

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021**



PRELUDE

WELCOME On this 20th Sunday after Pentecost through the Holy Spirit,
Children of God, the one who welcomes you is here in word and water.

Little children, young and old, all the baptized: welcome to the place of hope.
Jesus calls us all into the circle of his arms. Come. Welcome. Thanks be to
God.

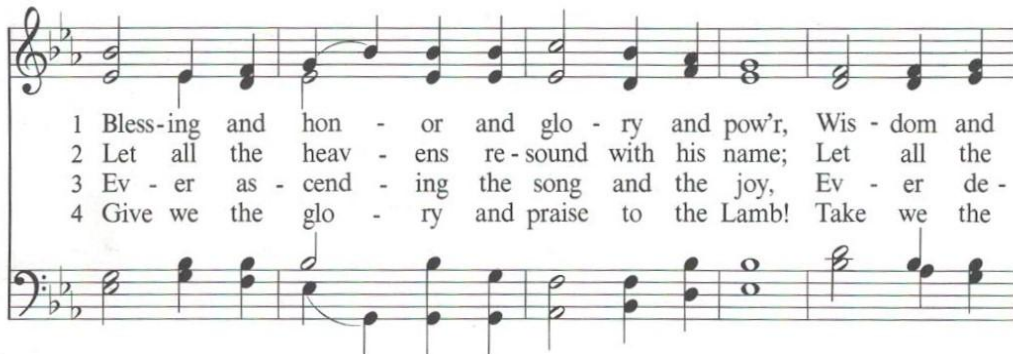
ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN ~ *Blessing and Honor*

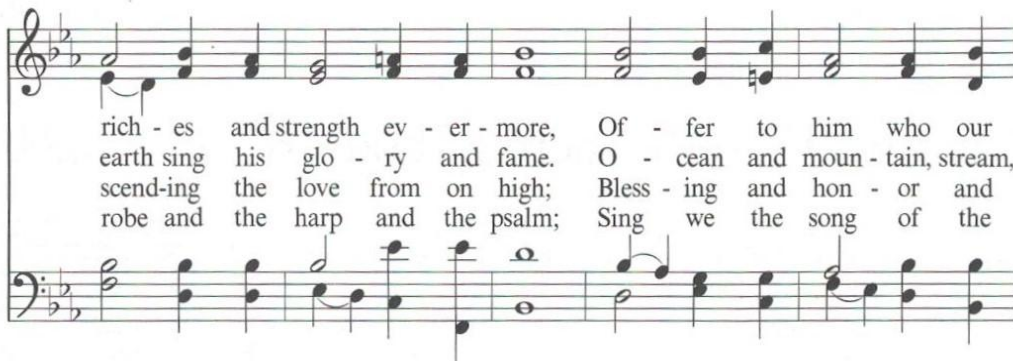
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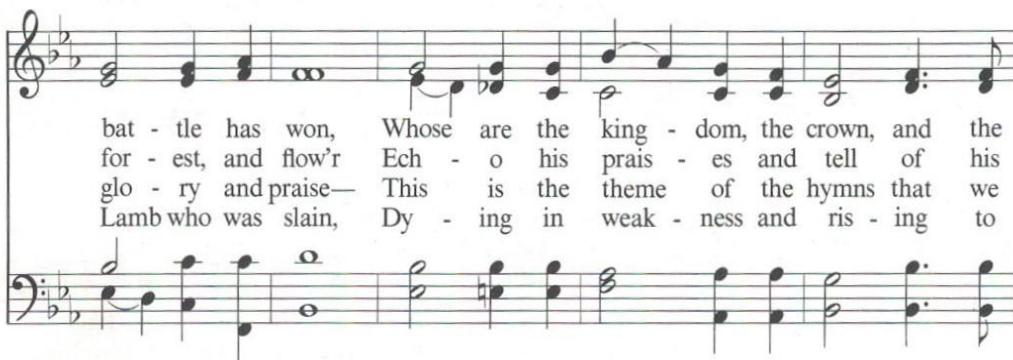
Blessing and Honor



