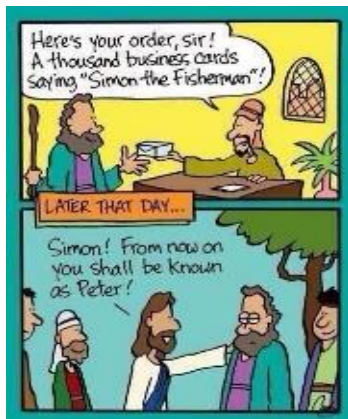
P: Lord, grant us a joyful heart and a holy sense of humor.

C: **Please give me the gift of faith, to be renewed and shared with others each day. Teach me to live this moment only, looking neither to the past with regret, nor to the future with apprehension. Let love be my guide, and my life a prayer.**

SPECIAL MUSICKid’s Choir
“Satan Don’t Bother Me”

Satan don’t bother me
Satan don’t bother me
Satan don’t bother me
For I belong to Somebody.

His name is Jesus Christ
He is the Son of God
His name is Jesus Christ
And He is the Son of God
Oh... (Repeat)



SERMON

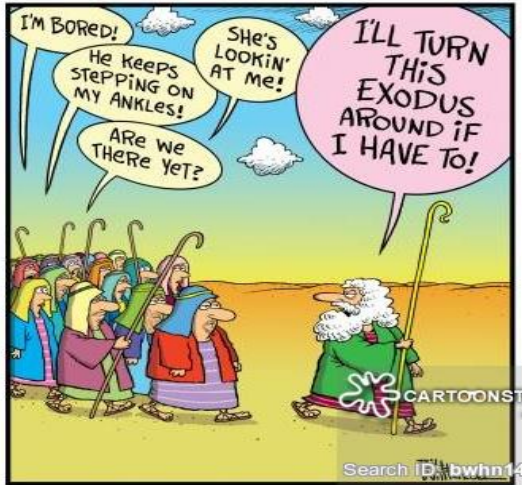
We will have to just see what happens here, won't we??

HYMN OF THE DAY..... *“Hark! The Harold Angel Said”*

**Hark! The Herald Angel said
Why seek Jesus with the dead?
He’s not here, as you can see,
Grave cloths lie where he would be,
On your way not tell the others,
Jesus will be with his brothers.
Sisters, too, he wants to see
On the hills of Galilee.
Hark! The Herald Angel said
He is risen from the dead.**

**Two disciples walking down
To Emmaus with a frown
Jesus walked and talked with them
Whose hearts were low and eyes were dim.
To the stranger they both said,
Stay with us, for night’s ahead.
Jesus blessed and broke the bread,
And their hearts within them sped.
Now our eyes have seen the Lord!
Now our hope has been restored!**

**When the doors were locked in fear,
Christ the Lord again came near.
Peace be with you! Twice he said,
Now I send you in my stead.
Take the Spirit and forgive,
Show the world that I do live.
Let my love cast out all fear,
Trust that I am always near!
Witness to the Risen One,
Share my peace with everyone!**



HUMOR BREAK

At this stage will be having someone do a song or a skit. If not, Pastor Eric will give another sermon...

GATHERING OF TIES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSICPiano Duet with Adie Hoffman
"Ode to Joy"

***THE OFFERTORY:**Maranatha #251
"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

We bring the sac-ri-vice of praise in-to the house of the Lord; We bring the sac-ri-vice of praise in-to the house of the Lord. And we of-fer up to You the sac-ri-fic-es of thanks-giv-ing; And we of-fer up to You the sac-ri-fic-es of joy.

***PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: We thank you God -- for life and love and laughter.

C: We thank you for fun and food and feeling happy. We praise you God for caring and kindness. And most of all we thank you for Jesus who makes all things whole. Amen.

P: And in the words Jesus taught us:

C: 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

***THE SENDING HYMN..... ELW #866**

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

***THE DISMISSAL**

Go in laughter; go in grace.
Keep the Lord in your heart
and a smile on your face.

