

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



**Day of Pentecost  
May 23, 2021**

**PRELUDE**  
**WELCOME**

Today we give thanks for the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to pour out the Holy Spirit upon us, filling us with God's gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession and proclamation of one faith. This is Pentecost, 50 days after Easter, the wrap up of the Easter Season and the send off for the Disciples into the world.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please note the announcements at the end of the bulletin.

A reminder that as we return to worship, some after weakening bouts of illness, I may cue us to sit if I feel some need to, so please feel free to sit at any time.

\***HYMN** ~ *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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\***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS for Pentecost**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships and promises to show us mercy.

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 **Holy and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know too well our constant failures to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way, keep us in your care, and lead us into faith. We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace. Amen.**

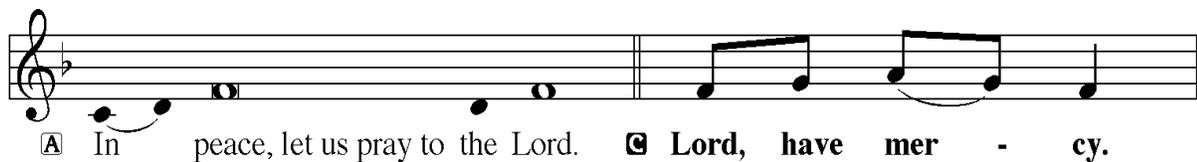
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,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

C **Amen**

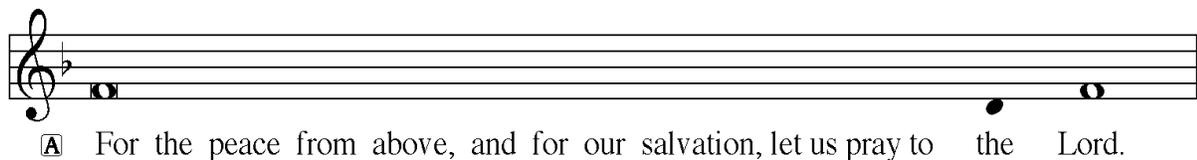
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

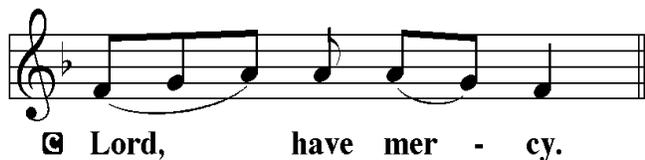
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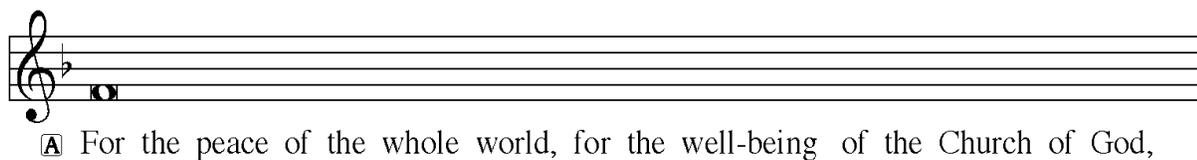
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



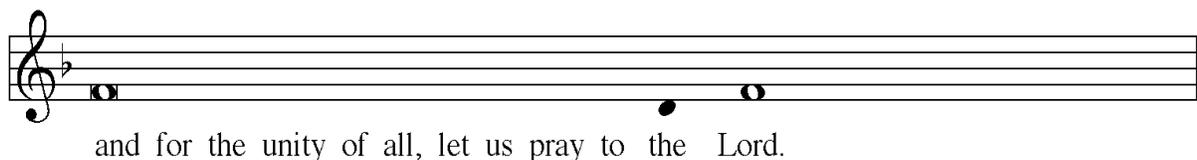
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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



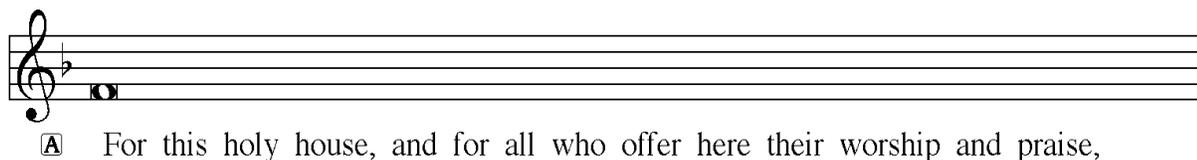
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



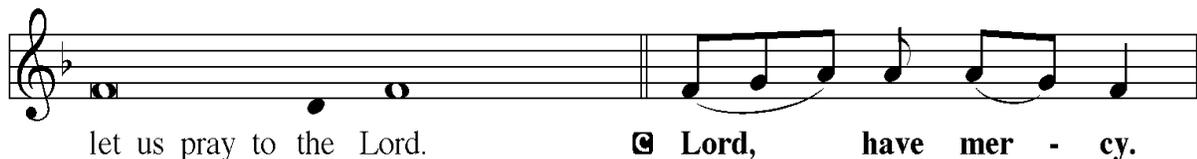
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



