

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Belleville, PA



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GREETING**

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

C **Amen**

***HYMN ~ In the Sweet By and By**

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***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

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**

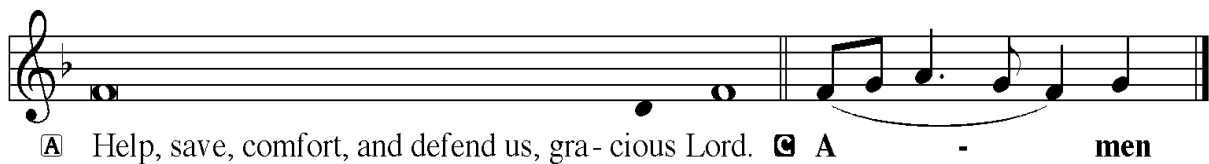
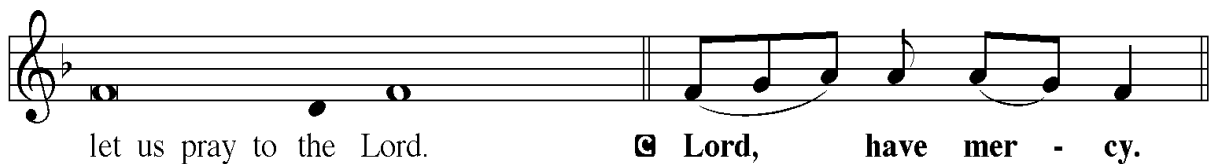
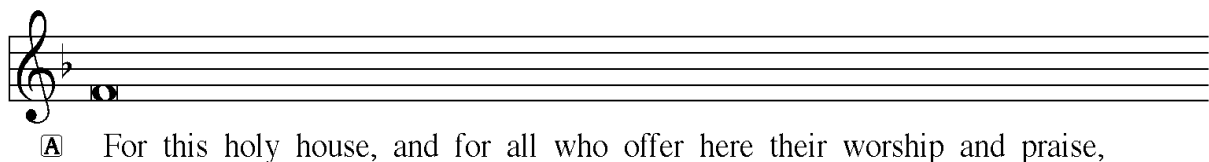
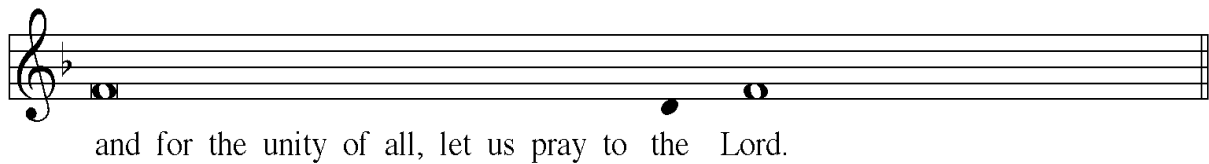
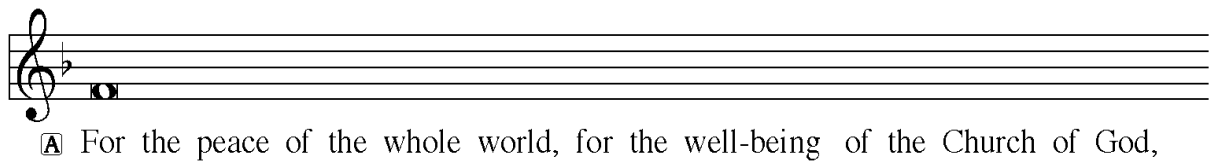
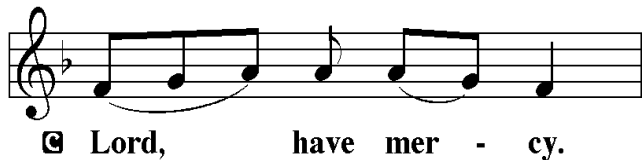
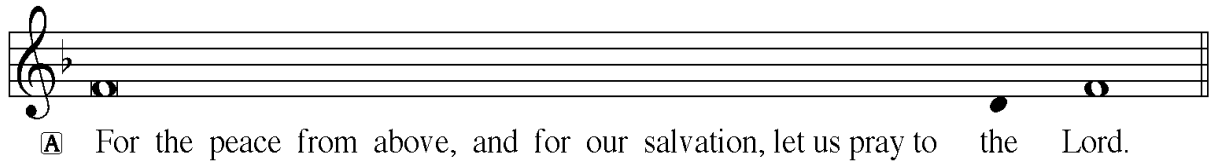
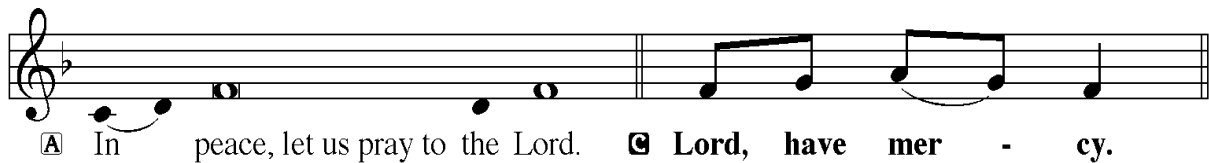
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,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

C **Amen**

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

C **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**



***HYMN of PRAISE**



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

*PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The peace is shared

*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 15:15-21

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

*Psalm 26:1-8 *with response*

*Second Lesson ~ A reading from Romans 12:9-21

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL READING

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE ~ Prayer: *What Does Prayer Create?*

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* by John Rutter
Susie Yoo

***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**

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. Merciful Father,
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

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ *Found in Celebrate

A brief silence.

