

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



**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
**Blanket Sunday**  
**October 4, 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**

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**The Church's One Foundation**

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,  
  
she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.  
  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,  
  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900  
Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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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 ~ first line only**

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [B] Lord, have mer - cy.

**\*HYMN of PRAISE ~ first line only**

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

**\*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 Isaiah 5:1-7

*after the reading*

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

\*Psalm 80:7-15 ~ *with response*

\*Second Lesson ~ A reading from Philippians 3:4b-14

*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**

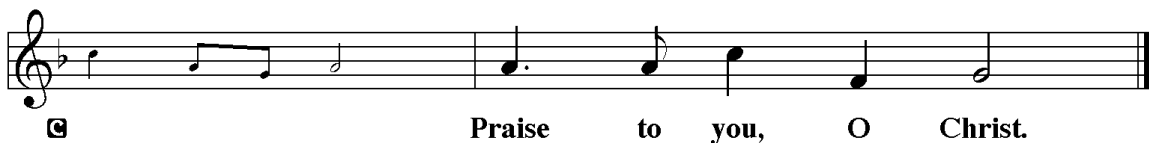
P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry to you,    O Lord.

*After the reading*

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you,    O Christ.

**MESSAGE**

# Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For your Gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us From our strug - gling

joy and peace; Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
pil - grim way, Let no fear of death ap - pall us,

Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us;  
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
Glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful To your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er Reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.  
Tune: Sicilian, 18th cent.

**\*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 ~ See Celebrate**

**\*PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **And also with you.**

*The peace is shared*

**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)

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And al - so with you.**



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P The Preface



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you

and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you refresh us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

**\*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.

*Observing distancing markers, 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 doors downstairs.*

**POSTLUDE**

**Pastor:** Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

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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**

**Greeters:** Jami Zook and Mike Boring; **Lay Reader:** Jami Zook

**Next Sunday, October 11**

**Greeter:** Carolynn Conner; **Lay Reader:** Jami Zook

The Altar Flowers in St. John's are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Susanne "Toot" Stroup by her family.



Please remember in prayer ~ Kim Aumiller, Ev Young, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Carol Yoder, Diddy Cleck and Betty Smith.

**Notes from the Pastor:**

Recordings of the Presbyterian worship service from Sunday, September 20 which included Lisa Griffith will be made available. Please let Pastor Ela know if you would like one. The service is also available to view with the following link: <https://vimeo.com/46116305>

**Announcements ~**

Today is Blanket Sunday. A selection from the comforts completed by the knotters this past year are displayed in the narthex and sanctuary. St. John's, Lewistown has also decided they will not be accepting/delivering boxes of quilts to the Synod office. Since the number of finished comforts is half of what we normally send, they will be stored and sent next year. Included in last week's bulletin were envelopes for anyone who would like to contribute. Extras are located in the narthex. Donations can be made through next Sunday, October 11.

Our parking lot is scheduled to be paved this Tuesday and Wednesday. Please use the back entrance to the church this week.

The October newsletter was mailed/emailed to members last Thursday. If you did not receive one, please contact the church office. Extras can also be found in the narthex

The Sky Family will present Celtic Revival at the Allensville Community Church this evening at 7:00 PM. All are welcome. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be collected.

The Belleville Fire Company is holding an open house to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this Saturday, October 10, 2020, from 8:00 to 1:00 at the firehouse, located at 4231 E. Main St.

There will be a tour of the fire hall and apparatus, demonstrations, history displays, handouts, hotdogs and chips.

January thru September 30  
Last week's attendance ~ 21  
Offering ~ \$1,390.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 180,301.18 Expense \$ 158,646.70  
Net Income \$ 21,654.48

Parking Lot Donations YTD ~ \$ 17,428.72 Boiler Donations ~ \$2,550.00

\*Daycare ~ YTD Income ~ Income \$ 221,774.55 Expense \$ 146,797.06  
Net Income \$ 74,977.49

**\*Please refer to the Daycare report in the October newsletter**