

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Belleville, PA



Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome on this 21st Sunday after Pentecost celebrating God's vision, protection and conviction of belief given to Martin Luther, John Calvin and other early reformers and founders of the Protestant faith. May we enjoy their stories, their words, their adventures in faith and their assurance of God's Grace as we worship today.

In the fortress castle of a sympathetic local ruler - he translated the Bible in to German, wrote letters and treatises and crafted hymns. Our first hymn is his most famous attributing his protection To God more than the castle's stone walls. A Mighty Fortress is our God.

*HYMN

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano line. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are in English and German. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the next two lines. The fourth system contains the final two lines of the hymn. The piano accompaniment is a simple harmonic support for the vocal lines.

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat -'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who

to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom
vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They
fear it; For God him - self fights by our side With

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
In bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way,

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***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

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

C Amen

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

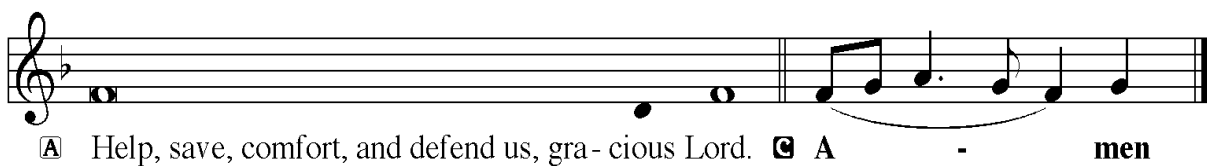
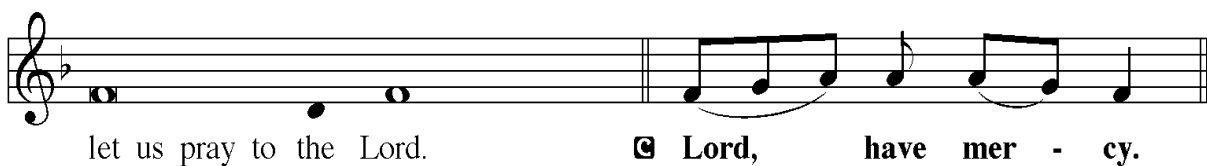
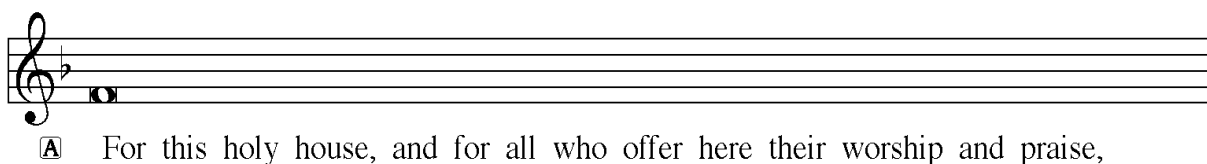
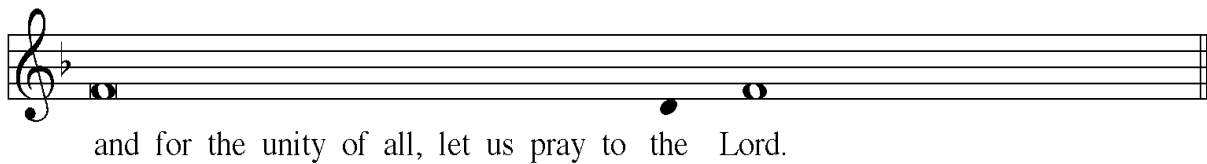
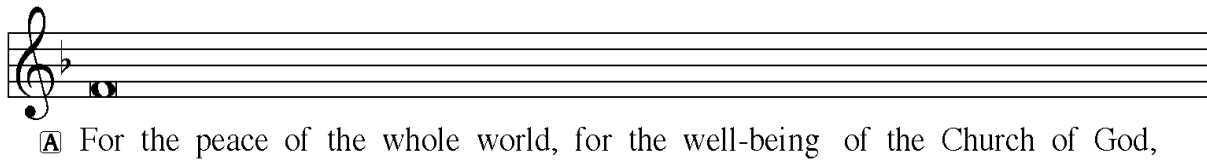
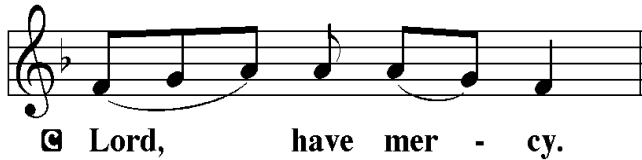
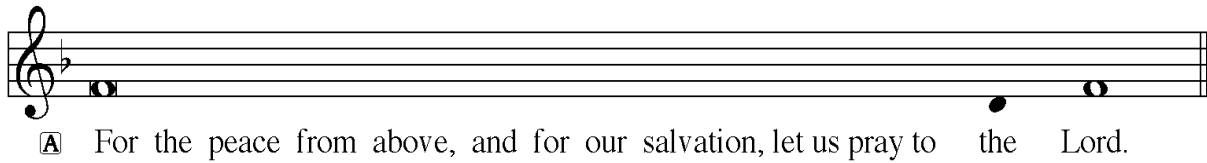
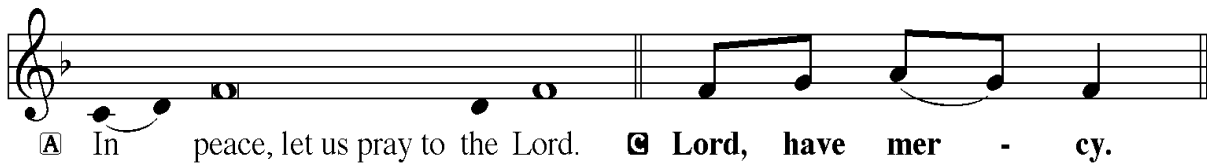
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

after the reading

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

*Psalm 46 ~ *with response*

*Second Lesson ~ A reading from Romans 3:19-28

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 John, the 8th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE
HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 448

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The tempo is marked 'Andante'. The score is divided into three systems, each with a key signature change indicated above the staff.

