

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 2021**



If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. James 1:26



*My lips will shout for joy when I **sing praises** to you; Psalm 71: 23*

PRELUDE

WELCOME on this 14th Sunday after Pentecost. In the tradition of doing something a little different on 5th Sundays we will be focusing on good news coming from our mouths by singing favorite hymns and relating them to this season of discipleship, this season of the sending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING SONG ~ *In the Garden*

130 **In The Garden** **C. A. M.** **C. AUSTIN MILES**

1. I come to the gar-den a-lone, While the dew is still on the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their
 3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him Tho' the night a-round me be

ros-es, And the voice I hear, Fall-ing on my ear, The
 sing-ing, And the mel-o-dy That He gave to me, With-
 fall-ing, But He bids me go; Thro' the voice of woe His

CHORUS
 Son of God dis-clos-es.
 in my heart is ring-ing. And He walks with me, and He
 voice to me is call-ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the

joy we share as we tar-ry there, None oth-er has ev-er known.

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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 ~ O Master Let Me Walk with Thee**

In moderate time

1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee In low - ly
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,

paths of serv - ice free; Tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, And guide them in the home-ward way. A-men.

3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee
 In closer, dearer company,
 In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
 In trust that triumphs over wrong;

4 In hope that sends a shining ray
 Far down the future's broadening way,
 In peace that only thou canst give;
 With thee, O Master, let me live. Amen.

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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 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 James 1:17-27

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn ~ Ivory Palaces

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Ivory Palaces

H. B.

HENRY BARRACLOUGH

1. My Lord has garments so wondrous fine, And myrrh their texture fills;
 2. His life had al - so its sor - rows sore, For al - oes had a part;
 3. His gar - ments too were in cas - sia dipped, With healing in a touch;
 4. In gar - ments glo - ri - ous He will come, To o - pen wide the door;

Its fragrance reached to this heart of mine, With joy my be - ing thrills.
 And when I think of the cross He bore, My eyes with tear-drops start.
 Each time my feet in some sin have slipped, He took me from its clutch.
 And I shall en - ter my heav'nly home, To dwell for - ev - er - more.

CHORUS

DUET—*Slowly, softly, and with much expression*

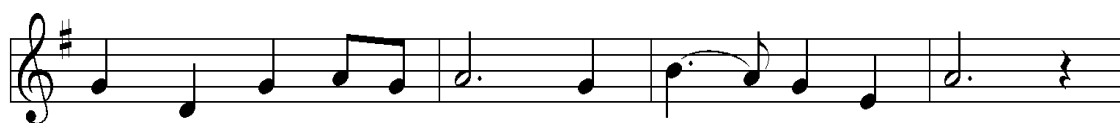
Out of the i - vo - ry pal - a - ces In - to a world of woe,

FULL CHORUS

DUET—*Very softly*

On - ly His great e - ter - nal love.... Made my Sav - ior go.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



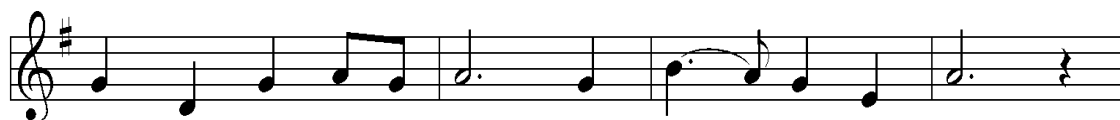
Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



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 Mark, the 7th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Message ~ The Words We Say, The Songs We Sing

HYMN ~ *Amazing Grace*

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 448

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re-lieved; How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
 Word my hope se-cures; He will my shield and

now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807
 Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

NEW BRITAIN
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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 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.

***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.

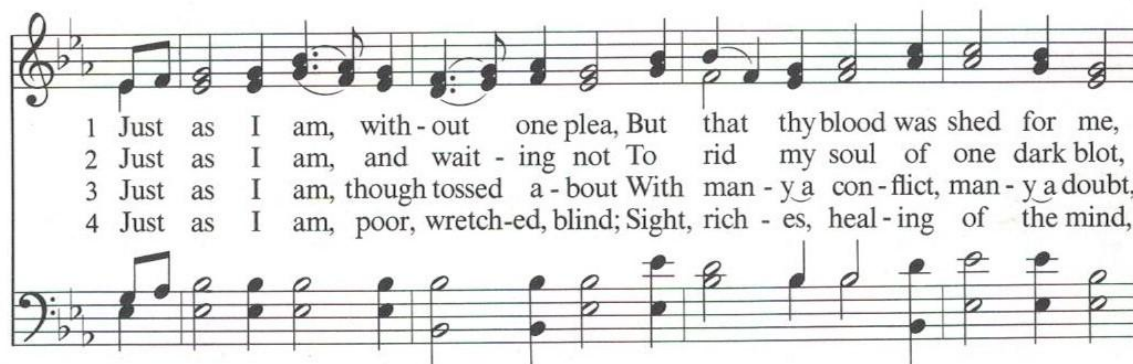
Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

