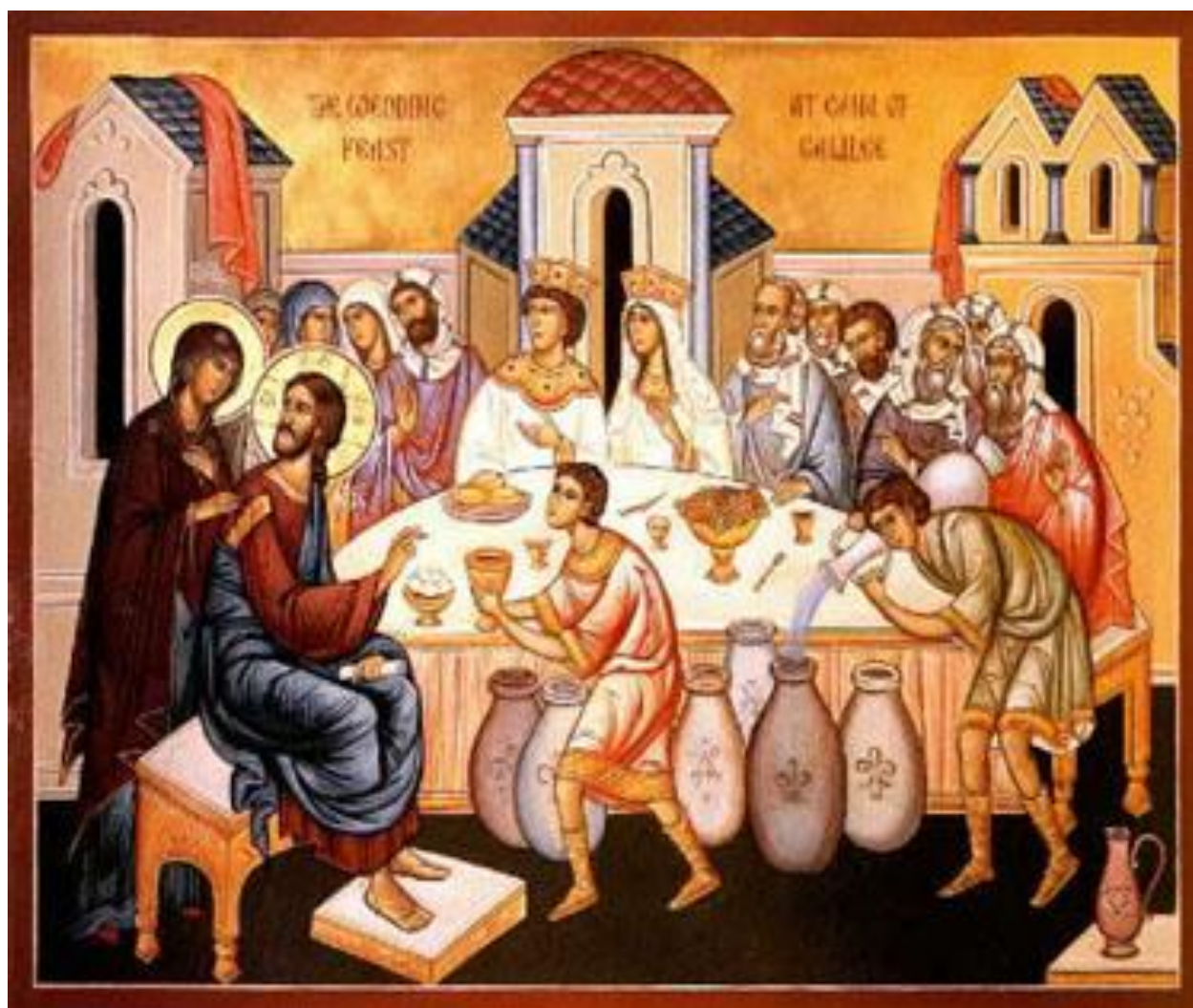


ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Belleville, PA



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 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 ~ “For the Beauty of the Earth”

verses 1, 3, and 4

For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, For the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon and stars of light:
For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight:
Friendson earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:

Refrain
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise This our sac - ri - fice of praise.

