

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Belleville, PA 17004**



**Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2021**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome on this second Sunday of Easter. The Celebrate introduces this season as a week of seven Sundays when we *play* in the mystery of Christ's presence. A wonderful expression, and a wonderful Easter Sunday that brought us to this point: the singing, the scripture; the blaring horn, the silence; the ritual, the surprises; the darkness, the light; the empty space, the color and flowers; the children and the many generations blessed by the new life they attest. Let us hold all this close to our hearts as we go into this springtime of greening and growing and the celebration of new life in Christ this Easter Season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN ~ *Thine Is the Glory*

LBW 145

*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**

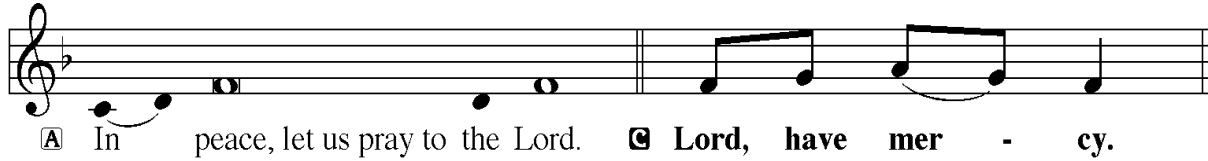
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,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

C **Amen**

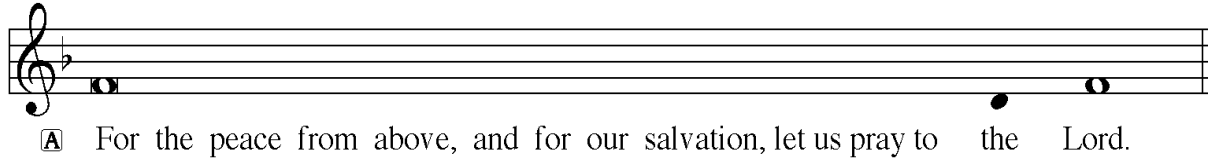
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

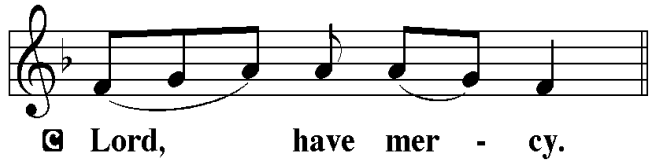
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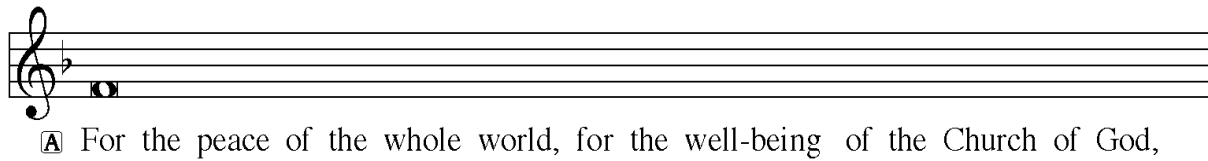
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



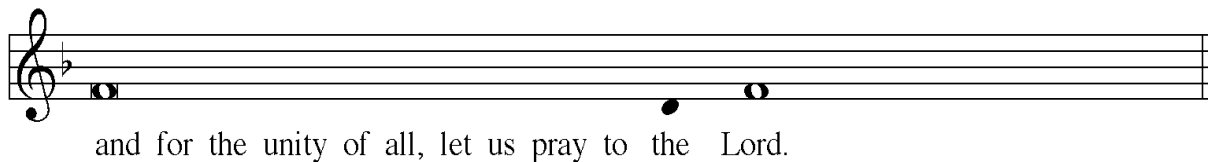
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



