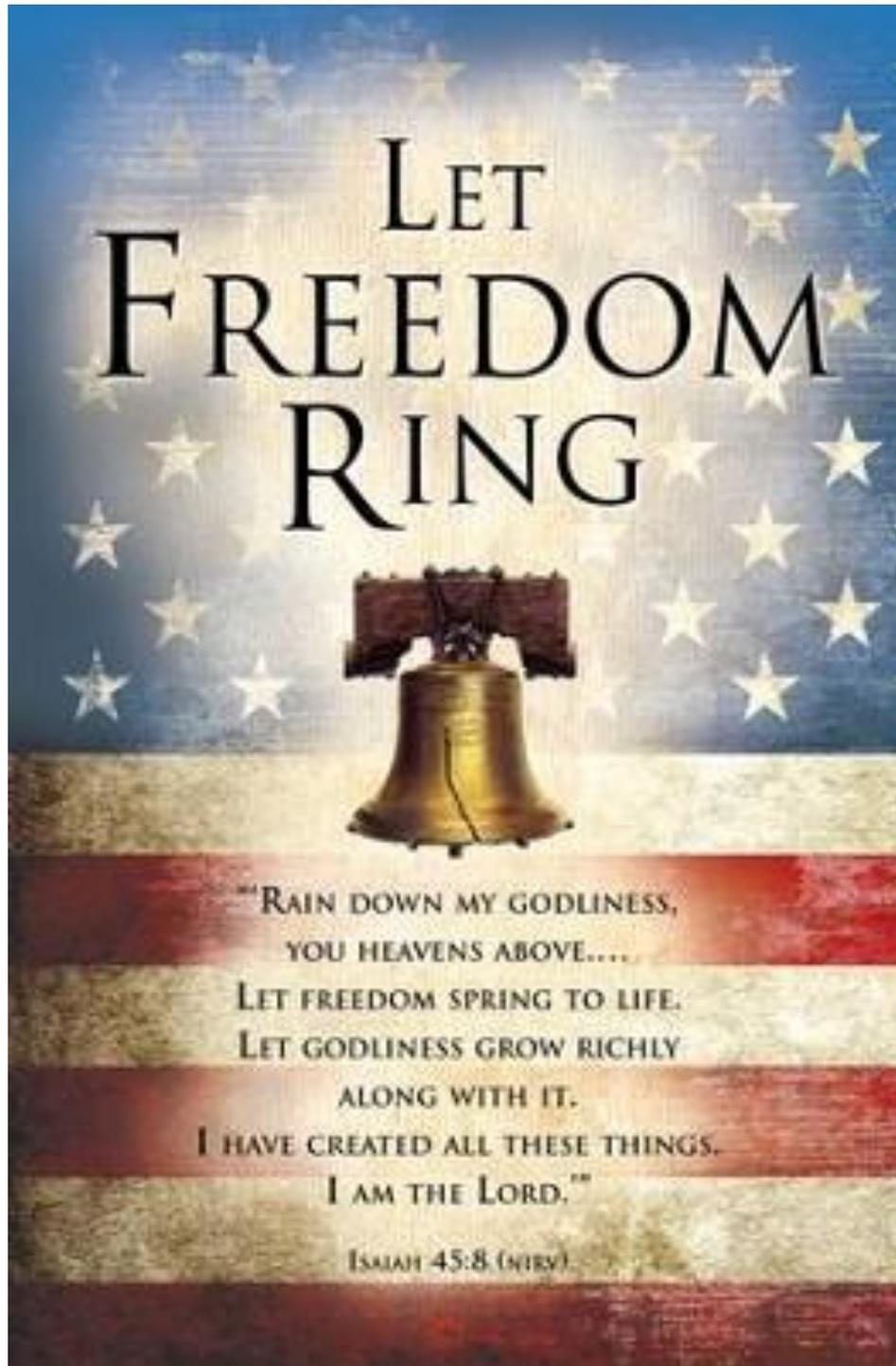


**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Belleville, PA**



**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 5, 2020**

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE**  
**WELCOME**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**\*HYMN**

### **“God Bless America”**

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,  
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.  
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,  
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer:

God Bless America, land that I love,  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam,  
God Bless America, my home sweet home.  
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### **\*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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY ~ *in unison*** Prayers and lessons found in Celebrate insert

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

**\*FIRST READING** A reading from Zechariah 9:9-12

*after the reading*

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

**\*PSALM 145:8-14**

**\*SECOND READING** A reading from Romans 7:15-25

*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 11:16-19, 25-30**

**MESSAGE**

**\*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.*

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## My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,  
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees  
 4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,

Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the  
 Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and  
 Sweet free-dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake; Let all that  
 To thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With free - dom's

pil - grims' pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain - side Let free - dom ring.  
 tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.  
 breathe par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.  
 ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, Great God, our king.

Text: Samuel F. Smith, 1805-1895  
 Tune: Thesaurus Musicus, London, 1744

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## 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**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts

**C We lift them up to the Lord**

P 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**

P 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**

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

**C Amen**

### **POSTLUDE**

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Carolyn Conner and family in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Boring.

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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.*

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**Today**

**Greeter:** Ed Bilich; **Lay Reader:** Deb French  
No communion assistants will be needed for the time being

**Next Sunday, July 12**

**Greeter:** Gwen Hornberger; **Lay Reader:** Deb French

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 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!

Offering for 6/28/20 ~ \$ 820.00 Attendance ~ 21

St. John's ~ January thru July 2  
Income \$134,405.25 Expense \$110,871.36  
Net Income \$ 23,533.89

Parking Lot Project Donations ~ \$10,990.00

Daycare ~ January thru July 2  
YTD Income ~ \$ 99,083.66 YTD Expense ~ \$ 83,658.57  
Net Income \$ 15,425.09