

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



**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 13, 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 ~ "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*verses 1 and 3*

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, Nor  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small; In  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light; Thine

light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most  
want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; Thy  
all life thou liv - est, the true life of all; We  
an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; All

bles - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, Al -  
jus - tice like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove Thy  
blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree, And  
laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see 'Tis

might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

**\*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**

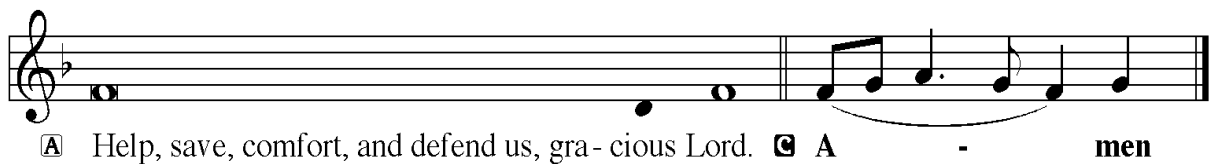
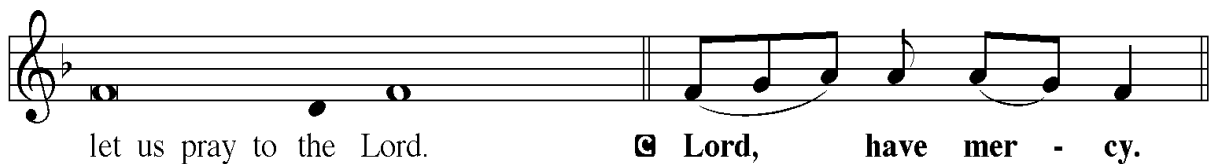
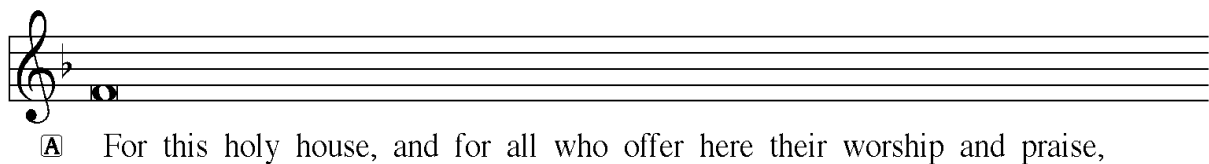
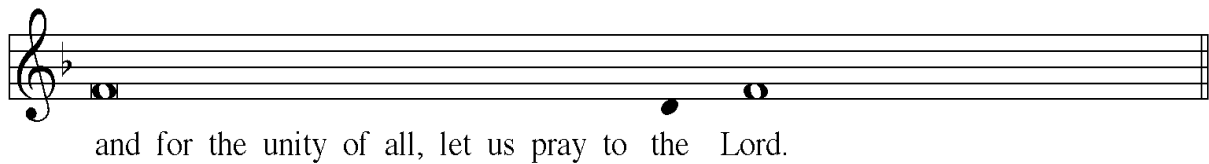
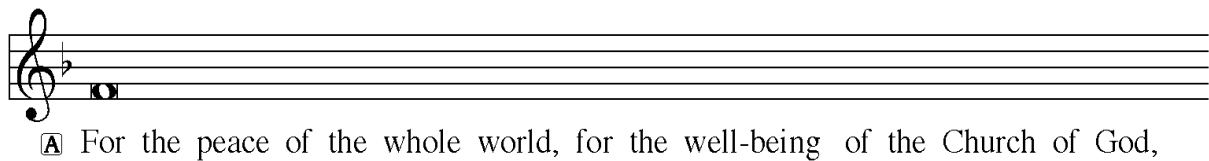
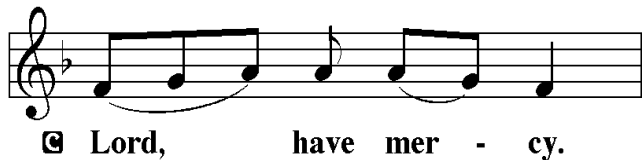
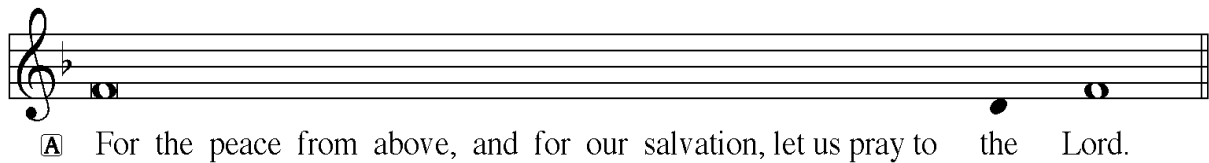
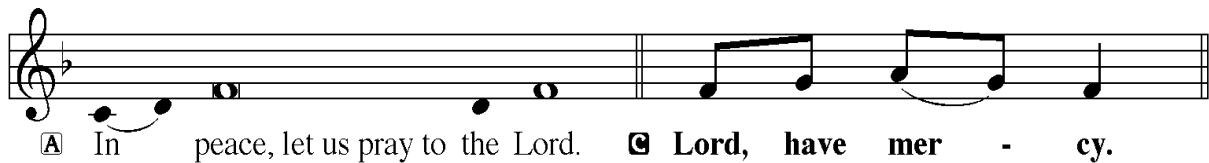
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,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

