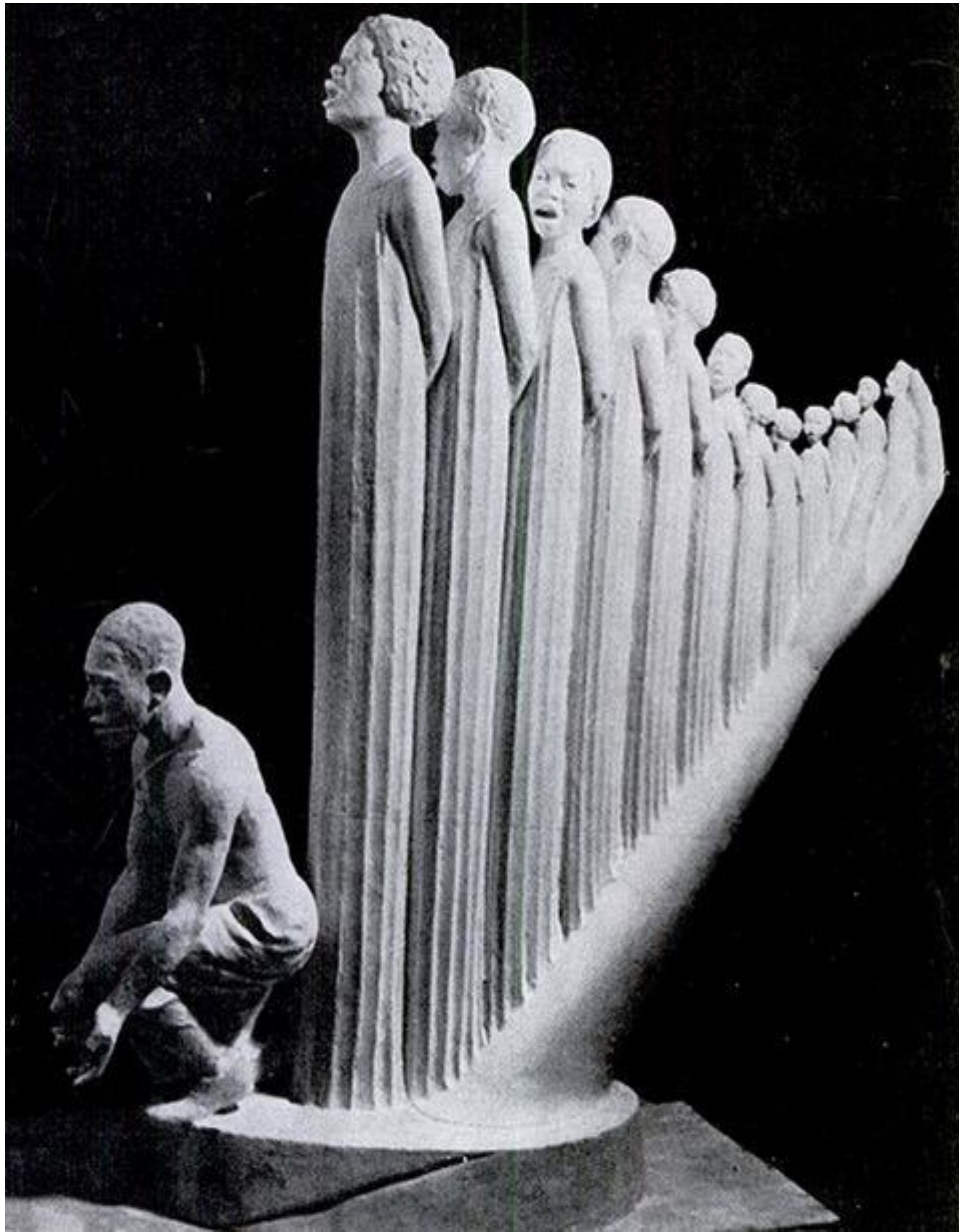


**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Belleville, PA**



**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 28, 2020**

[Lift Every Voice and Sing, or, The Harp.](#)

Savage, Augusta, 1892-1962

Note: This sculpture was exhibited at the 1939 World's Fair and was 16' high.

Lisa Griffith writes she was able to see a rendition of it at an exhibit at State College several years ago.

