

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Belleville, PA



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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.

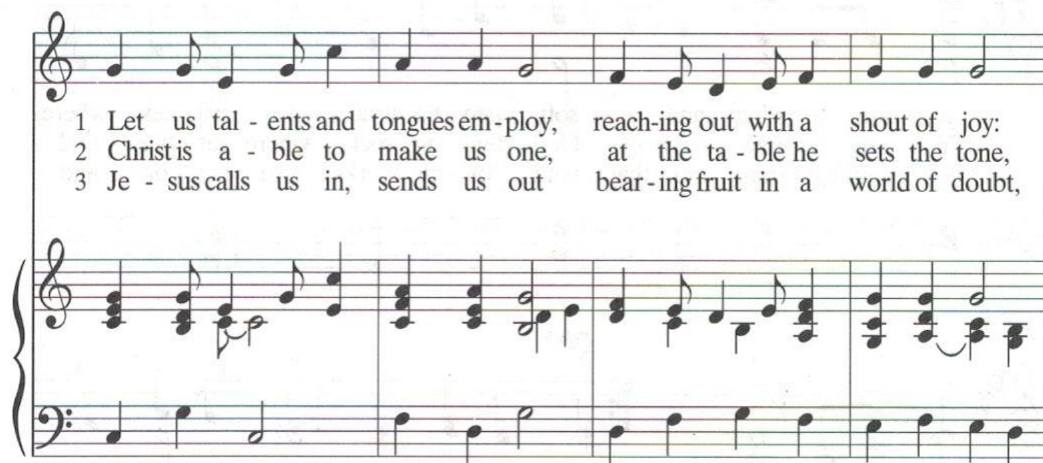
P Most merciful God,

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**

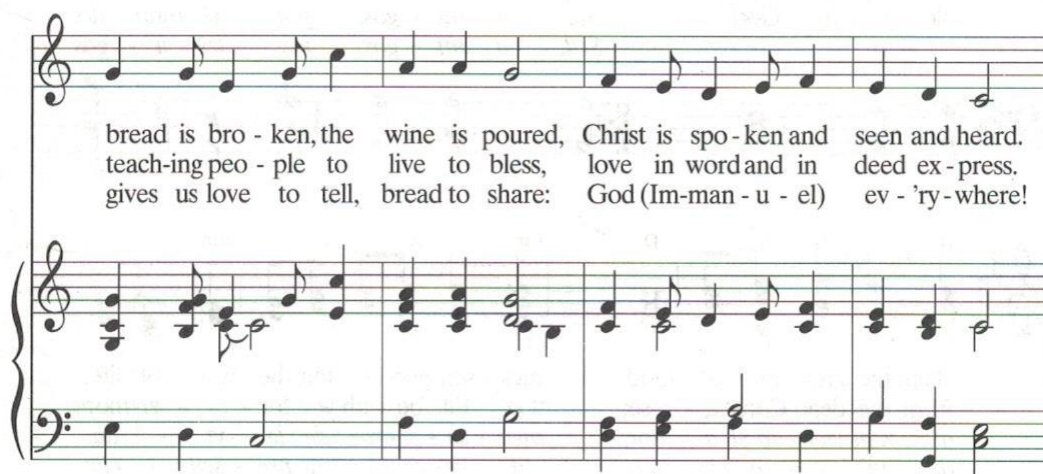
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,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