### **LESSONS**

\*First Lesson ~ A reading from Genesis 50:15-21

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

\*Psalm 103:1-13 ~ *with response*

\*Second Lesson ~ A reading from Romans 14:1-12

*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**

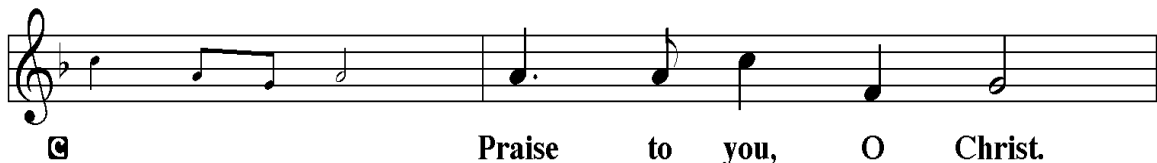
P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*After the reading*

P The Gospel of the Lord.



## 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

**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*

P Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world,  
and all those in need

*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 ~ “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”**



# Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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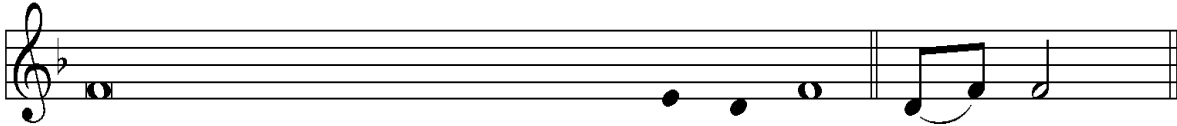
1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
 when my life is . . . al - most . . . gone,  
 and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,  
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

**\*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.

☐ A - men

**\*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.*

**Today**

**Greeter:** Joe Kanagy; **Lay Reader:** John Boring

**Next Sunday, September 20**

**Greeters:** John and Denise Chester; **Lay Reader:** Joe Kanagy

The Altar Flowers in St. John's are given to the Glory of God  
by Reba Harmon in loving memory of her husband, Jim.

Please remember in prayer ~ Emma Steven (sister of Miriam Williamson), 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.

Notes from the Pastor:

## BISHOP'S OPEN GOLF CLASSIC    **SEPTEMBER 21 @ 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM**

The annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic scheduled for May 11, 2020, has been postponed until September 21, 2020, with the same schedule. Registration starts at 11 with lunch following and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam. Snacks and prizes after golfing. The tournament benefits Camp Mount Luther's annual fund. A flyer/bulletin insert containing information and registration form is available here: <https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020-Sept-Golf-Tournament-Flyer.pdf>. The camp's golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, silent auction items, and golfers. If you can help, please contact the camp office at 570-922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). Congregations are also encouraged to become hole sponsors. Get involved and help our synod's outdoor ministry!

January thru September 10

Last week's attendance ~ 25  
Offering ~ \$ 2,440.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 162,710.13    Expense \$ 153,306.74  
Net Income \$ 9,403.39

Parking Lot Donations YTD ~ \$ 16,978.72    Boiler Donations ~ \$2,550.00

Daycare ~ YTD Income ~ \$ 138,784.63    YTD Expense ~ \$ 126,879.69  
Net Income \$ 11,904.94