

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Belleville, PA

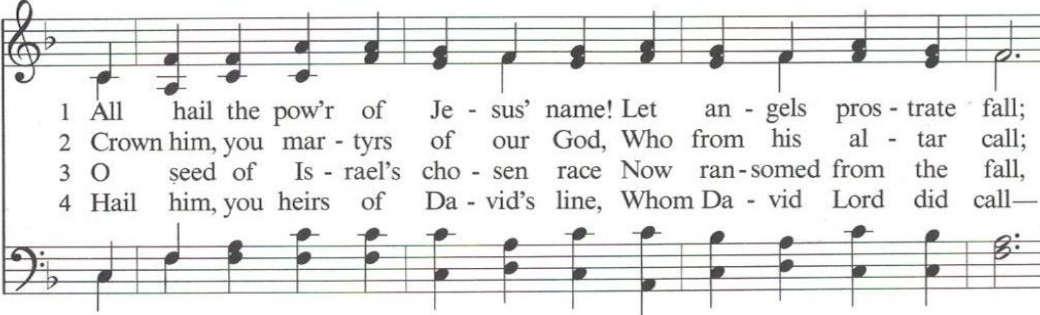


Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 31, 2021


PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS
*HYMN

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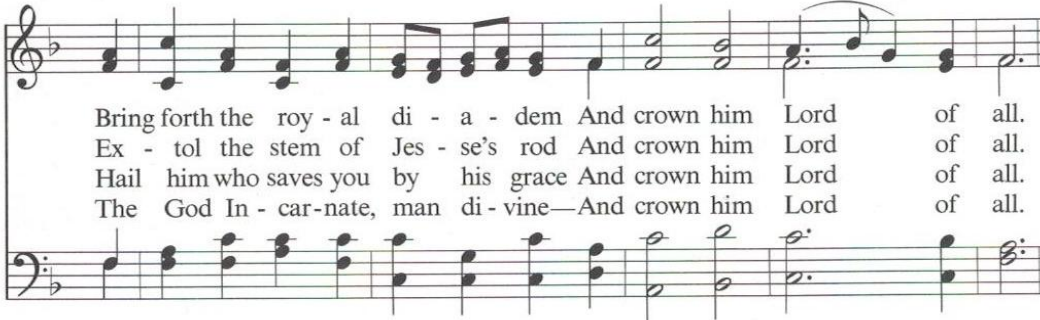
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, Who from his al - tar call;
3 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race Now ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call—



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him Lord of all.
The God In - car - nate, man di - vine—And crown him Lord of all.



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5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet
And crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all.

