

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Belleville, PA



Render unto Caesar by Peter Paul Rubens

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark-ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

***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**

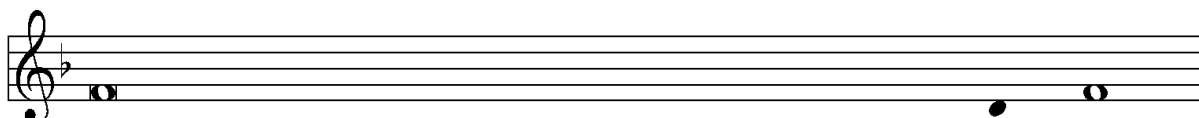
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**


***KYRIE**



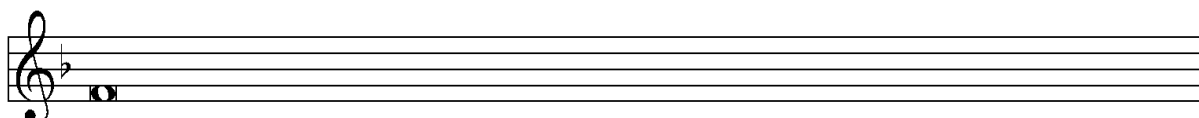
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



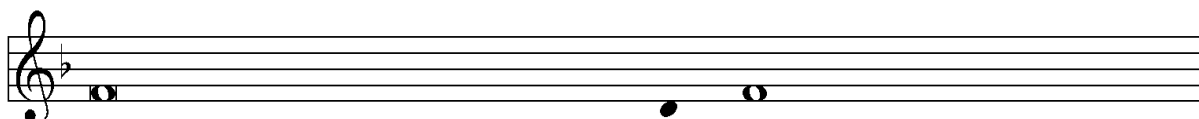
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




G Lord, have mer - cy.



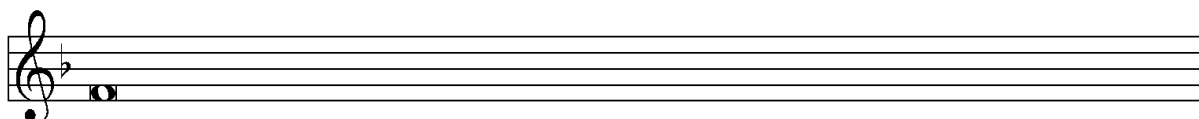
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



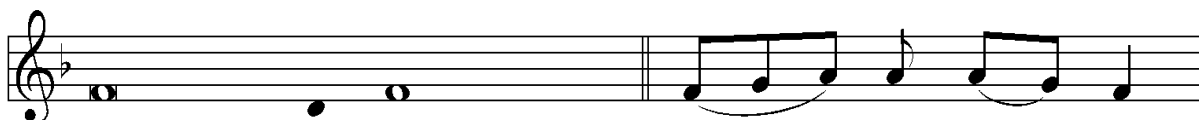
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

***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

***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 45:1-7

after the reading

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

*Psalm 96:1-13 ~ *with response*

*Second Lesson ~ A reading from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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**

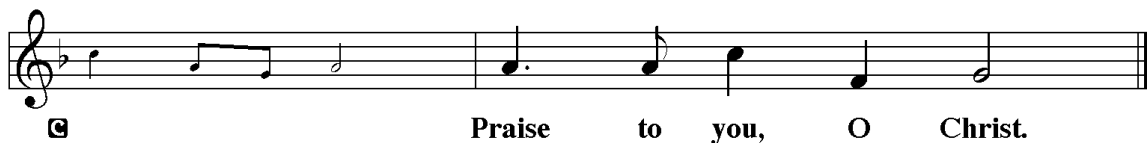
P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

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O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well you feed your guest!
2 My Lord, you here have led me With - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can death de - stroy.
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en Have filled my heart with rest.
And here your - self have fed me With trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed The cup of end - less joy.
My course on earth is length - ened, To serve with ho - ly fear.

Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
For you have free - ly giv - en What earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it The fa - vor you have shown,
And when you call my spir - it To leave this world be - low,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows!
The bread of life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
And all my soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore your throne.
I en - ter, through your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

*Text: Johann Rist, 1606-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876*

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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**

***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)

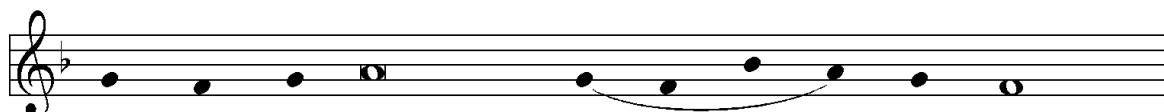
***GREAT THANKSGIVING**



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 + Son 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

Organist: Seulki Susie Yoo

Church Office: 935-2032 **Email us at** stjohnco@embarqmail.com

St. John's Christian Day Care: 935-2959

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: Volunteer Needed; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

Next Sunday, October 25 ~ Reformation

Greeter: Deb French; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

The Altar Flowers in St. John's are given to the Glory of God by Regina Peachey in honor of her grandchildren.

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:

On All Saints Sunday Nov 1 we will honor and light candles for the saints of St. John's who died in the last year and will do the same for any we hold in our hearts whom we would like to remember and honor.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, October 25 ~ Reformation Sunday, November 1 ~ All Saints
Sunday, November 22 ~ Christ the King Sunday, November 20 ~ First Advent

WORSHIP OUTREACH

1). Our services are now being transmitted on Sunday mornings from the Sanctuary to the Parking Lot and to a close range beyond the church. Many locations in Shawnee Hills for instance, as there are few obstructions or building between the church on the hill and the homes there, may be able to receive the station - 102.3. Just think 123 with a zero in there. We will begin transmitting the the preludes so that you may enjoy them. Tune in around 10:50 or 10:55. Thank you to Ed Bilich and Bill Cullingford for getting this going. If you have any questions - give Ed a call.

2). CD's of the service are also being printed. Just let us know if you want one. If you need a CD player Council will make sure you get one.

3) Sermon videos are being made each Sunday that technology is available at either St. John's or West Kish. Links to the video will be available on the church website and/or Facebook during the following week.

4) Communion will be extended at least once a month. If you would like to have communion brought to your residence give Pastor Ela a call.

We honor and celebrate Joy Byler's and Shari Spicher's exemplary service to the Big Valley Ambulance Club. Their dedication to the health and safety of the people of this community models one of the greatest commandments 'Love thy neighbor as thyself.' Matthew 22:9, Mark 12:31. May God anoint them richly as they are recognized by the state as "credible people doing incredible work" in the 2020 EMS awards. Shari was awarded the 2020 PA State EMS Communications Award. Joy received the 2020 PA State BLS (Basic Life Support) Provider of the Year Award. We offer them our prayers and support in all that they do.

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 ~

Thanks so much for all the cards and prayers as I recovered from my recent surgery.

Joy

The ordination anniversary celebration for Rosalie Smith scheduled for Sunday, November 8 has been postponed for the time being, and will be held a later date. More information will be shared closer to that time.

Two years ago, the church received notification that we were named as a beneficiary in the Gladys Mahady Estate. We were recently notified that distribution is being made and St. John's is receiving \$290,421.27. According to the will, there are no stipulations on the use of the funds. The Finance Committee will be meeting to discuss where to invest the money.

What a blessing Gladys is to this church, during her life and after.

Last week questionnaires were sent to all active members including our shut-ins and those residing at Valley View. If needed, extras can be found in the narthex. Please mail them back to the church in the enclosed stamped, addressed envelope by November 1.

It was shared that some of you have received your long-awaited newsletters. If you are still waiting on yours, extras can be found in the narthex.

January thru October 15

Last week's attendance ~ 23 Offering ~ \$1,710.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 199,384.13 Expense \$ 179,728.53

Net Income \$ 19,655.60

Parking Lot Donations YTD ~ \$ 27,528.72 Boiler Donations ~ \$7,650.00

*Daycare gave \$10,000.00 to the parking lot project and \$5,000.00 for boiler repair from the CARES Act funding daycares received from the state

Daycare ~ YTD Income ~ Income \$ 231,780.30 Expense \$ 175,424.38

Net Income \$ 56,355.92