**PRELUDE**  
**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GATHERING SONG** – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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**\*GREETING**

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

P You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C a people holy to the LORD our God.**

P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

P One does not live by bread alone,

**C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY ~ in unison** Prayers and Lessons are found in *Celebrate*

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

**THE LESSONS**

\*First Lesson ~ A reading from Jeremiah 28:5-9

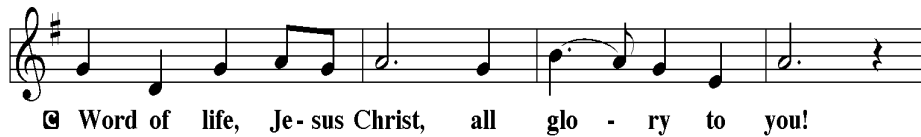
after the reading R The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

\*Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

\*Second Lesson ~ A reading from Romans 6:12-23

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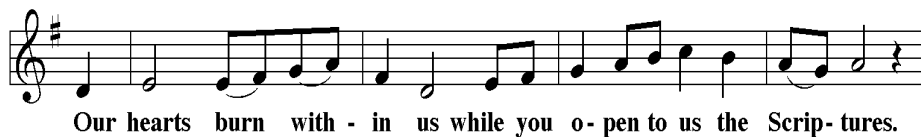
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

**\*GOSPEL READING**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading*

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE ~ “Complainer, Proclaimer: Welcome to Both?”

**\*RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C 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**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation

**C Everything old has passed away;  
behold, everything has become new!**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you  
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C Amen**

**\*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.

**OFFERING** (please leave your gifts in one of the offering plates **at the end of the front and back pews** (Mechanic St. side) on your way out)

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

**C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature.  
With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care.  
Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**\*PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ Found in Celebrate**

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

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily  
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

**\*THE BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen**

**SENDING HYMN ~ “Lift Every Voice and Sing”**

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**\*DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

**R Thanks be to God**

**\*POSTLUDE ~ *please exit the church using the aisle and staircase on the left (Mechanic St. side, remembering to keep a safe distance from others)***

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Don and Rosalie Smith in honor of  
granddaughter’s Sarah Smith’s birthday.

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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.*

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

The Daycare and Church office are closed this Friday in observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

The July/August newsletter was mailed/emailed on Thursday. Included are the worship duties for each of those months. As a reminder ~ **IF you are not comfortable performing a task you volunteered for, PLEASE contact the church office or your Good Shepherd.**

The daycare yard sale is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4 and Wednesday, August 5. 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!

### **Devotions For The Week At Home**

#### **Questions for Reflection:**

The life and witness of the prophet Jeremiah remind us that in challenging times we often choose denial and despair and resort to easy answers. How can we more faithfully discern God's will during times of trial in our life, nation, or church? At the expense of comfort, ease, and half-truths, to whom or to what do you turn for the courage to choose justice, hope, and truth, and what is the reward that you seek?

#### **Household Prayer: Morning**

Gracious God, I awake this day in expectation and thanks and ask to receive the opportunity to share your hospitality with all whom I meet. May I welcome you in serving others and grow ever deeper in holiness and right relationship. This is my prayer; this is my hope. Amen.

#### **Household Prayer: Evening**

Steadfast God, you have traveled with me this day and have seen those places where I flourished and those where I floundered. I give thanks for the gift of finding you at every turn and for the gift to learn of my need for you, in both times of failure and times of attainment. I seek your rest this night, that upon awakening I may find your strength to serve your world with constancy and joy. Amen.”

— Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2: Trinity Sunday through Reign of Christ by Kimberly Bracken Long

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Offering for 6/21/20 ~ \$ 2,090.00    Attendance ~ 37

St. John's ~ January thru June 24  
Income \$ 123,823.12    Expense \$ 99,759.14  
Net Income \$ 24,063.98

Parking Lot Donations YTD ~ \$ 10,690.00

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
 2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

## Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing Till earth and heav - en  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had the  
 tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning  
 died; Yet, with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry  
 way; Thou who hast by thy might Led us in - to the

skies; Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 feet Come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 light: Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres-ent has brought  
 We have come, tread-ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
 Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new day be -  
 tered, Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we stand at  
 thee; Shad-owed be - neath thy hand May we for - ev - er

gun, Let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
 last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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