***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**

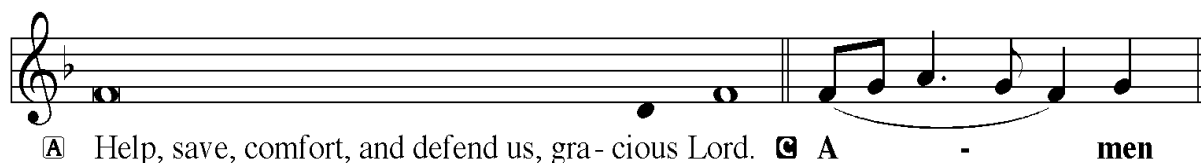
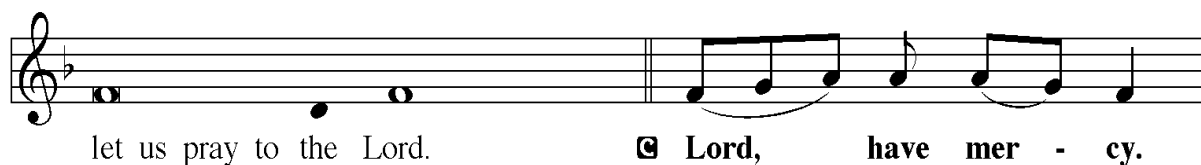
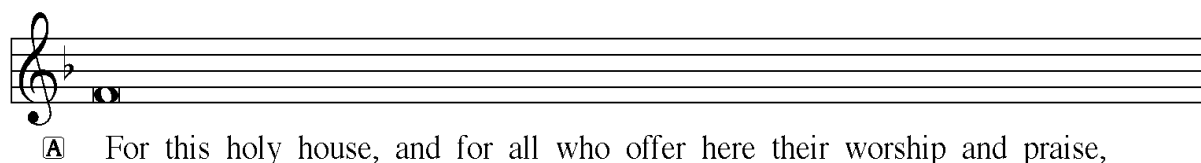
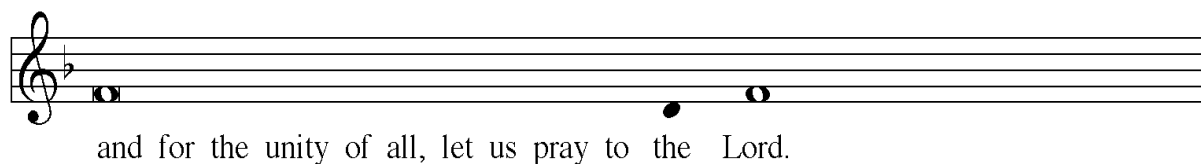
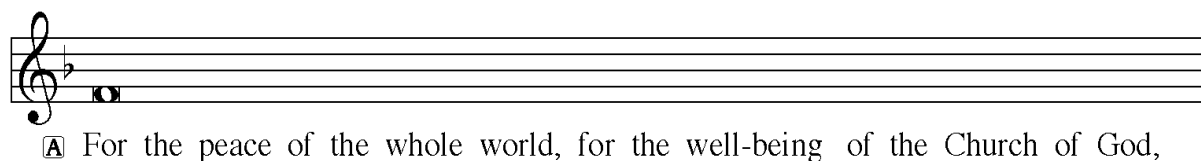
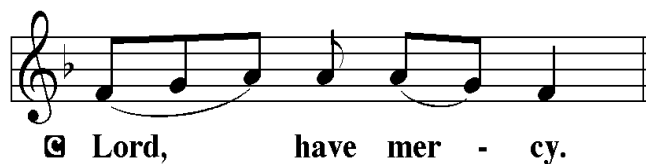
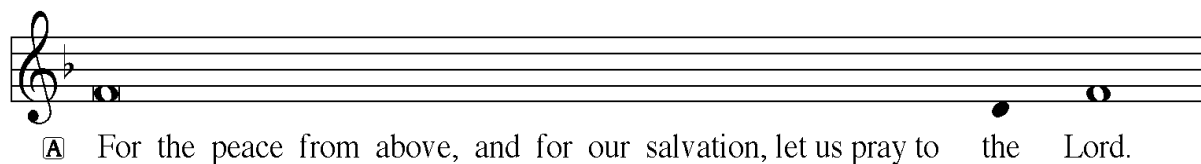
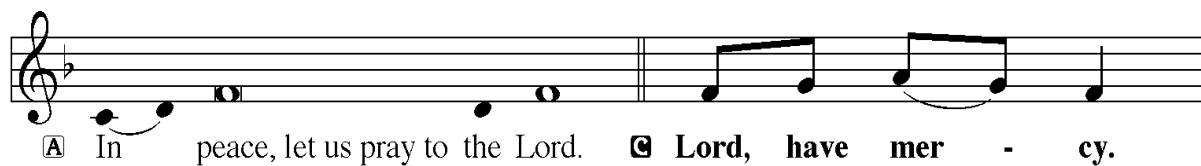
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,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

***PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison) found in Celebrate**


P The Lord be with you.


C And al - so with you.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Deuteronomy 18:15-20

after the reading

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

Psalm 111 ~ *with response*

The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, people join to sing response, then as psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.

Second Lesson ~ A reading from 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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 Mark the 1st chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord

Musical notation for the first staff of the hymn. It begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a half note B3. The lyrics "Praise to you, O Christ." are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, . Let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,

Let the wa - ter and the blood, From thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; Help - less, look to thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See thee on thy judg - ment throne,

Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee.

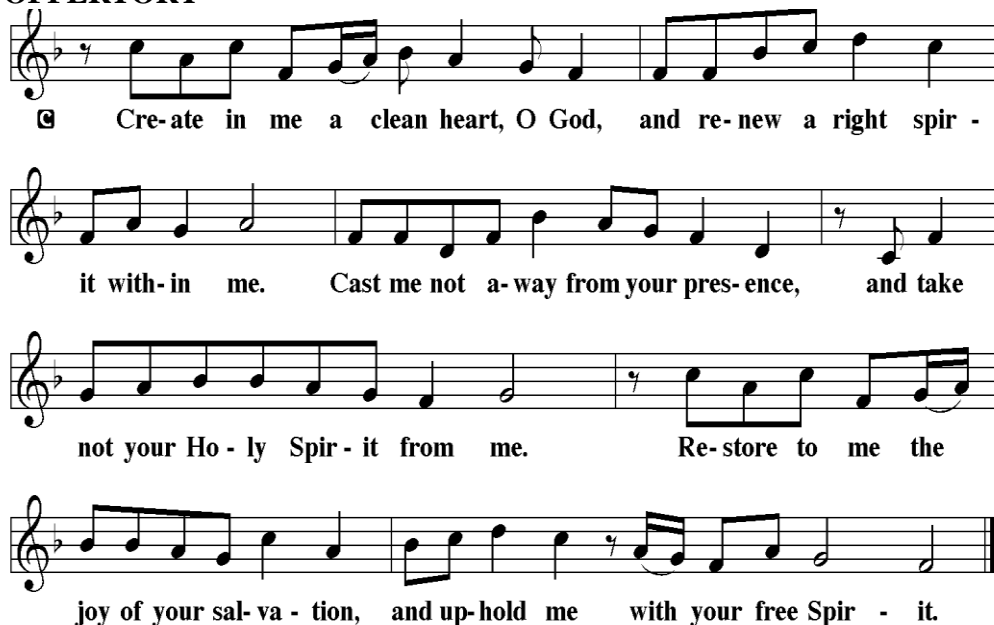
The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the voice, and a grand staff (treble and bass) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into three systems, each corresponding to a stanza of the hymn. The lyrics are printed below the voice staff in each system.

