

St. John's Lutheran Church



Sixth Sunday after Easter
Mother's Day

May 9, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome on this 6th Sunday of Easter as we continue to open our hearts to Resurrection joy. As we abide in the vine, we abide in Christ's love. Even as we prepare to celebrate Ascension as Christ ascends from the earth, we hold on to the love that will not let us go and commit to showing that abiding love to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN ~ *Jesus Loves Me!*

ELW # 595

Jesus Loves Me!

595

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

***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,

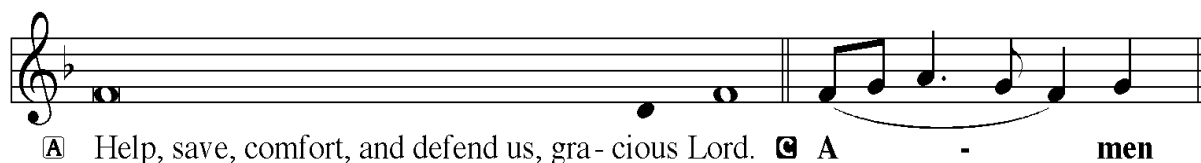
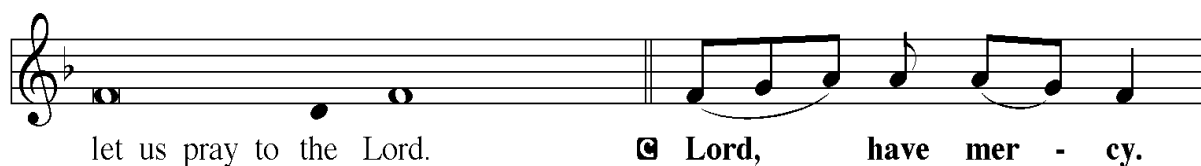
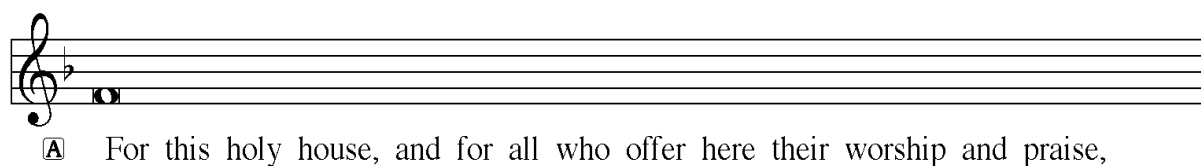
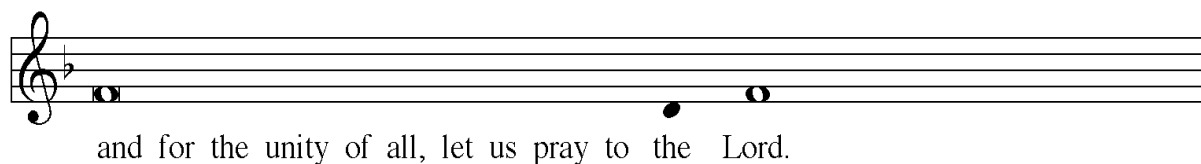
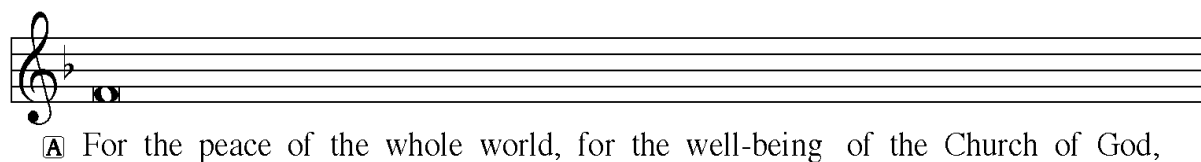
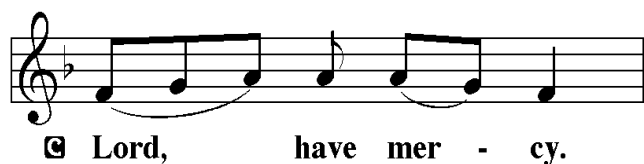
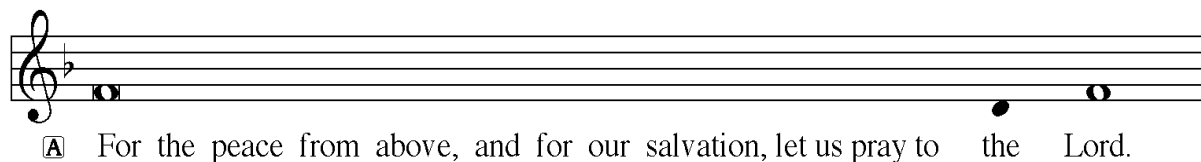
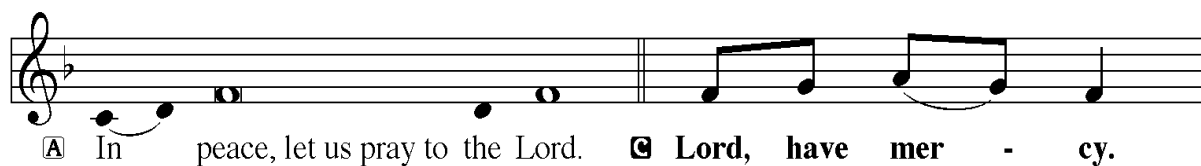
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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**

***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)**

P Let us pray...

