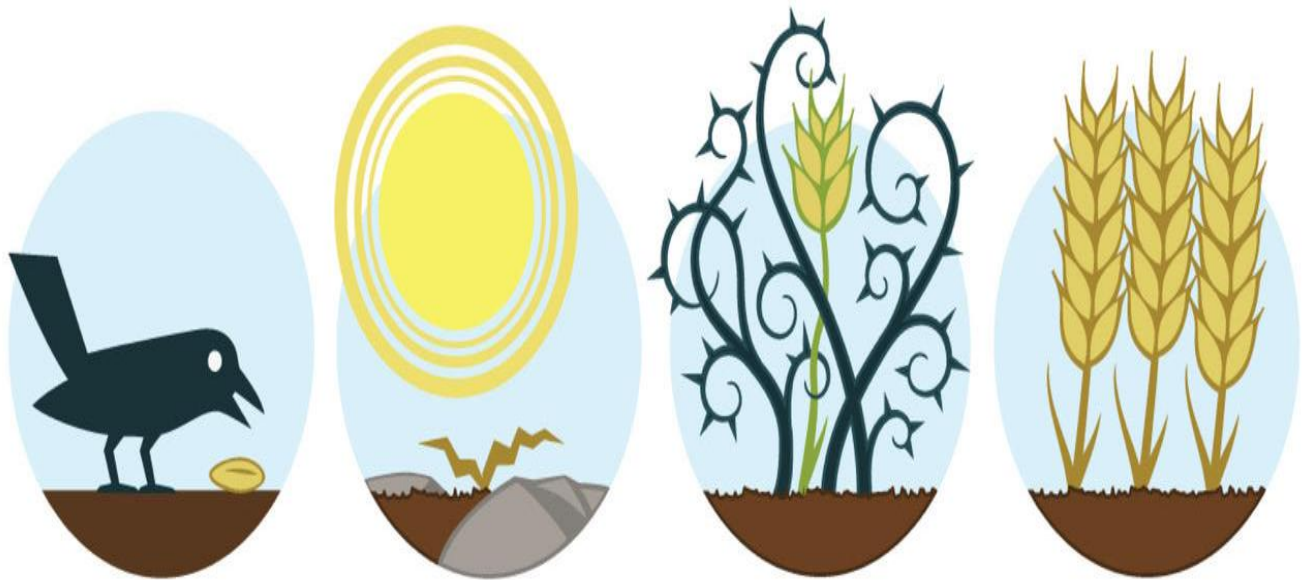


**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Belleville, PA**



**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 12, 2020**

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

**\*GATHERING SONG – “God of Our Fathers”**

# God of Our Fathers

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1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand  
2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;  
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,  
4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
In this free land by you our lot is cast;  
Make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:  
Oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
Fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace

Our grate - ful - songs be - fore your throne a - rise.  
Your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.  
Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
Un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

**\*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 Isaiah 55:10-13

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

\*Psalm 65:1-8, 9-13

\*Second Lesson ~ A reading from Romans 8:1-11

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

**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 13<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 ~ Clark Camp *Guest Speaker from the Gideon's*

**\*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. 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**

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

*Following the prayers*

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 ~ "Joy, Joy, Joy"**

1. I have the joy, — joy, — joy, — joy, — down in my heart,  
2. I have the peace that pass - eth un - der - stand - ing down in my heart,  
3. I have the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus down in my heart,

down in my heart, down in my heart. I have the joy, — joy, — joy, — joy, —  
down in my heart, down in my heart. I have the peace that pass-eth un - der - stand - ing  
down in my heart, down in my heart. I have the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus

down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

**\*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 Eleanore Rachau in loving memory of Richard Rachau.

**Today**

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

**Next Sunday, July 19**

**Greeter:** Randy Harshbarger; **Lay Reader:** Ed Bilich

No communion assistants will be needed for the time being

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**St. John's Christian Day Care:** 935-2959

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

A representative of the Family Research Council will be sharing about the ministry of FRC on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 10:00am at the Upper Room Worship Center, 4567 E Main St., Belleville, PA 17004. Coffee and donuts will be served.

If you or an interested member of your church are interested in attending please respond to Harold Sharp by email at [havons@embarqmail.com](mailto:havons@embarqmail.com). or 717-935-2796.

Offering for 7/5/20 ~ \$ 2,229.00 Attendance ~ 32

St. John's ~ January thru July 9

Income \$ 136,893.86 Expense \$ 112,422.33

Net Income \$ 24,471.53

Parking Lot Donations YTD ~ \$ 11,365.00

Daycare ~ January thru July 9

YTD Income ~ \$ 99,383.66 YTD Expense ~ \$ 83,743.88

Net Income \$ 15,639.78