C **Amen**

754 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

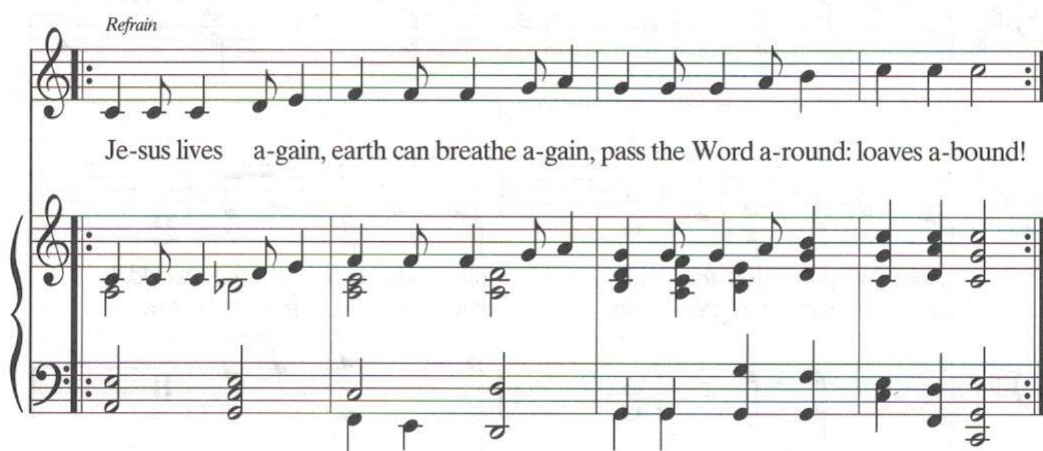


1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929
 Music: Jamaican folk tune, adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980
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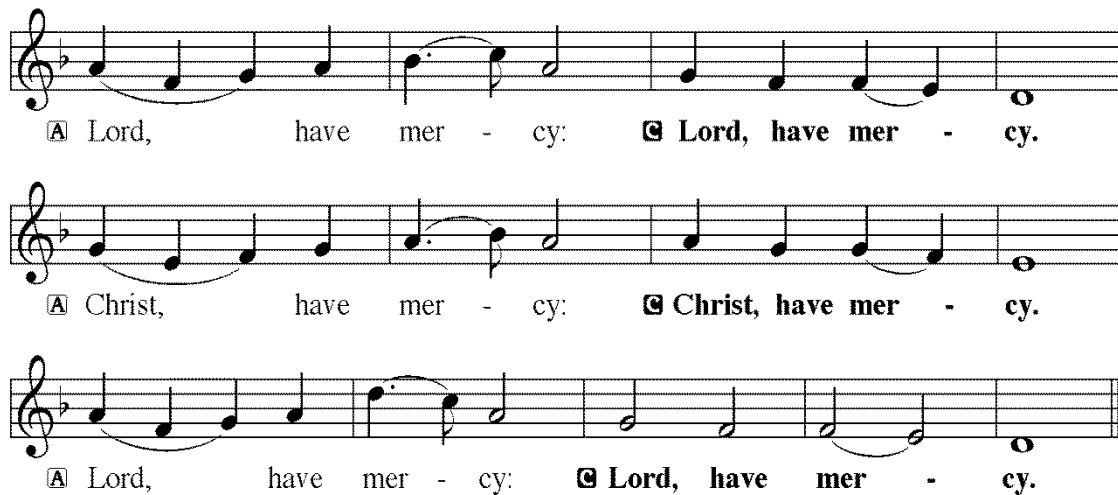
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*GREETING

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



Ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy: Ⓔ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ Christ, have mer - cy: Ⓔ Christ, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy: Ⓔ Lord, have mer - cy.

*HYMN of PRAISE



Ⓔ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Ⓐ 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.

Ⓔ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's 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...

THE LESSONS

***First Lesson** ~ A reading from Zephaniah 1:1-7, 12-18

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 90:1-12** ~ *with response*

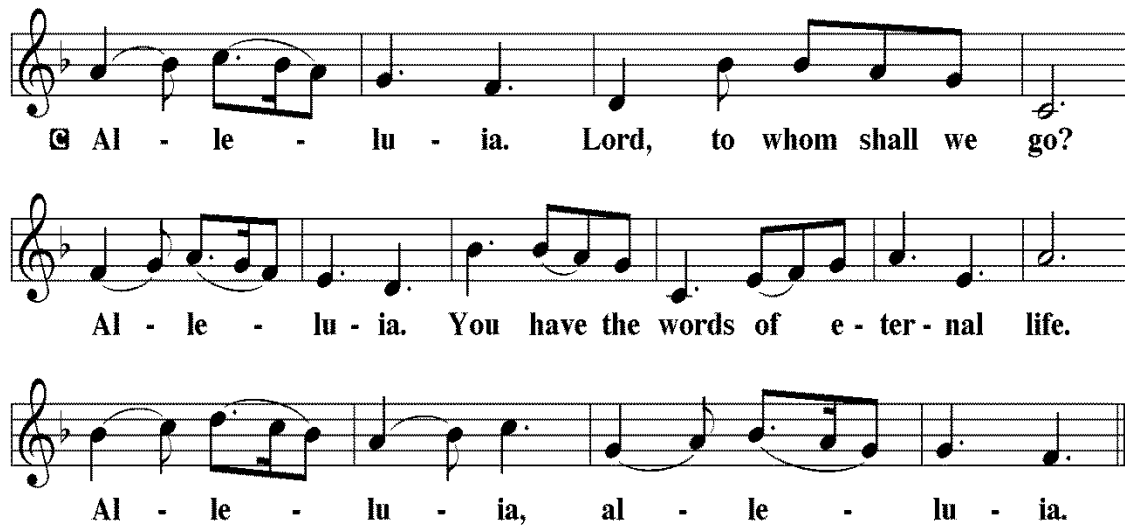
***Second Lesson** ~ A reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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?