5 For yourself, best gift divine
To the world so freely giv'n;

Agent of God's grand design,
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n: *Refrain*

Text: Foliott S. Pierpont, 1835-1917, alt.
Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872

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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**

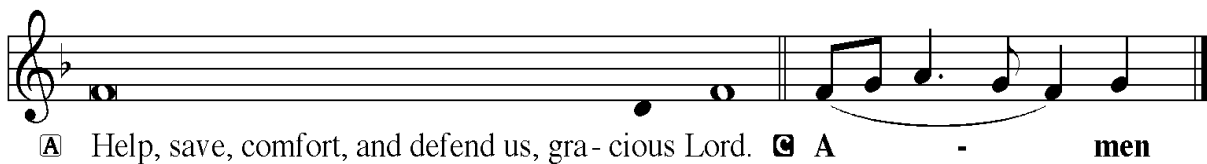
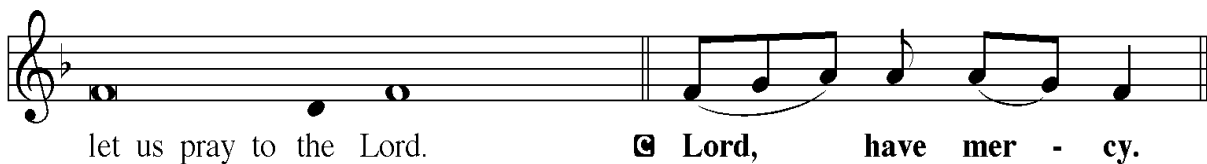
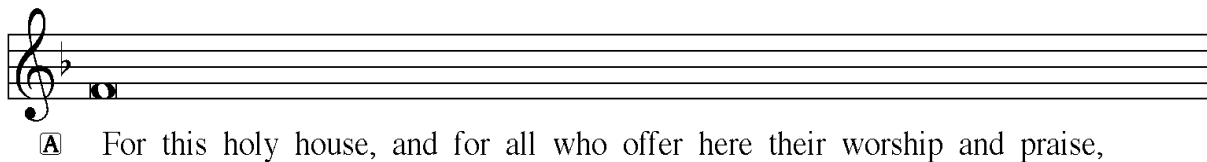
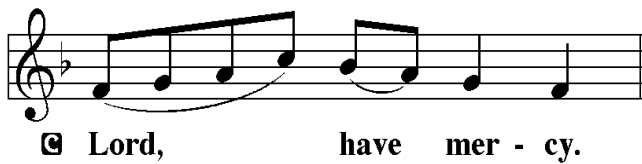
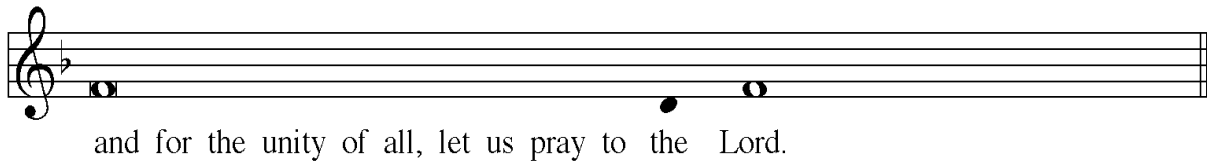
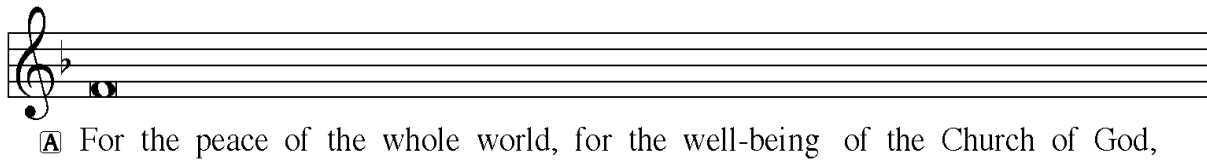
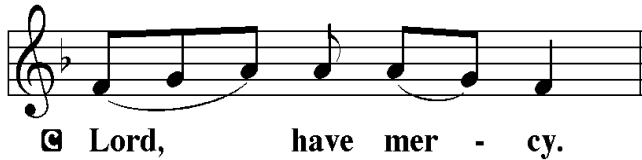
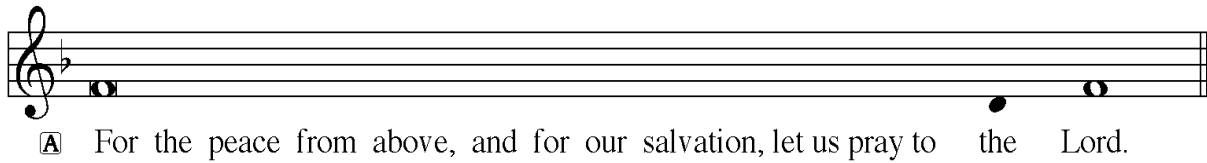
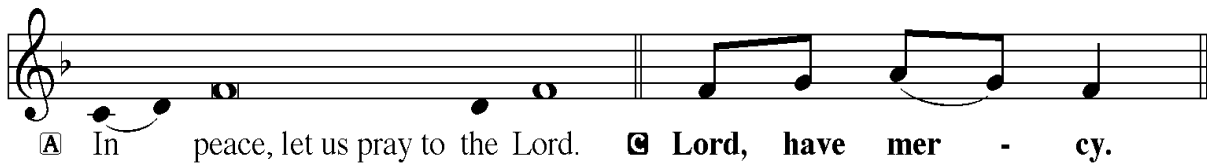
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,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

