

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Belleville, PA



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen**

P Trusting in God's mercy let us acknowledge to ourselves and each other those ways we fall short from what God intends for us, all of which God already knows.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **We are in bondage to sin; set us free. When the tension of health challenges, social issues, personal loss and politics cause us to judge and rebuke others remind us to ask forgiveness of others and to know the peace of the grace of forgiveness you have given us restoring us as your children and joint heirs with Christ. You are our hope lead us in the way everlasting. (Romans 8, Psalm 139)**

C **Amen**

P My fellow children of God, do not fear for God is merciful and gracious slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. So be reconciled and at peace with one another. God's hand shall lead us and hold us fast. 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**

*HYMN

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got you and me brother in His hands
He's got you and me sister in His hands
He's got you and me everyone in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

*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 ~ (sung by Pastor Ela)

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

***FIRST READING** A reading from Isaiah 44:6-8

after the reading

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

***PSALM 86:11-17** *Psalm with response as in celebrate*

***SECOND READING** A reading from Romans 8:12-25

after the reading

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

***GOSPEL READING ~ Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

MESSAGE ~ *Sowing and Growing Together*

HYMN

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *refrain*

***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**

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Prayers continue on celebrate

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)

P 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.

Spoken in unison

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

***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.

CANTICLE ~ sung

**Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.**

***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.

***BLESSING**

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

C Amen

***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.

"Open Our Eyes Lord" ~ the congregation is invited to hum along as you commune and leave

POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Jay and Joy Byler in honor of our grandchildren,
Miley, Elliana, Kaden and Easton.

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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: Randy Harshbarger; **Lay Reader:** Mike Harshbarger

No communion assistants will be needed for the time being

Next Sunday, July 26

Greeters: Jay and Joy Byler; **Lay Reader:** Ed Bilich

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.

There will be congregational meeting following worship next Sunday, July 26. An informative letter was mailed/mailed to members last week. If you did not receive one, extra copies can be found on the table in the narthex, or you can contact the church office. We hope you will attend, as we have some important decisions to make concerning the boiler and parking lot paving project.

Offering for 7/12/20 ~ \$ 1,630.00 Attendance ~ 29
St. John's ~ January thru July 16
Income \$141,399.71 Expense \$112,517.27
Net Income \$ 28,882.44

Parking Lot Project Donations ~ \$13,353.72

Daycare ~ January thru July 16
YTD Income ~ \$ 106,608.53 YTD Expense ~ \$ 90,308.91
Net Income \$ 16,299.62

Notes from Pastor Ela

Synod Council is seeking one lay female representative from Juniata Valley for Synod Council. They would participate in the Annual council meeting (by zoom or phone if necessary) and be available for other input and advice during the year. A great low stress way to get involved and meet others from our area Lutheran churches.

Summer is the time we like to sing Old Favorites i.e. your favorite hymns and church camp songs. Your favorite songs will become the basis for part of the messages during the month of August. Write your name and your favorite hymns, Sunday school and camp songs on the insert included in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or basket on your way out.

Thank you to Ed Bilich for taking on the project of working with council to create content and layout for our new flyer! Thanks also to Meredith at Kish Printing for design and Bill Cullingford for some of the photos.

Deb French had a fall and head injury due to a too friendly large puppy. Please add her to your prayers as she continues on, as much as possible, with work for the Day Care and church.

Don Smith reports Valley View residents are now allowed limited visits with family and possibly with pastors. Flowers and cards are still a source of great uplift. At Valley View we are able to leave these on a table at the main entrance and they are taken to the residents. West Kish has been collecting bud vases for delivering flowers. On Monday I delivered flowers from my garden and a greeting from the pastor and SJ and WK congregations. A note attached requested the vases be held to be recycled back to the churches. There are still a couple deliveries to the SJ and WK members in the 500 wing and at home to be made which I didn't have vases for. If anyone has extra bud vases or happens so see some at garage sales we could use them. Please bring them into the office or Pastor's office.

If you would like to volunteer to help with making this a more ongoing outreach while the flowers are blooming and we are unable to personally deliver bulletins please let Kelly, Sue Lynch or Pastor Ela know.