Al - le - lu - ia. 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 25th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read. After the reading

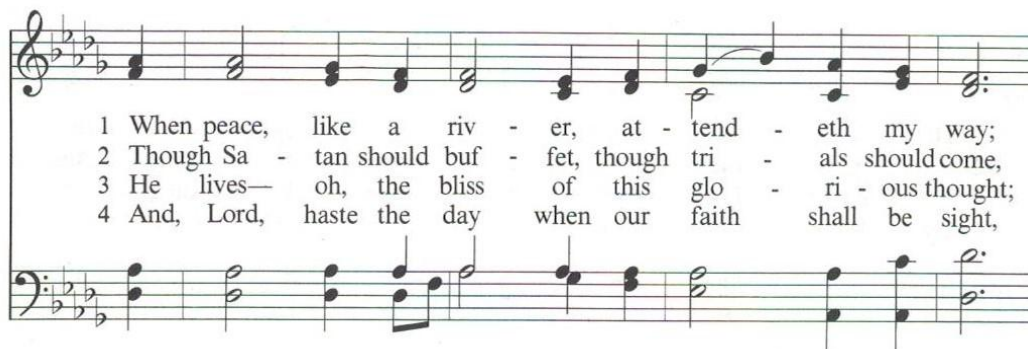
P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

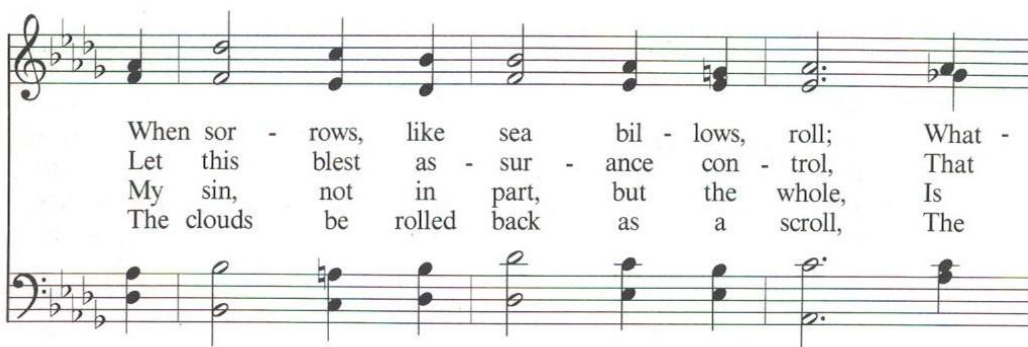
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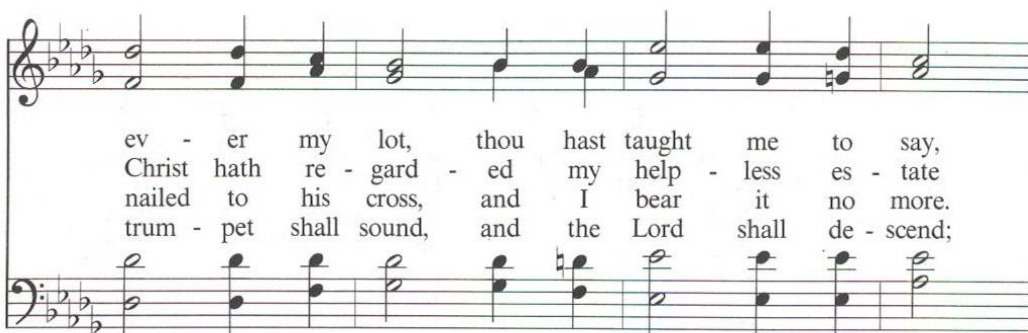
When Peace, like a River