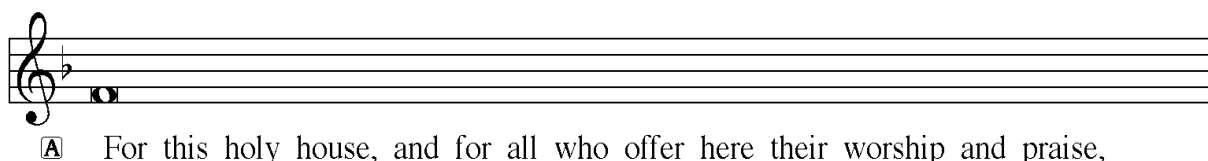
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



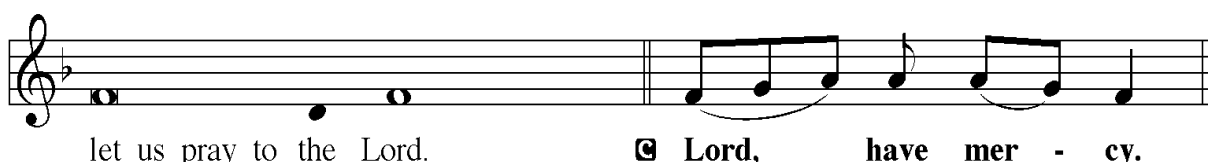
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C 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. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **And also with you.**
Please extend the sign of peace to those here and beyond the walls of our sanctuary with a wave and the words "Peace of Christ or Peace be with you!"
P Peace of Christ!

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

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ **And** al - so with you.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Acts 4:32-35
after the reading

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

Psalm 133 ~ *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 John 1:1-2:2
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 20th chapter.

☑ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN ~ *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*

LBW # 131

***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** 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**

P Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence

***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

***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 ~ On Our Way Rejoicing**

LBW # 260

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

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

Organist: Seulki Susie Yoo

Congregational Song Leaders: Reba Harmon and Ed Bilich

Church Office: 935-2032 **Email us at** secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org

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

Today

Greeters: Mike and Michele Harshbarger; **Lay Reader:** Anne Harshbarger

Next Sunday, April 18

Greeter: Sharon Dancy; **Lay Reader:** Jami Zook

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 are given to the Glory of God by
Joe Kanagy in loving memory of Zachary Joseph Kanagy,
and in honor of Brooke, Sam, Sammy and Alyssa.

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

FROM THE PASTOR

Grace and gratitude to all those who participated in our Holy Week services.

For the Maundy Thursday Service we thank Susi for joining us with prayerful music only minutes after her solo recital at St. College! To Lisa Griffith, for singing that night and bringing to life the love of Christ in the song *O, Love*. To those not mentioned in the bulletin: Rev. Rosalie Smith for assisting the pastor - deeply extending communion and prayer, and Ralph Murphy reading the lessons of the night - and all the music and worship committee, especially Sandy Metz for setting up the space that night.

For Easter - - Oh what a blessing is the Children's choir. Thank you to Jami and her family and all the parents and grandparents who brought their children that day.

MEETING with the PASTOR

It has been wonderful meeting with many of you at home in the last months or in the office. I hope to visit with each of you soon. Call to set up a chat or drop in on Monday 11:00 - 2:00. If pastoral concerns and demands intervene in those hours we will arrange another time.

Announcements

St. John's has Meals on Wheel **in May**. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex for anyone willing to help provide the desserts. Still needed are ~

Thursday, May 13 ~ Two Angel Food Cakes (WHS or Peight's)
Tuesday, May 18 ~ Two 9x12 pans of Lemon Lush, Graham Cracker Pudding or Cherry Delight
Thursday, May 20 ~ Money to purchase pies (see Sue Lynch or church office)

January 1 thru April 7, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 69 Offering ~ \$ 2,641.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 53,693.13 Expense \$ 45,886.89
Net Income \$ 7,806.24

Daycare ~ Income \$ 61,142.12 Expense \$ 76,509.16
Net Income \$ -15,367.04