LESSONS

*First Lesson ~ A reading from Isaiah 25:1-9

after the reading

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

*Psalm 23 ~ *with response*

*Second Lesson ~ A reading from Philippians 4:1-9

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 21st chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

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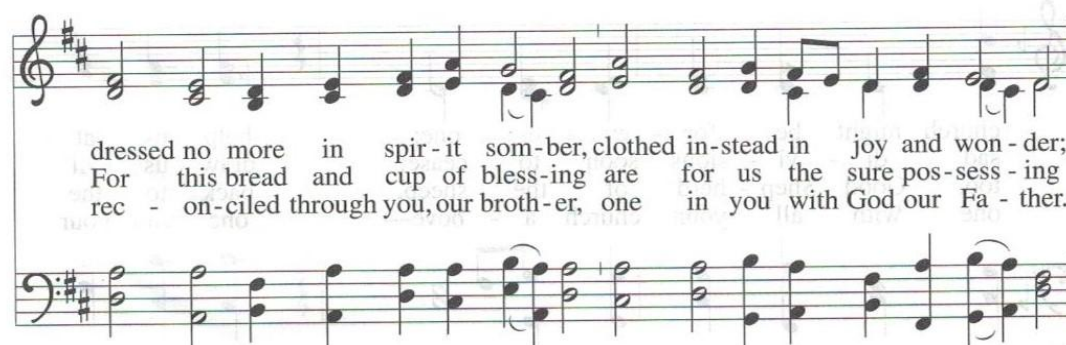
HYMN ~ "Now We Join in Celebration"

verses 1 and 3

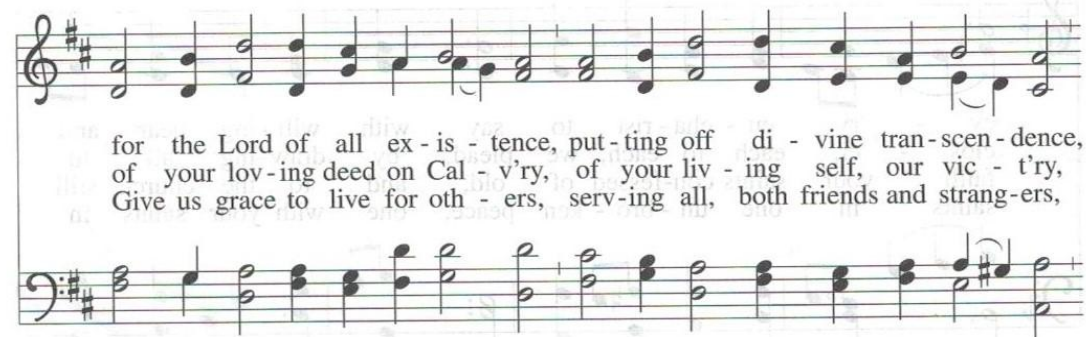
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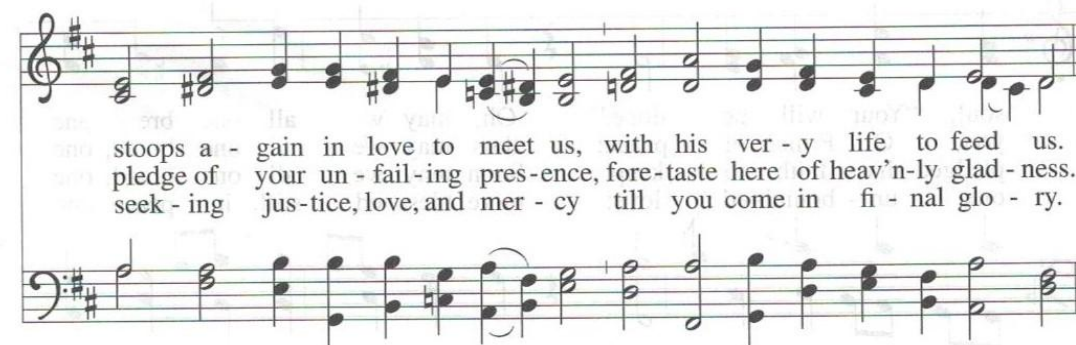
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990
Music: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
Text © Joel W. Lundeen, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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***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 ~ “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,

the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—

The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,

the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.