System 1: Key signature F. Chords: F, Dm, Bb, F. Lyrics: 1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His

System 2: Key signature Dm. Chords: Dm, F, Am, F. Lyrics: saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but grace my fears re-lieved; How pre - cious did that have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me Word my hope se-cures; He will my shield and

System 3: Key signature Bb. Chords: Bb, F, Dm, F, C7, F. Lyrics: now am found; Was blind, but now I see. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved! safe thus far, And grace will lead me home. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807
Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

NEW BRITAIN

***Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, of one being with the Father, through him all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; and He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He shall come again in glory to judge both the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. 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**

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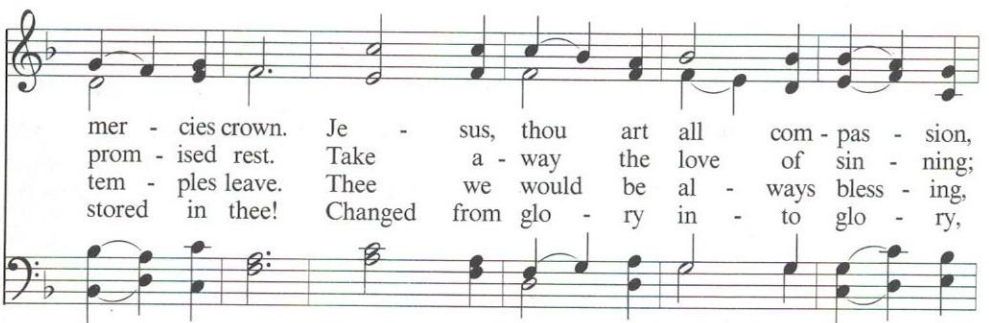
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us all thy life re -
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let us



down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful
 breast; Let us all in thee in - her - it; Let us find thy
 ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy
 be; Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re -

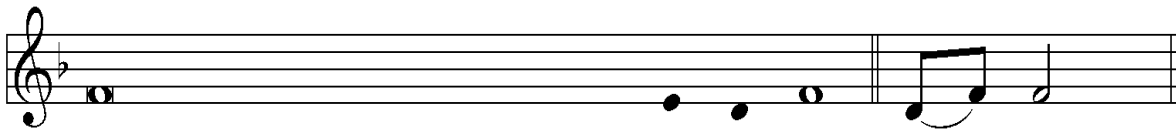


mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; Vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise thee
 Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

*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.

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

Next Sunday, November 1 ~ All Saints

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

The Altar Flowers in St. John's are given to the Glory of God
by John and Denise Chester in honor of
Jonathon and Megan's wedding anniversary.

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, November 1 ~ All Saints Sunday, November 22 ~ Christ the King
Sunday, November 29 ~ 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. If you have any questions - give Ed Bilich 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.

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.

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

Pastor Ela and the Harshbargers are participating. Any pledges or donations for their participation will go directly to Camp Mt. Luther. You may leave a check with the office or go online to make your donation.

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/mi2zyf1liow6ol/>

Announcements ~

Reminder ~ Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, please remember to set your clocks back one hour.

The knotter's group will resume on Thursday, November 5 at 9:30am. After 7 months, all are looking forward to the fellowship they share while getting back to their mission of making the comforts, which provide comfort to those in need.

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.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29 and we are hoping to complete another Advent devotional with help from West Kish. A sign-up sheet with the scripture reading for each day has been placed on the table in the narthex. Volunteers are needed to write the meditations.

The Gift Show is scheduled to be held on Friday, November 26 and Saturday, November 27. Live wreaths are once again being sold; and include a hand-crafted bow; please notate your choice of color. You can pre-order by signing up in the narthex or contacting the church office (2032). All orders must be picked up at the gift show; payment can also be made at that time. More information about the show is being included in the newsletter going out next week.

We are also looking for donations of **homemade cookies, pies, fudge, cakes, etc.** If you would be willing to help in this way, please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office.

Questionnaires were recently 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 next Sunday, November 1.

Reminder ~ Service Schedules for next year will be compiled in November. If you are no longer able to/or are interested in serving please contact the church office or your Good Shepherd by next Sunday, **November 1. We will not be** scheduling communion assistants or ushers at this time. If you are currently serving and do not respond, it will be assumed that wish to continue.

In the narthex, are sign-up sheets for anyone who would like to place Altar flowers next year. We will once again refrain from using them during Lent beginning Sunday, February 21st through Palm Sunday, March 28th.

January thru October 22

Last week's attendance ~ 20 Offering ~ \$610.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 200,952.50 Expense \$ 179,953.53

Net Income \$ 20,998.97

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

Daycare ~ YTD Income ~ Income \$ 237,551.48 Expense \$ 181,972.83

Net Income \$ 55,578.65