

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Belleville, PA**



**Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2020**

'Happy Father's Day/God Bless Fathers'

Rembrandt van Rijn, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, c. 1661–1669.
Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

*CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

*GREETING

The grace of our lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C And Also with you.

***KYRIE ~**

HYMN of PRAISE ~ *Glory to God...

HYMN ~ *This Is My Father's World

see page

PRAYER OF THE DAY ~ *in unison

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

***FIRST READING** A reading from Jeremiah 29:7-13

after the reading

R The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

***PSALM 69:7-10, 16-18**

***SECOND READING** A reading from Romans 6:1b-11

after the reading

R The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~**

Allelulia, Lord to whom shall we go,
You have the words of eternal life. Allelulia, Allelulia!

***GOSPEL READING ~ Matthew 10:24-39**

MESSAGE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us extend the Peace of Christ to those around us and into the world.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (you will leave your gifts in the offering plates at the end of the front pew (Mechanic St. side) on your way out)

Let us pray. Merciful God,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

C We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***LORD'S PRAYER** (*in unison*)

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 today our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses (debts) as we forgive those who trespass against us (debtors); 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.

***SENDING PRAYERS**

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who receive the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

***DISMISSAL**

Come forth to take the sacrament.

Then go forth in peace and fellowship to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***COMMUNION** and sending Christ's gifts and love into the world.

We will come up for communion by the center aisle and depart by the side aisle (Mechanic St. side) or elevator and leave by the front open doors downstairs. The Pastor will greet people outside time/weather permitting.

***BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father and + Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **C Amen**

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Eleanore Rachau and family in loving memory of Dick Rachau.

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Our Mission Statement

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

Our Vision Statement

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community through our prayer,
devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

Origin of Father's Day began in the Church! As Americans everywhere pause to honor their fathers, on Father's Day, it is good to remind ourselves of its beginning. The most widely accepted story on the origin of Father's Day comes from Spokane, Washington. Sonora Smart Dodd, who grew up without a mother, was looking for a way to publicly recognize, thank and honor her father who had raised six children single-handedly. She brought the idea to her minister and church members who embraced the idea and held the first Father's Day celebration on June 19, 1909.

The day as it was established was well meaning, but it is impossible to improve on Scripture. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." (*Ephesians 6:1-3*)

Please remember in prayer ~ Audrey Michael and Donna Snook, Kim Aumiller, Ev Young, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Carol Yoder, Diddy Cleck, Betty Smith, Memory Lane ~ Nancy Aumiller and Sally Shingler.

We extend our sympathies to Esther and Gary Fultz, her sister, Carol Billett of Bellefonte died on Wednesday evening. Please keep them in your prayer during this difficult time.

Council has determined that bulletin delivery will resume along with the monthly worship duties performed by our members. **IF you are scheduled and do not feel comfortable with your task at this time, please contact the church office or your Good Shepherd.**

There will be a blood drive at Maple Grove Church this Wednesday, June 24 from 12:30 – 6:00pm. Please contact the church 935-2513 for more information.

The daycare yard sale is still on for this summer, with the date to be determined. If you have been cleaning out during these last few months while keeping close to home, we would love to have your unwanted items. **No clothing and televisions, please.** Donations can be placed on the stage or outside the double doors (by restrooms) if you do not want to come in. Thank you!

Offering for 6/14/20 ~ \$ 2,855.00 Attendance ~ 27

St. John's ~ January thru June 18

Income \$121,733.12 Expense \$99,759.14

Net Income \$ 21,973.98

Parking Lot Project Donations ~ \$10,290.00

Daycare ~ January thru June 18

YTD Income ~ \$ 91,071.43 YTD Expense ~ \$ 79,159.08

Net Income \$ 11,912.35

This Is My Father's World

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D F#m D Em A A7

1 This is my Fa - ther's world, And to my lis - t'ning ears All
 2 This is my Fa - ther's world; The birds their car - ols raise; The
 3 This is my Fa - ther's world; Oh, let me not for - get That,

D F#m Bm A D A7 D

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

A7 D G A7 Bm D G D A E7 A A7

This is my Fa - ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of
 This is my Fa - ther's world; He shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa - ther's world; Why should my heart be sad? The

D F#m Bm A D A7 D

rocks and trees, of . . skies and seas; His hand the won - ders . wrought.
 rus - tling grass I . . hear him pass; He speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
 Lord is king, let the heav - ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be . . glad!

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain

so when you call your fam - ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.