

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Mary, Mother of Our Lord
August 15, 2021**



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome on this 12th Sunday after Pentecost. As we enjoy summer-end ripeness of August fields of grain we celebrate 'Mary, Mother of our Lord' in our songs, liturgy and the sacrament of Bread and Cup today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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**

***GATHERING HYMN ~ Shall We Gather at the River**

WOV # 690

Shall We Gather at the River**690**

D A⁷ A

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

D A A⁷ D

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain G D A⁷ D

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

G D A A⁷ D

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

***GREETING**

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**



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

***HYMN of PRAISE**

☞ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Ⅰ 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.



☞ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



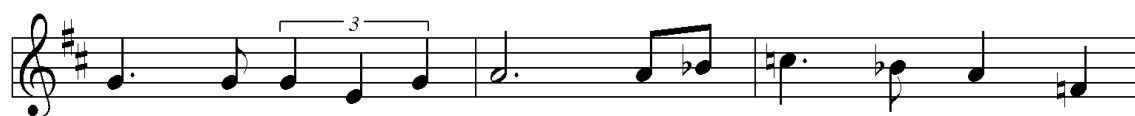
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Ⅱ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



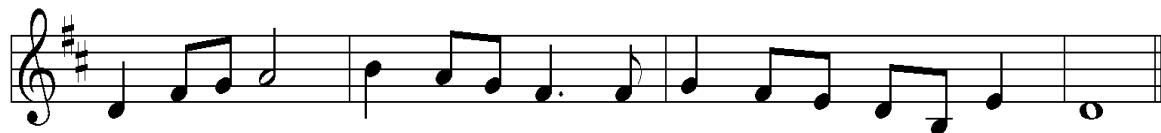
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
II



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.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

***PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

Almighty God, in choosing the Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised.

Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***THE LESSONS**

***First Lesson ~ A reading from Isaiah 61:7-11**

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 34:1-9 ~ with response**

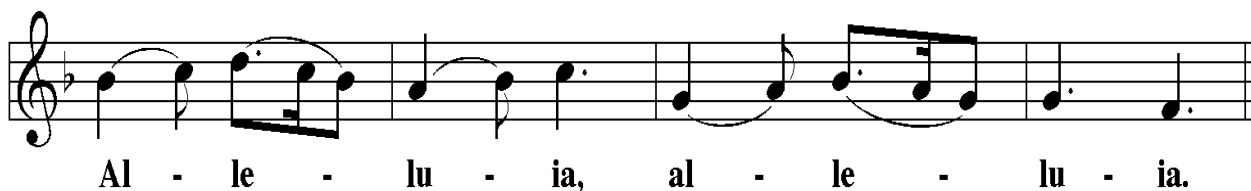
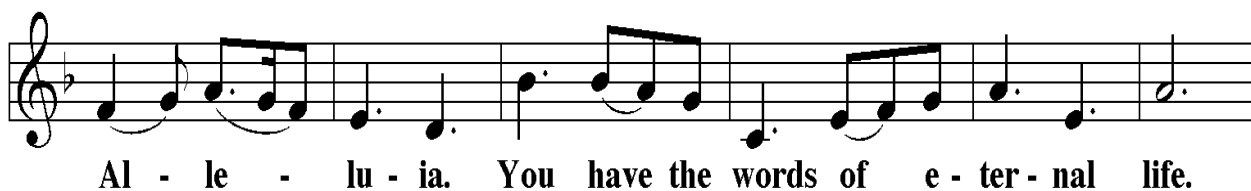
***Second Lesson ~ A reading from Galatians 4:4-7**

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL READING**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 1st chapter.

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

The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Magnificat

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Canon

1 2

Ma- gni-fi-cat, ma - gni-fi-cat, ma - gni-fi-cat a - ni-ma me - a Do-mi-num.

3 4

Ma - gni-fi-cat, ma - gni-fi-cat, ma - gni-fi-cat a - ni-ma me - a!

Text: Luke 1:46; Taizé Community

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *I Am the Bread of Life*

WOV # 702

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I Am the Bread of Life

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not . . . hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
 flesh of the Son of . . . Man . . . and . . .
 I . . . am the . . . life. . . . If you be -
 you . . . are the . . . Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat . . . of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . has . . .

A C#m D A

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me un - less the . . Fa - ther beck - ons.”
 ev - er, you shall . . live for - ev - er.”
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you.”
 die, you shall . . live for - ev - er.”
 come in - to the world. . . .

F#m AM⁷ Bm⁷ E

Refrain A E A D E

“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

A D A E A

and I will raise you up on the last day.”

***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**

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.

***THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us extend the Peace of Christ to those here and beyond the walls of the sanctuary into the world.