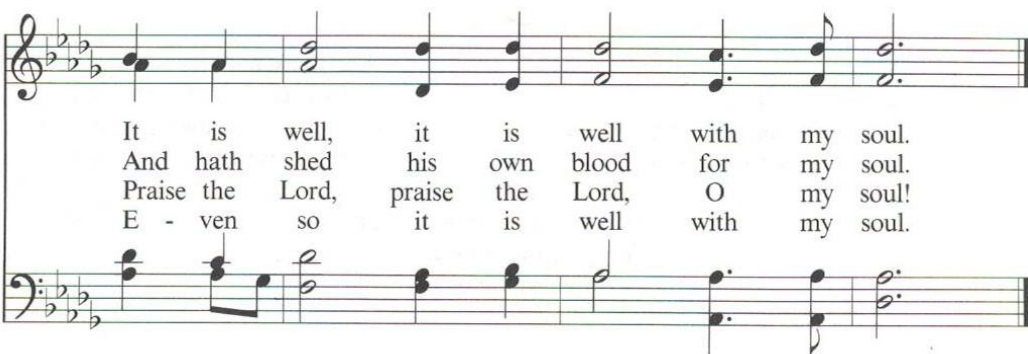
1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way;
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought;
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,



When sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What -
 Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That
 My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The



ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 Christ hath re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate
 nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.
 trum - pet shall sound, and the Lord shall de - scend;



It is well, it is well with my soul.
 And hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888
 Tune: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

IT IS WELL
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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 ~ *Found in Celebrate

P Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of
God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

***THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

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

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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 our thanks and praise



***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

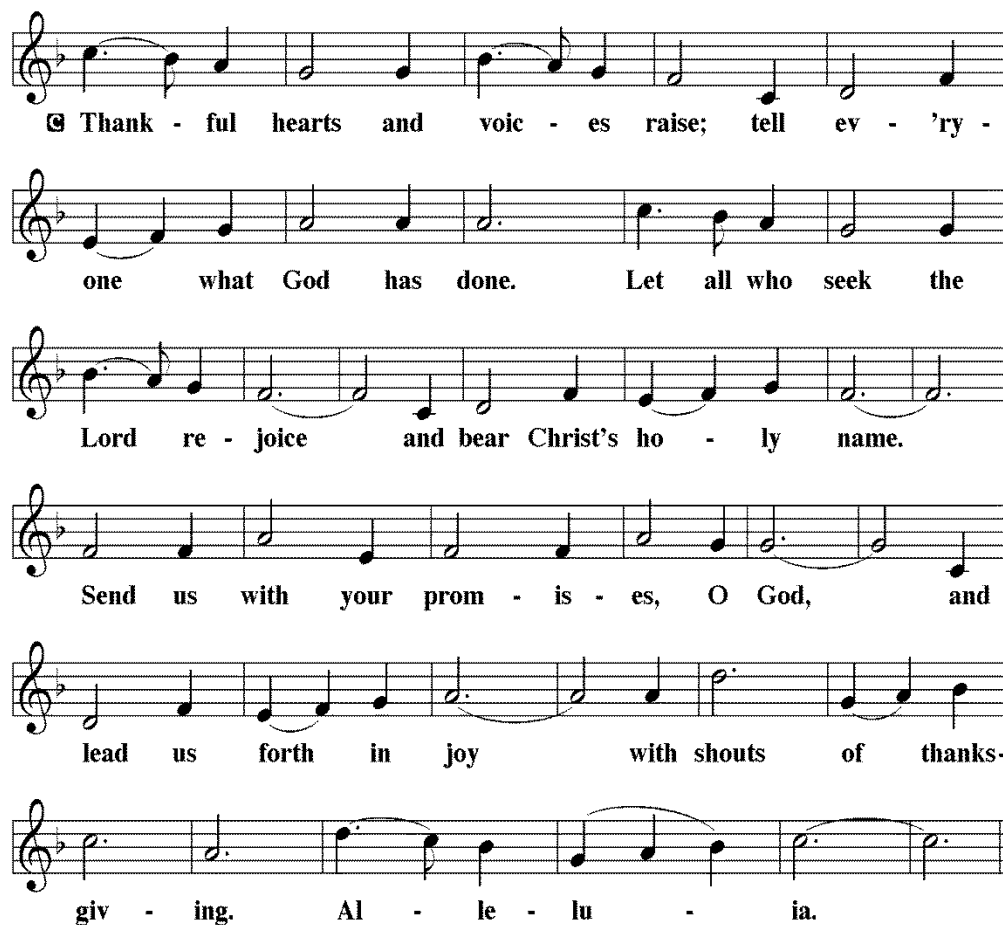
C Amen

***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**

***CANTICLE**



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

HYMN ~ Verses 1 and 2

721 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

***DISMISSAL**

We will sing verses 1 and 2 of “Go My Children” then continue singing (with masks) or humming as others take communion and we depart.