The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.

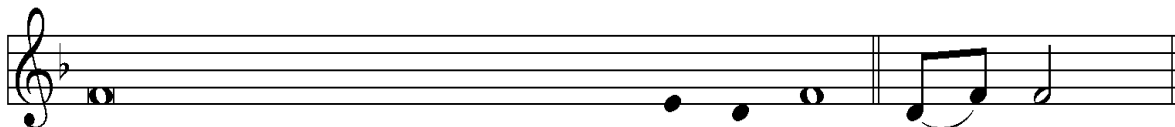
Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing

to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: Welsh folk tune
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*THE BLESSING



P 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.*

Today

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

Next Sunday, October 18

Greeters: Volunteer(s) Needed; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Stacey, Kent, Paige and Kelsey Spicher,
Jason, Malinda, Jarrett and Mitchell Kauffman,
in loving memory of Bruce and Judy Kauffman.

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:

Pastor Hours:

Rev. Robertson is setting aside Friday and Saturday as Sabbath rest and service prep. Calls and emails are welcome but are likely to be responded to more quickly Monday - Thursday.

Schedule will flex to accommodate requests, events, appointments and meetings, however, the following schedule will be a guideline.

Monday will be focused on St. Johns - working at home and in the office at least 11AM - 2

Tuesday shared for bulletin prep between the two congregations.

Weds denominational and pastoral concerns.

Thursday focused on West Kish - working from home and in the office 9:30 - 12:30 or more.

You are welcome to call 740 -338- 7123 anytime - Note this is an Ohio phone number but if you get a call from 7123 - it is not a call to sell you insurance!

This 5k fundraiser for Camp Mt. Luther may be done anywhere you like to walk or run.

Camp Mount Luther invites you to be part of a fundraiser for camp that is being sponsored by Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. Sixteen Lutheran camps from across the country, including CML, are looking for folks to run/walk/rollerblade/bike/ski/wheelchair (whatever!) on Sunday, November 1, 2020. You will enter with a \$25 registration fee and then you can also get at least five sponsors for your 5K with all proceeds going to Camp Mount Luther. This is also a fundraiser for the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries organization as Camp Mount Luther has paid an entry fee to be part of this event. Your friends, family, colleagues, neighbors -- whomever you identify -- will fill out a form and they will then be directed to make a gift to your camp. The one form for ALL CAMPS & RETREAT CENTERS will make this whole thing go smoothly.

Promise. Every single nickel pledged/given in support of YOU will go directly to Camp Mount Luther. Then, during your 5K on November 1, you will send a selfie of yourself while you are out on the road, or the trail, or wherever. And there are plans to have a virtual finish line as well.

Be part of this exciting new opportunity for LOM and Camp Mount Luther! To sign up as a 5k'er, visit <https://lomnetwork.wufoo.com/forms/mi2zyf11iow6ol/>

Announcements ~

Today is the last day to make a donation for Blanket Sunday. Envelopes can be found in the narthex.

Many of you, who receive your monthly newsletter by mail, have noticed that it was not delivered in a timely manner this month. After speaking with the Belleville Postmaster, she informed us that the handling of flyers (which is how they categorize our newsletter) has recently changed. Even though they are placed in the local box, they are forwarded to Harrisburg and "hand cancelled" as time permits. So, she suggested going forward we give them "directly" to a Belleville employee and request that they be "hand canceled" here.

Hopefully everyone has received their newsletter by now, but just in case, extras can be found in the narthex. We apologize for this inconvenience, but unfortunately we were not made aware of this change, or would have taken care to see that the mailing was processed locally.

Awaken the Blessing, a public community worship event will be held on October 11th beginning at 3pm on the Belleville playground. This event is supported by various churches within our community. EVERYONE is welcome to bring your friends and family as we join together in a celebration of prayer, praise, and declaration of the goodness of God.

An interactive prayer area will be on-site to provide for all prayer requests. This is an outdoor event, so bring along a jacket and perhaps a chair.

January thru October 8

Last week's attendance ~ 18

Offering ~ \$ 1,040.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 166,957.20 Expense \$ 156,651.70

Net Income \$ 10,305.50

Parking Lot Donations YTD ~ \$ 17,228.72 Boiler Donations ~ \$2,550.00

Daycare ~ YTD Income ~ \$ 151,956.13 YTD Expense ~ \$ 137,058.50

Net Income \$ 14,897.63