***POSTLUDE AND
MEDITATION**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Kristen Bechtel's birthday.

Birthdays: 4/17 – Morgan Sayers **4/18** – Kristen Bechtel
4/21 – Eleanor Hoffman

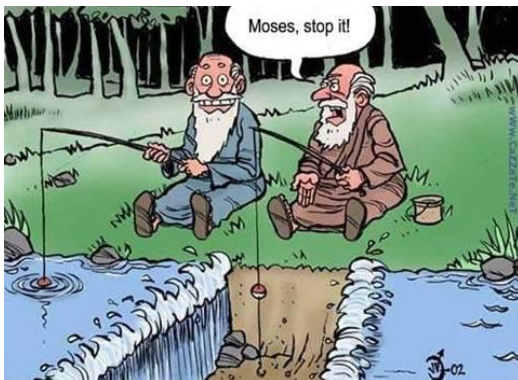
Anniversaries: 4/17- Kathy & Duane Hoffman

Musical Moments - Sunday, April 23, 2:00 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Biglerville. Enjoy an afternoon showcase of musical talents for all ages. No Admission Charge. Donations welcome for John's Meals.

Special Offering – Help for tornado victims in the South and Midwest: Special offerings will be collected at today's service and next Sunday, April 23rd. Please make checks payable to Upper Bermudian Lutheran Parish, and the collections will be forwarded to Samaritan's Purse.

REMINDER:

The next week's (April 23rd) worship services will be held at Mt. Zion



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Wed. April 19 - Bible Study @ MZ at 9:00 A.M.

Thurs. April 20 – Choir Practice 7:00 pm at Mt. Zion

Sun. April 30 - The Ground Oak Ladies Aid is sponsoring a Paint Along (cardinals) with Deb Slocum on Sun. April 30th. The event will be held at GO from 1:30-3:30 P.M. The cost is \$35.00 with some proceeds going to support our Shoebox Ministry. Reservations and money are due to Joanne Kuhn by **April 23rd**. Checks are to be made to Upper Bermudian Lutheran Church. Contact Joanne Kuhn at 717-476-0501 (leave a message or text) or [email-joannekuhn19@gmail.com](mailto:joannekuhn19@gmail.com)

Sun. Apr. 30 - Egg Scavenger Hunt during Kids Sunday School at 9:00 AM at Ground Oak

Sun. June 11 – SAVE THE DATE for our Mini VBS where we will learn about Daniel during Sunday School at 9:00 am

MT. ZION

Tues. April 18 – Mt. Zion Council at 6:30 pm

Wed. April 19 – Joint Council will meet @ 6:30 P.M. at Ground Oak.

Fri. May 5 – Ladies Aide Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Social Room. Hostesses: Agnes Thomas and Lisa Lockman.

GROUND OAK

Mon. April 17 - “Rooted in Faith” event at Five Points Farm Market, 85 Fickes School Rd., York Springs , PA 17372 at 6:00 pm.

Wed. April 19 – Joint Council will meet @6:30 P.M. at Ground Oak.

Wed. April 26 – Spring Cleanup and landscaping 5:00 pm at Ground Oak. A light dinner will be provided. Bring a side to share if you would like.

Tues. May 2 – Ground Oak Ladies Aid will be held at the church at 7:00 pm. Hostess is Kay Bupp.



PRAYER LIST

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Ease their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen

Annette Bupp	Lexie Tate (missionary)
David Lockhard	Linda Shreve
Wayne Weidner	Zona Fisher
Cindy Hogue	Jean Starner
Rachel Wills	Jo Williams
Dennis Richwine	Nancy Kuhn
Jordan Wagner	Paul Depue
Valarie Bushey	Dustin Steinour
Jeff & Jodie Golden	Phillip Lobaugh
Mary Starner	Marlene Brecht
Diane Fetters	Paige Kriel
Diane Baugher	Deb Chapman
Bill Bechtel, Sr.	Nick Snyder
Martha Smith	Kailyn
Donald Rhine	Sherri Price
Juilea Cline	Harrison Eavey
Norma Bupp	Mark Stibitz
Jeff Staub	Frances Shupp
Eddie Pritt	Bob Irvin