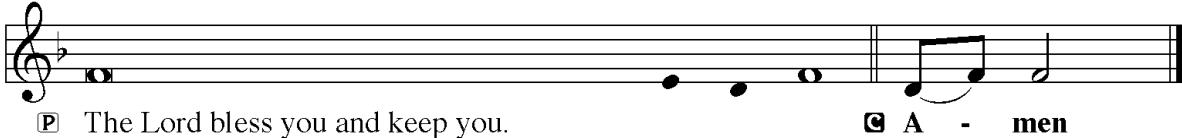
***LORD's PRAYER**

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
C 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 this day
our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who
trespass against us; 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

***HYMN ~ "Do Lord"**

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***THE BLESSING**



☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

***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)*

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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.*

Next Sunday, September 7

Greeter: Ralph Murphy; **Lay Reader:** John Boring
No communion assistants will be needed for the time being

The Altar Flowers in St. John's are given to the Glory of God
by Mike and Michele Harshbarger in honor of their children, Kyle and Anne.

Please remember in prayer ~ Dorie Remensnyder (recovering from fall), 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.

We would like to thank each of you for your thoughts and prayers as our family went through some difficult times with Covid-19. We are on the road to recovery. It will take a few more weeks but we see light at the end of the tunnel. Thanks once again, your prayers were deeply appreciated.

Ken and Nancy Wyland

We extend our sympathy to Michele Harshbarger and family. Her brother, Jim Sabol, died very unexpectedly last weekend. Please keep his family and their extended family in your prayers during this difficult time.

The Property Committee is having a church workday tomorrow, August 31 at 8:30am to trim shrubbery. They need all the help they can get!

The September newsletter can be found in the church mailbox of those members who do not receive it by email.

St. John's has Meals on Wheels again this week. **Still needed for this Thursday, is Applesauce (either fresh or canned/frozen from last year).** Please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office (2032) or Sue Lynch (935-2013) if you can help in this way.

We are in the process of developing protocol for reporting and tracing cases of COVID, should they appear again. Look for more information to come soon.

The BMS 55th Annual Auction which was cancelled in April, is being held on Friday, September 4 and Saturday, September 5, at the school. Friday evening will feature a homemade, traditional turkey dinner served from 4:00-6:00pm in take-out containers with a wide variety of Gift Certificates available for purchase. Saturday, breakfast will be served from 6:30-9:00am, the Merchandise Auction at 8:30am, Special Feature Certificates Auction at 11:00, the Ag & Outdoor Auction at 11:30am and the Quilt Auction at 12:30pm. Come and enjoy this revised traditional event with a vast selection of homemade food, baked goods and unique merchandise items donated by our generous sponsors and community organizations and members. A complete listing of auction items can be found at www.bmsprek12.org.

January thru August 27

Last week's attendance ~ 17

St. John's ~ Income \$ 156,869.22 Expense \$ 138,284.99
Net Income \$ 18,584.23

Parking Lot Donations YTD ~ \$ 16,128.72 Boiler Donations ~ \$2,200.00

Daycare ~ YTD Income ~ \$ 125,747.96 YTD Expense ~ \$ 117,551.10
Net Income \$ 8,196.86

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Sweet By and By

S. F. BENNETT

J. P. WEBSTER

1. There's a land that is fair - er than day, And by faith we can
 2. We shall sing on that beau - ti - ful shore The mel - o - di - ous
 3. To our boun - ti - ful Fa - ther a - bove, We will of - fer our

see it a - far; For the Fa - ther waits o - ver the way, To pre -
 songs of the blest, And our spir - its shall sor - row no more, Not a
 trib - ute of praise, For the glo - ri - ous gift of His love, And the

CHORUS

pare us a dwell - ing - place there. In the sweet by and
 sigh for the bless - ing of rest.
 bless - ings that hal - low our days. In the sweet

by, by and by, We shall meet on that beau - ti - ful shore; In the
 by and by, by and by,

sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beau - ti - ful shore.
 In the sweet by and by,

Do, Lord

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Arr. by H. Voss

1. I've got a home in glo-ry-land that out-shines the sun, I've got a home in
 2. I took-Je-sus as my Sav-ior, you take Him too, I took-Je-sus

glo-ry-land that out-shines the sun, I've got a home in glo-ry-land that
 as my Sav-ior, you take Him too, I took-Je-sus as my Sav-ior,

Chorus
 out-shines the sun-'Way be-yond the blue. Do, Lord-O do, Lord-O
 you take Him too, While He's call-ing you.

do re-mem-ber me, Do, Lord-O do, Lord-O do re-mem-ber me,

Do, Lord-O do, Lord-O do re-mem-ber me-'Way be-yond the blue.

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