

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Belleville, PA



Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021

PRELUDE ~ Susie will begin playing at 9:15 for a longer prelude as we gather for service and congregational meeting today.

WELCOME

Welcome to all on this Second Sunday of our Lenten journey. We gather for worship and meeting in the fellowship hall converted to a Sanctuary today and are reminded that the business of the church is just another form of worship. So we come today with joy, humility and the reconciling love of Christ to our worship linked with our meeting today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our worship is shorter today to accommodate our congregational meeting.

***GREETING**

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

*GATHERING HYMN

748

Bind Us Together

Refrain
F

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

Refrain
F C7 F F C7 F B^b/C

There . . is on - ly one Bod - y; that . . is why we can sing:
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

Text: Bob Gillman, b. 1946
Music: Bob Gillman, b. 1946
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BIND US TOGETHER
6 7 7 6 and refrain

P You are the treasured people of the LORD,
 C **a people holy to the LORD our God.**
 P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.
 C **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
 when you lie down and when you rise.**
 P One does not live by bread alone,
 C **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

***SCRIPTURE SONG**



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☒ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY ~ in unison** *Prayers and Lessons are found in Celebrate*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

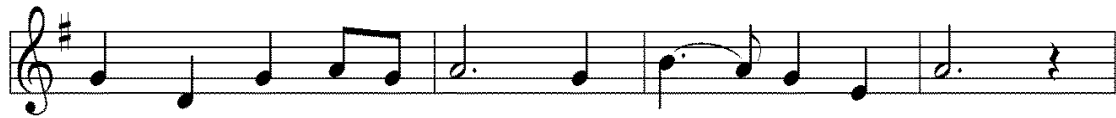
P Let us pray...

LESSONS

A Summary of the lessons

We encourage you to read the celebrate lessons in your own time after church or at home.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



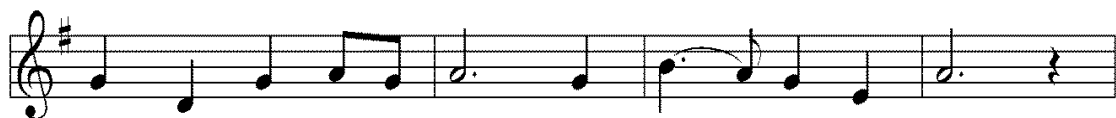
☩ Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



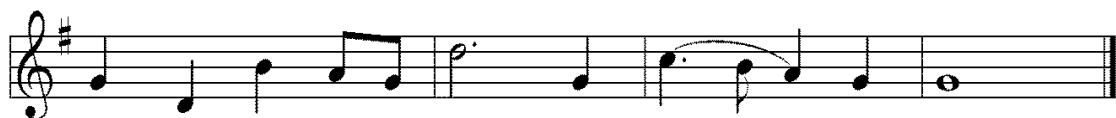
Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

***GOSPEL READING**

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 8th chapter.

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

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

***RESPONSE to the WORD**

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C **Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C **Amen**

***THE PEACE**

You may greet others with a sign of peace - a wave or a slight bow with hand over your heart and the words "Peace of Christ or Peace be with you!"

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING ~ You may leave your gifts in the offering plates by the doors 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



Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. God, our Creator,

C in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ Found in Celebrate

(Please offer your prayer requests at this time or on the prayer request slips.)

P Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence

***LORD's PRAYER**

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

***THE BLESSING**

P May the God of faithfulness bless every turn your life takes. May you always know that God is right behind you, right beside you, right before you, every step of the way. And may you always remember that there is no place you can go where God will not go with you! Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C **Amen!**

***SENDING SONG**

Spirit of Gentleness

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Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain
"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

***DISMISSAL**

P Now stay in the Lord's peace as we continue to serve the Lord in our congregational meeting.

R Thanks be to God

Congregational Meeting

Pastor: Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123
Organist: Seulki Susie Yoo
Congregational Song Leader: Reba Harmon and Ed Bilich
Church Office: 935-2032 **Email us at** secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org
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: Joy Byler

Next Sunday, March 7

Greeters: Mike and Michele Harshbarger; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

Please remember in prayer ~ Zachary Fultz, Ron Fultz, Pastor Ken Longfield, Vivian Plank, Fred Hagemeyer, Kim Aumiller, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Ev Young (Zion Home, Lititz) and Carol Yoder (VVH).

Announcements

The church's email address has changed. Please begin using secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org when contacting the office.

The double doors at the back of the church are no longer accessible with a key. Council requested the daycare have another coded lock installed. The same 4 digit codes used to enter the double doors by the restrooms have been programmed to work at the back door, as well. Daycare families can only enter the church with their personal codes during daycare hours 6am to 6pm Monday–Friday. The code is removed for any family whose child is no longer attending. Members who use the church's code can enter at any time.

January 1 thru February 24, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 23 Offering ~ \$ 1,194.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 31,441.82 Expense \$ 23,954.05
Net Income \$ 7,487.77

Daycare ~ Income \$ 21,481.20 Expense \$ 34,462.05
Net Income \$ -12,980.85