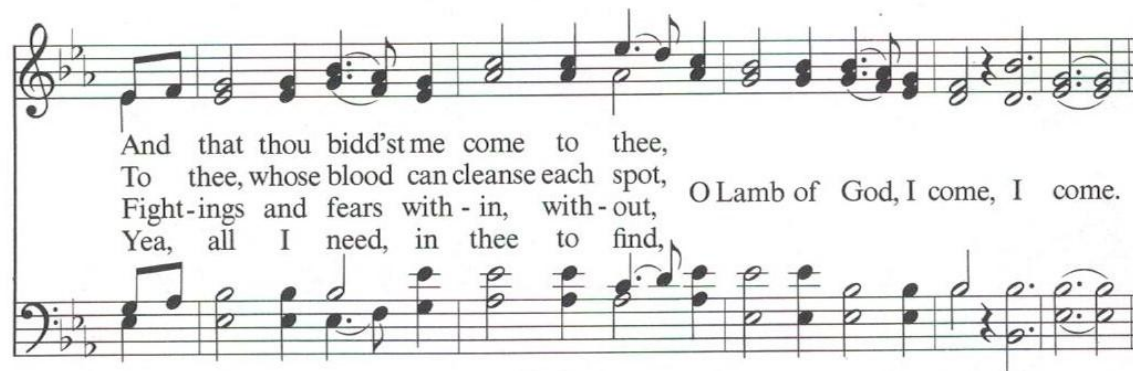
***Hymn ~ Just As I Am**

Just as I Am, without One Plea

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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me,
2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,



And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ *Found in Celebrate

P Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world,
and all in need.

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 ~ I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

WITNESS

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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G C/G G C/G G D
 G Em Am G C Am Am⁷ D
 G C/G G C/G G D

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Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain
 D G Gsus4 G C G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G C D G Gsus4 G

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

C G Am7 D G Gsus4 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

***POSTLUDE**

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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.*

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Jay and Joy Byler in honor of their grandchildren,
Miley, Elliana, Kaden and Easton.

Today

Greeter: Jami Zook; **Lay Reader:** Jami Zook

Next Sunday, September 5

Greeter: Carolyn Conner; **Lay Reader:** **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Please remember in prayer ~ Pastor Tom Kramm, Geraldine Carson, 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).

FROM the PASTOR

Valley View has notified us we may resume our quarterly group communion with our congregants and others who would like to attend. When dates are set a sign-up sheet for helpers will be put in the Narthex. Hopefully the Covid numbers will continue to make this possible.

Gathering for Congregation Leaders from Mifflin County **with Bishop Collins** is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 12 6:30 PM** at Evangelical Lutheran in Reedsville.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our Council and other church leaders and leaders of other churches to have a time of sharing and prayer with the Bishop. Let Pastor Ela know if you are interested in participating.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The September newsletter can be found in the mailboxes of those persons who do not receive it by email.

After almost a year, St. John's Knotters will be gathering together again this Thursday, September 2 at 9:30am in the blue room.

Tate's Paving was here last week preparing the back parking lot, and are planning to pave it tomorrow.

After navigating through a very challenging 20-21 school year, our preschool resumes again tomorrow; please pray for the staff and students as they begin another year dealing with Covid and the continuing changes it presents.

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

St. John's has Meals on Wheels in September. Please sign-up in the narthex, if you can help provide the following desserts ~

Tuesday, September 14 ~ 5 9x12 pans of Apple Crisp

Tuesday, September 21 ~ 5 Pound Cakes

(Make your own, or purchase ready made from local grocery store bakeries)

Thursday, September 23 ~ Donations to purchase pies

(Please give to Sue Lynch or drop off at the church office)

January 1 thru August 26, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 21 Offering ~ \$ 1,240.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 106,021.29 Expense \$ 102,481.84

Net Income \$ 3,539.45

Daycare ~ Income \$ 205,151.00 Expense \$ 187,922.83

Net Income \$ 17,228.17