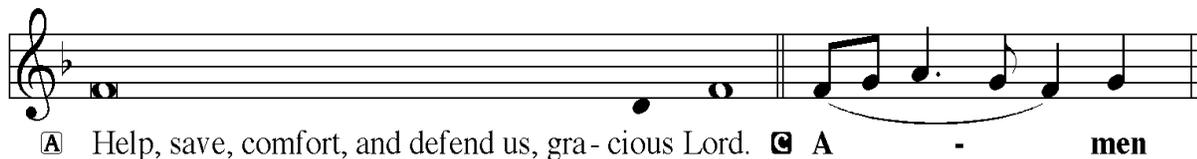
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**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

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*PEACE**

*Please extend the sign of peace to those here and beyond the walls of our sanctuary with 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 choral reading for Pentecost from Acts 2:1-21  
*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b ~ *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 Romans 8:22-27

*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 15<sup>th</sup> 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** ~ Pentecost - What is the cost?

**THE PREFACE for PENTECOST**

The preface for Pentecost is sung today as part of our Pentecost message and liturgy

**HYMN** ~ *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

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**\*NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, of one being with the Father, through him all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; and He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He shall come again in glory to judge both the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.**

**OFFERING** ~ you may 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**

**\*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 ~ Beautiful Savior**

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**\*DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

**R Thanks be to God**

**POSTLUDE**

**Question for Reflection**

In this coming week consider how many ways and through which persons you are shown a new path for your life. Watch for startling nudges or sudden epiphanies; listen for sighs that signal letting go of something pressing so that you can hear the Spirit's guidance. What have you learned? How can you give thanks?

**Household Prayer: Morning**

God of newness and delight, you greet your world again with light and life. I awaken to your presence behind, before, beneath, above, and within me. I thank you for another day and ask only that you keep me so firmly in your care that I can move gracefully through all I have to do. Guard my family, my friends, and all my brothers and sisters in faith. Let me be a peacemaker today; in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Household Prayer: Evening**

Good and Holy One, you have led me through this day of many encounters to the time when I may close my eyes and dream."

— Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1 by Kimberly Bracken Long <https://a.co/ffuvulG>

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

**Today ~ Pentecost**

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

**Next Sunday, May 30 ~ Holy Trinity**

**Greeter:** Jim Buchanan; **Lay Reader:** Ralph Murphy

***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 in St. John's are given to the glory of God  
by Jami Zook and family in memory of  
John P. Zook and James L. Harmon.

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

**FROM the PASTOR**

The pastor will be in the office at St. Johns Monday 9AM - 12PM barring conflicts with funeral,  
pastoral visits, and occasional appts. Call ahead to Kelly in the office or to 740 338-7123 if you want  
to confirm a visit or make one for another day.

The week of June 14 Pastor will be in the office on Weds instead of Monday.

Trinity Sunday is the day before Memorial Day. Honor veterans in our church and country. Carolyn  
Conner has been planning for those who would like to participate in a Memorial procession to gather at  
St. Johns at 9AM on Monday morning. Cars will circle through town leaving from the parking lot at  
9:30AM.

**Elmcroft in Reedsville and Valley View are both now open for visitors.** At both places you need to  
call ahead to speak to the social worker on the hall of the person you would like to visit. They will  
arrange a time for you in their schedule.

You can always leave flowers, goodies and notes at the main entrance and they will be delivered to the  
resident's room.

## Announcements

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with Sunday morning duties in May and June. If you are willing to help during July and/or August, a sign-up can be found in the narthex.

The annual daycare yard sale is Tuesday, July 6 and Wednesday, July 7. We could really use your unwanted items. Anything in clean, usable condition, including furniture is always appreciated. Please feel free to place your items on the stage. **NO CLOTHING OR TELEVISIONS PLEASE!**

St. John's is once again participating in the *Baby Bottle* fundraiser for Crossroads Pregnancy Center. The bottles can be found in the narthex for anyone who would like to participate, please take one, fill it with your spare change or other monetary donation and return it to the church by Father's Day, June 20th.

Belleville Mennonite School invites you to the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction this Friday and Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at the school. Friday evening will feature a Chicken BBQ Dinner, Silent Auction, Live Music and a variety of outdoor games and activities for the whole family. The dinner will be served in take-out containers from 5:00-7:00 PM. Saturday will feature a pancake breakfast from 6:30-8:30 AM and a wide variety of food and homemade baked goods available throughout the day. The Merchandise and Gift Certificate Auction begins outdoors at 8:30 AM. Handmade quilts will be sold at the top of each hour, special feature certificates will be sold at 11:00, featured outdoor items at 11:30 and a special 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative quilt will be sold at noon. Children's activities will be offered from 9:00-2:00 PM. A complete listing of auction items can be found at [www.bmsprek12.org](http://www.bmsprek12.org).

January 1 thru May 19, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 20      Offering ~ \$ 1,800.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 71,210.09      Expense \$ 61,055.78

Net Income \$ 10,154.31

Daycare ~ Income \$ 136,042.30      Expense \$ 108,046.23

Net Income \$ 27,996.07