*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, or if you are worshipping from the back parking lot you may leave them - in the box by the outside basement steps.

*OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir -
it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ *See Celebrate*

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

***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. C **Amen**

HYMN

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On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing Glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther Joy - ful songs we sing;

The first system of the hymn features a vocal melody in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: '1 On our way re - joic - ing Glad - ly let us go. 2 Un - to God the Fa - ther Joy - ful songs we sing;'. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with chords and a left hand with a steady bass line.

Christ our Lord has con - quered; Van-quished is the foe.
Un - to God the Sav - ior Thank-ful hearts we bring;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Christ our Lord has con - quered; Van-quished is the foe. Un - to God the Sav - ior Thank-ful hearts we bring;'. The piano accompaniment includes a long melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand.

Christ with-out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
Un - to God the Spir - it Bow we and a - dore,

The third system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are: 'Christ with-out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy; Un - to God the Spir - it Bow we and a - dore,'. The piano accompaniment features a final melodic flourish in the right hand and a sustained bass line in the left hand.

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Who, if we be faith - ful, Can our hope de-stroy?
On our way re - joic - ing Now and ev - er-more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; As we for-ward move,

Hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.
Tune: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

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DISMISSAL

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

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

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Congregational Song Leader: Reba Harmon

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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.*

The Altar flowers and Roses for all attending this morning,
are given to the Glory of God by
Ralph Murphy in loving memory of
Esther Murphy and Herman Murphy, Sr.

Today

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

Next Sunday, February 7

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

Please remember in prayer ~ Dorie Remensnyder, Marge Shilling and Sylvia Harshbarger for continued healing and recuperation from recent falls. All those members with compromising health issues wisely isolating at home, that they may quickly have access to the Covid vaccine. Vivian Plank, Fred Hagemeyer, Kim Aumiller, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Ev Young (Zion Home, Lititz) and Carol Yoder (VVH).

From the Pastor

Pastor Ela will be taking time off Jan 31 - Feb 6. She will be in town much of that time. If there is a pastoral emergency you may call her and she will either respond or refer to a pastor who will be available.

Ash Wednesday is February 17 the beginning of Lent! We will be having a service that evening at 7:00pm with individual cups of ashes and oil.

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday has been designated by the Upper Susquehanna Synod, Camp Mt. Luther Day. Anne Harshbarger is attending an event at CML Feb 7, as our 'camperson' representative and will be sharing with us on Feb 14, Transfiguration Sunday 2021, also Valentine's day!

It is important we support experiences in young people's lives that are transfigurative, that bring them closer to God. Attending CML is definitely one.

It's also important to realize the challenges and fears young people face. Anyone born in the last 25 years has lived with the specter of 9/11, school shootings, church shootings, riots and violence in various forms and the Covid pandemic. The church wants to reach out and involve them in creating a community of faith, friends, assurance and safety.

Synod Assembly representatives: Anne Harshbarger has eagerly agreed to be one of our representatives for Synod Assembly which will be held by Zoom in June. We need one more representative! If you have internet you will be able to participate from your home. Please let Carol, Kelly or Pastor Ela know if you are interested.

Announcements

We welcome Authorized Lay Worship Leader, Steve Rodgers to St. John's this morning. He will be leading the service and preaching, while Pastor Ela enjoys some time off.

The February newsletter can be found in the mailboxes of members who do not receive it by email.

Please keep Pastor Ken Longfield in prayer, as he had open heart surgery to repair his mitral valve at Danville on Thursday. The hospital stay is expected to be 4-7 days, so hopefully he will be home by week's end. Well-wishes can be sent to PO Box 127, Reedsville 17084.

Lent begins on February 17th. Available in the narthex are two devotionals. The first, *A Season of Grace* is large print, and is written by Seniors for Seniors. The second, *Steadfast Love* is based on the works of Henri Nouwen. Each one is well-written and will be a nice addition to your daily meditation during this Lenten season.

Please contact the church office or your good shepherd if you would like to have one mailed to you.

January 1 thru January 27, 2021

Last week's attendance (includes parking lot) ~ 28 Offering ~ \$ 2,298.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 8,783.00 Expense \$ 11,441.46

Net Income \$ -2,658.46

Daycare ~ Income \$ 13,508.73 Expense \$ 13,126.52

Net Income \$ 382.21