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**



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

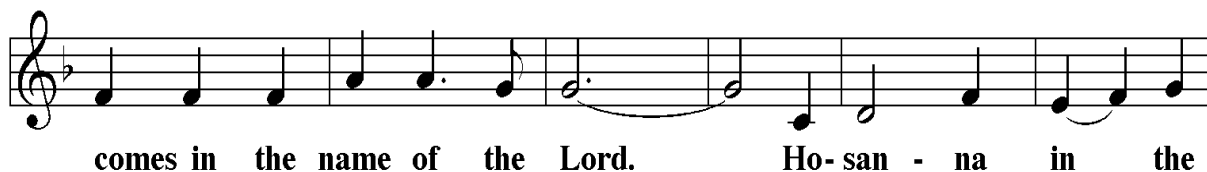
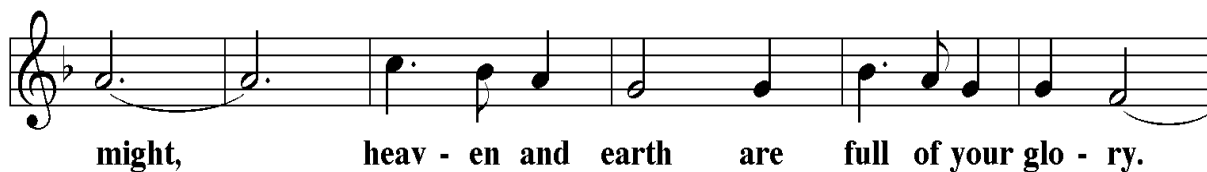
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise**



***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C **Amen**

***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 is 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
for ever. Amen**

COMMUNION

Maintaining social distancing we will each come forward to take the bread and wine from the plates. Remaining standing you may pause for blessing and prayer before returning to your seats. A receptacle for the cups will be at the end of the front pew.

Invitation to Communion:

P Partake of the banquet, for all is now ready, taste and see that the Lord is good.

P The Bread of Life. The body of Christ, given for you;

C Amen.

P The Cup of the Covenant: the blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

(After all are seated)

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

(We Omit Lamb of God)

***CANTICLE**

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -

one what God has done. Let all who seek the

Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and

lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen

BLESSING

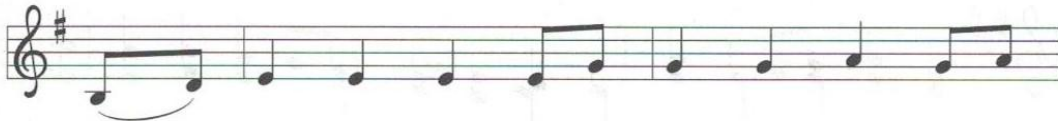
P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

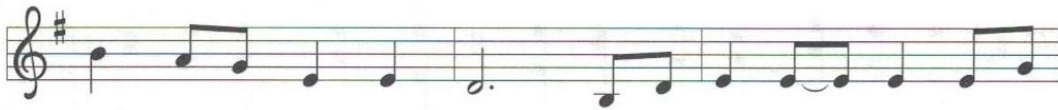
*HYMN ~ *Canticle of the Turning*

ELW # 723

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Canticle of the Turning

1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



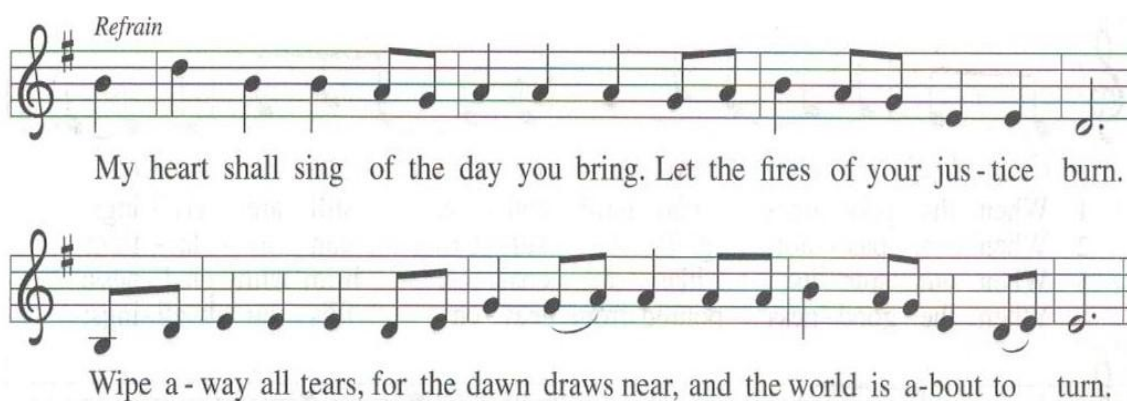
You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



***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

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: Carolyn Conner; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

Next Sunday, August 22

Greeter: Sandra Metz; **Lay Reader:** Sandra Metz

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Sue Lynch in memory of Bob and Verna Morris.

Please remember in prayer ~ Steve Weikel, 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).

Announcements

Joe Kanagy will be in the narthex **following worship this morning and** the next few weeks for anyone who would like to renew or become a new sponsor in the Liberia Tuition Sponsorship program.

The **September and October** service schedule to help with Sunday morning duties can be found in the narthex. Please sign-up or contact the church office if you are willing to help serve our church in this way.

Our daycare is looking for persons who have childcare experience to work as classroom aides or subs. If you know of anyone who enjoys spending time with children, and may be interested, please contact the church office (935-2032) or Daycare Director, Lisa Lingle (935-2959).

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Gideon's ministry can do so through next Sunday, August 22. Either make a check payable to *Mifflin County Gideon's* or include it with your offering and notate "Gideon's" on your envelope or check.

January 1 thru August 11, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 19 Offering ~ \$ 750.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 102,731.29 Expense \$ 96,199.12

Net Income \$ 6,532.17

Daycare ~ Income \$ 196,412.70 Expense \$ 180,106.34

Net Income \$ 16,306.36

Raystown Country's Gospel Music Celebration

~ COMING ~



McKamey Legacy



**The Werner
Family Band**

Saturday, August 28, 2021

**FREE
Admission**

6:00 p.m.

**Free
Will
Offering.**

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