

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 13, 2021**



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

This is the third Sunday after Pentecost, the third Sunday after the culmination of the Easter Season. The Holy Spirit continues to equip and inspire Christ's followers for discipleship in the world. Parables of the mustard seed and images of the Tree of Life provide images for God's boundless capacity for energy and growth as we prepare the Kingdom of God.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GATHERING SONG ~ Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling**      WOV # 734

# 734      Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,  
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,  
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,

call - ing for you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's  
plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and  
prom - ised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has

wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.  
heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?  
mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.

*Refrain*  
"Come home, Come home, come home! You who are

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wea-ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will Thompson, 1847-1909  
Music: Will Thompson, 1847-1909

THOMPSON  
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**\*GREETING**

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

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.**



**I 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.**



**II 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)**

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**THE LESSONS**

First Lesson ~ A reading from Ezekiel 17:22-24

*after the reading*

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

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 ~ *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 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

*after the reading*

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*GOSPEL READING**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*After the reading*

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **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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**\*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 Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through  
our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the  
power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C Amen**

**\*THE PEACE**

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.


P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

**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**



**G** Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;  
 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.

**P** God, our Creator,

**C** you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature.  
 With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care.  
 Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **\*PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ Found in Celebrate**

**P** Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*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 Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

SENDING SONG ~ *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

WOV # 721

721

## 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

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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.*

**Today**

**Greeter:** Susan Keller; **Lay Reader:** Joe Kanagy

**Next Sunday, June 20**

**Greeter:** Carolyn Conner; **Lay Reader:** John Boring

Please remember in prayer ~ Kim Aumiller, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (now residing at Ohesson Manor), Vivian Plank , Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Ev Young (Zion Home, Lititz), Don Wolfe and Carol Yoder (VVH).

## **FROM the PASTOR**

This week, due to conflicting appointments the Pastor will be in the St. John's office Weds 9 - 12 and Thursday 10-12 at West Kish.

Pastor Ela and Anne Harshbarger will be participating by zoom in the ELCA Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly this Saturday June 19. We still need one more representative from our church. Please consider participating in this.

Requires no travel, there will be shorter sessions; everyone gets a gift box, and a great way to connect with representatives from other ELCA churches in our area.

Valley View Haven is in quarantine until test results come back this week. Let us pray that all will be safe and well and they will be able to welcome visitors by appointment again this weekend.

## **Announcements**

Anyone who is fully vaccinated **is not required** to wear a mask, unless you are more comfortable continuing to. According to the CDC, fully vaccinated is defined as being two weeks after a second dose in a two-dose series, or single-dose of the Johnson & Johnson shot.

Volunteers are needed to help with Sunday morning duties during July and/or August. **Needed in July~ Lay Reader for July 4, Altar Care and Flower Delivery.** A sign-up can be found in the narthex.

**The annual daycare yard sale is only 3 weeks away. We you're your junk!** Please feel free to place your items on the stage or outside in front of the F.H. doors. **NO CLOTHING OR TV's PLEASE!**

January 1 thru June 10, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 28      Offering ~ \$ 1,475.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 85,284.87    Expense \$ 75,632.84

Net Income \$ 9,652.03

Daycare ~ Income \$ 153,020.68    Expense \$ 138,977.03

Net Income \$ 14,043.65