

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 25, 2021**



**PRELUDE  
WELCOME**

Welcome on this 9th Sunday after Pentecost as we continue to hear about the feeding miracles and the healing miracles made possible through the care and compassion of God in Christ. As the twelve disciples begin to comprehend and take in the breadth of Christ's love, so must we go out with that love into the world. We welcome Joe Kanagy today as he shares his mission commitment amidst the people of Liberia.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

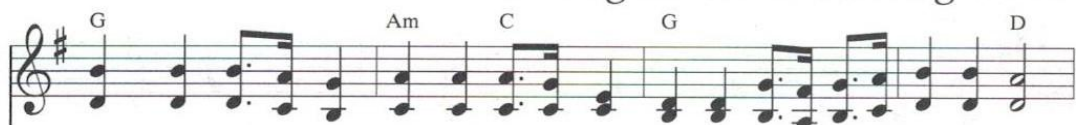
**\*GATHERING SONG ~ What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine** WOV # 780

TRUST, GUIDANCE

# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

## 780

### *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



- 1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine,
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,



Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean-ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



lean-ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

**\*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...

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**THE LESSONS**

First Lesson ~ A reading from 2 Kings 4:42-44

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:10-18 ~ *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.*

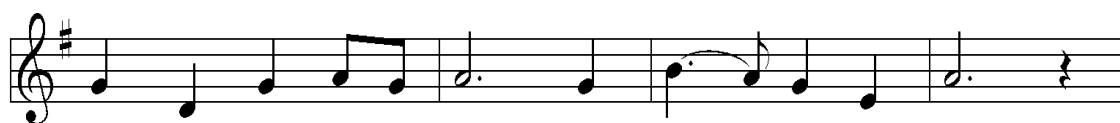
Second Lesson ~ A reading from Ephesians 3:14-21

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



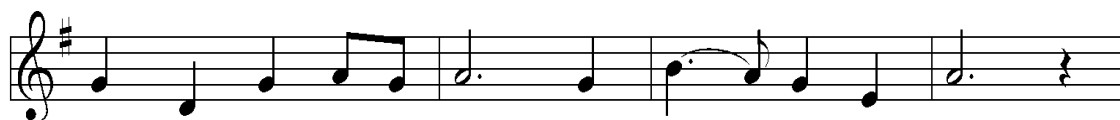
**☒** Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



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 John, the 6<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 ~ Joe Kanagy**

HYMN ~ *I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry*

WOV # 770

770 *I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry*

1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are  
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you  
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger

old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to  
 on; you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to  
 young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -

see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a  
 whom you now be - long. If you find some-one to share your  
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent-ly clos - es

child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 time and you join your hearts as one,  
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,

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C G

in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been with

A<sup>7</sup> D D<sup>7</sup> G D

find where de - mons dwell."  
dusk till ris - ing sun."  
just one more sur - prise." 4 "I was there to hear your

G D G D G D G D

born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. I re -

G D G D G C D<sup>7</sup> G

joiced the day you were bap-tized, to see your life un - fold."

**\*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** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C** **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**

**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**

# **\*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 Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

*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 ~ *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

WOV # 783

## Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

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*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its  
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A<sup>7</sup> D F#m

righ - teous - ness,  
you shall find;  
ev - 'ry word

and all these things shall be  
knock and the door shall be  
that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*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

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**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.*

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Edna Chester in memory of Savilla and J. Frank Smith.

**Today**

**Greeters:** Mike Boring and Jami Zook; **Lay Reader:** Mike Boring

**Next Sunday, August 1**

**Greeters:** John and Brenda Boring; **Lay Reader:** Deb French

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

**FROM The PASTOR**

July 25. Due to some change of vacation plans Pastor Ela will lead worship. Joe Kanagy will present on Liberia and his faith journey related to mission there.

Aug 1 - Rosalie Smith will preach and lead worship

Aug 8 - Gideon speaker - Ed Bilich will lead worship.

Rosalie Smith will be available for emergency pastoral care July 30 - Aug 8.

TODAY. Sunday July 25 at 6PM at East Kish Presbyterian Church, manse backyard, meet and greet with Pastor Chuck Monts who is on the last legs of a 3,000-mile bike trek across the country to raise money for the New York city's historic Bowery Mission.

He is a Presbyterian pastor and does live zooms of his service and sermon back to his home church and to any who want to participate and catch up with him on his mission bike ride. We will have the opportunity to talk with him in person and encourage him on his mission.

### SAVE THE DATE

August 12, 2021 CONCERT 7PM. at East Kish Presbyterian Church, corner of Church and Walnut streets, Reedsville PA

Lisa Griffith - soprano, Patti Loudenslager and Tom Roberts- piano, Rev. Ela Robertson - cello, Bill Cullingford – whistles

A celebration of friends being able to perform and listen to music together in person for the first time in many months. Program includes some spiritual favorites, *Deep River*, *Prayer* - made famous by Andrea Bocelli, *Oh Love That Will Not Let me Go*; one of Patti's favorites - *Tribute for piano*; a couple of Celtic tunes and the *Brahms Eminor Cello Sonata* interpreted by Ela from the perspective of Genesis and the first days of Creation.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Daycare yard sale is being held this Tuesday noon -7pm and Wednesday 8am-noon. Donations will be accepted through tomorrow only. We were blessed with an abundance of very nice items. Everything is priced to sell. Come and look around, maybe you will find something you just cannot live without!!

**Volunteers are still needed to deliver altar flowers in August, and to lay read on the 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office if you can help in this way.

January 1 thru July 21, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 22      Offering ~ \$ 935.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 93,279.03      Expense \$ 87,608.33

Net Income \$ 5,670.70

Daycare ~ Income \$ 183,677.64      Expense \$ 167,402.41

Net Income \$ 16,275.23