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Acts 10:44-48

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 ~ *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 5:1-6

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 15th 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 ~ *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

LBW 439

439 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
 Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

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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**

OFFERING ~ please leave your gifts in one of the offering plates **at the end of the front and back**) 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 ~ Go, My Children, with My Blessing

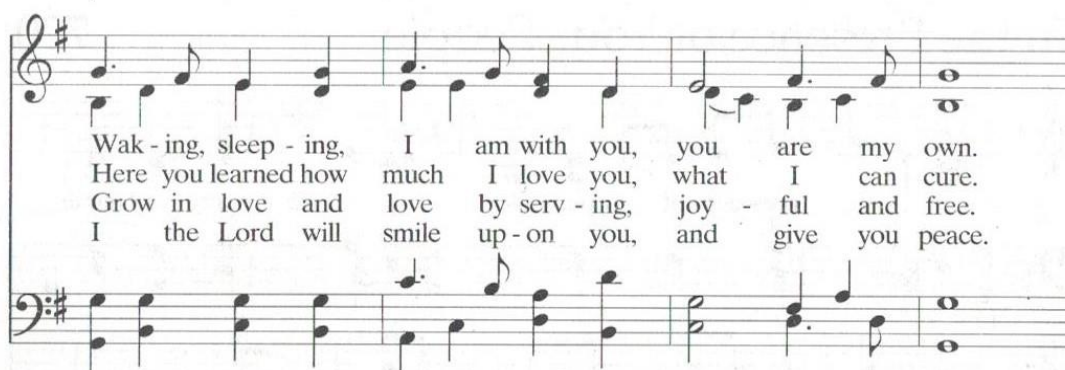
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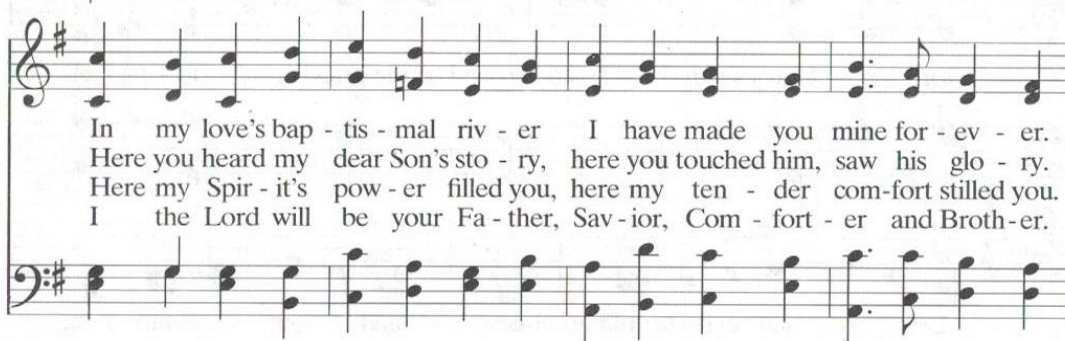
Go, My Children, with My Blessing



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**

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 Leader: Reba Harmon

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

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

Today

Greeter: Carol Fultz; **Lay Reader:** John Boring

Next Sunday, May 16

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

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
Kathy Elliott, Butch Shaffer, Kelly Winters and families,
in loving memory of Shirley Shaffer.

Please remember in prayer ~ Samantha Shoemaker (niece of Carol Fultz's, daughter-in-law), Nancy Glick, Zachary Fultz, Ron Fultz, Vivian Plank, Kim Aumiller, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Ev Young (Zion Home, Lititz), Don Wolfe and Carol Yoder (VVH).

The church office will be closed tomorrow (Monday, May 10). With help from others, the weekly church cleaning has been done, and I have been able to continue doing office work from home, during this quarantine time. Thank you for your prayers and patience. Kelly

The council will be holding their monthly meeting tomorrow. Monday, May 10 at 6:30pm in the library.

Reminder ~ St. John's has Meals on Wheels this week and next. Those persons who signed up to donate *Angel Food* cakes for this Thursday, May 13, please be sure to have them at the Community Hall by 9am that morning.

January 1 thru May 5, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 24 Offering ~ \$ 1,635.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 66,607.09 Expense \$ 51,212.88
Net Income \$ 15,394.21

Daycare ~ Income \$ 123,876.27* Expense \$ 97,096.46
Net Income \$ 26,779.81

* Daycare received CARES COVID funding

*Honor and blessings to all the mothers in the
church, and all who nurture others!
Happy Mother's Day!*