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

***COMMUNION**

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 open doors downstairs.

***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

Greeters: Jed and Alice Smith; **Lay Reader:** Jami Zook

Next Sunday, November 22

Greeters: Don and Rosalie Smith; **Lay Reader:** Ed Bilich

The Altar Flowers in St. John's are given to the Glory of God
by Jed and Alice Smith in memory of Doris B. McNitt.

Notes from the Pastor:

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, November 22 ~ Christ the King

Sunday, November 29 ~ First Advent

MEETINGS ~ Monday, November 16 ~ 6:30pm Property Committee meeting

Prayers for the Lucy Magda, the family of Michele Hetzel and relatives of Sally Shingler whose memorial was celebrated on Saturday Nov 14.

Prayers for Valley View and Westminster Woods communities and all those experiencing too close a brush with Covid in these days.

Pastor Robertson will be away Sunday November 22 and some days before and after for a conference and family Thanksgiving. We welcome Rev. Debbie Sluder to the pulpit.

As we had done at Easter, meals will be delivered to shut-ins on Thanksgiving Day from 12:00-1:00pm, based on the list used at Easter. If you know of others, who would appreciate receiving one, please let Pastor Ela know.

The virus has spiked in our community again affecting most churches in our ministerium and even some pastors. Over 18 cases reported at Valley View. Pray for our community, protect yourself and others, avoid close contact, reach out with letters of greeting and encouragement. The draft of our church health safety plan includes advice that if you think you have been exposed to someone testing positive for longer than 15 minutes at closer than 6 feet let the designated safety monitor or the office know and anyone else you have been in contact with; consider self quarantining and if you have any symptoms with or without fever see your health care worker. Call the pastor or your Good Shepherd to let them know whether you would like to be on the prayer list and (for St. Johns) whether you would like to receive CD's of the service.

Thank you to all who have submitted your Advent devotionals. We look forward to enjoying our insights, stories and prayers celebrating Christ who is always both anticipated and present.

REMINDER ~ CD's of Service - With more people staying at home please let us know if you would like a CD of the services and if you need a player to play them on. We will make sure you get them.

Parking Lot Broadcast

Our worship services may be attended in person in the sanctuary with safety precautions in place and worshippers may also attend from the parking lot or a location within a block or two of the church. **The radio stream will be found at FM 92.1 beginning at 11AM .**

If you are worshipping in the parking lot please let us know so that we can add you to our attendance. You may send an email or text to the pastor or the church office.

Reminder to our greeters - please note who is worshipping from the parking lot if they come in to get a bulletin.

Reminder to our sound techs - please be sure to take a picture of our attendance - so that we will have record if we need to do Covid tracing.

Announcements

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. If you signed up to write a meditation, **and have not returned it, please do so ASAP. Also, your name will be included with your submission unless you notify the office otherwise.**

The Knotter's group has postponed meeting again until further notice.

The Gift Show is being 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 looking for donations of **homemade soup, cookies, pies, fudge, cakes, etc.** **All food will be packaged for take-out.** If you would be willing to help in this way, please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office.

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.

Please remember to notate whether you would like to keep the flowers or have them delivered.

January thru November 12

Last week's attendance ~ 22 Offering ~ \$1,455.00

St. John's ~ YTD Income \$ 500,597.49 Expense \$ 214,645.51

Net Income \$ 286,076.98

The income includes the bequest of \$290,421.27 received from the Gladys Mahady Estate which was deposited to non-budget income for the time being.

The expense includes the final payment for the parking lot paving \$22,990.00 and \$11,087.96 for the boiler repair.

Daycare ~ YTD Income \$ 249,728.29 Expense \$ 194,953.37

Net Income \$ 54,774.92