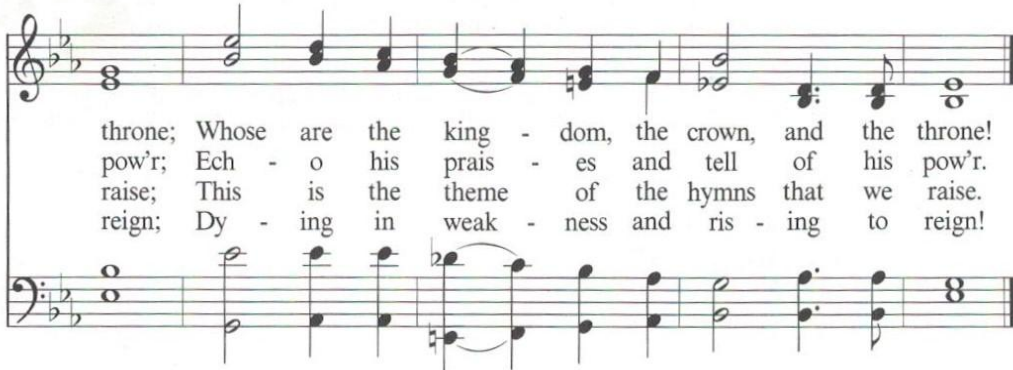
1 Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, Wis - dom and
 2 Let all the heav - ens re - sound with his name; Let all the
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, Ev - er de -
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the



rich - es and strength ev - er - more, Of - fer to him who our
 earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,
 scend-ing the love from on high; Bless - ing and hon - or and
 robe and the harp and the psalm; Sing we the song of the



bat - tle has won, Whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the
 for - est, and flow'r Ech - o his prais - es and tell of his
 glo - ry and praise— This is the theme of the hymns that we
 Lamb who was slain, Dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to



throne; Whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!
 pow'r; Ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
 raise; This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
 reign; Dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt.
 Tune: Matthias Keller, 1813-1890

AMERICAN HYMN
 10 10 10 10 10

***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,

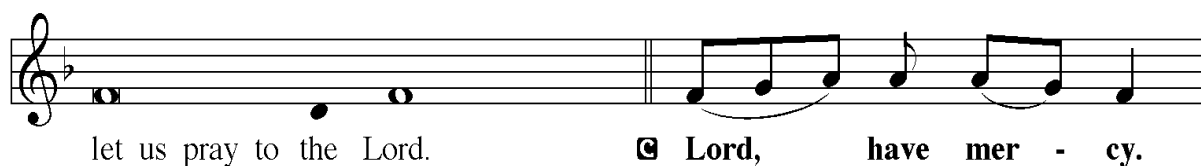
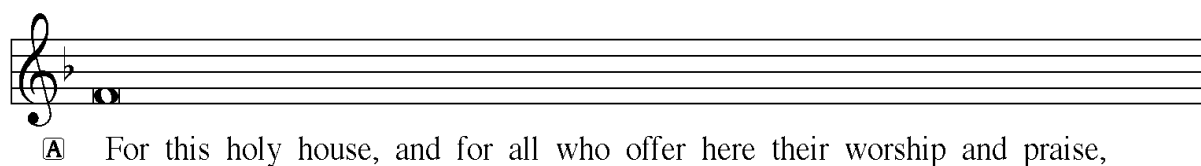
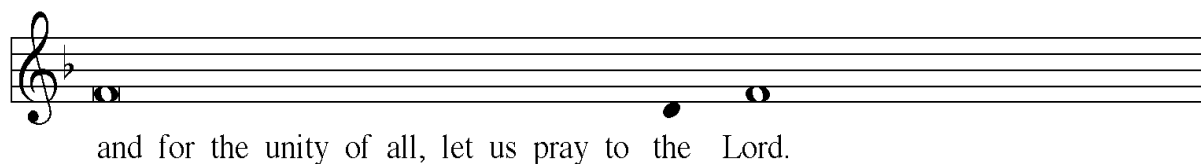
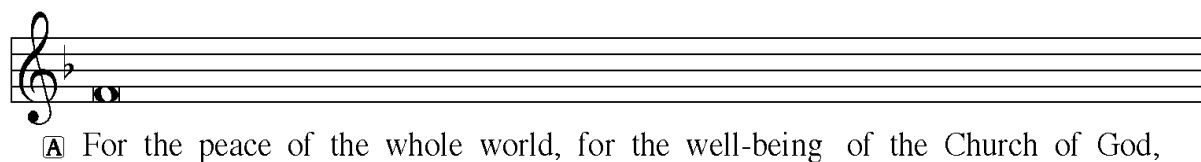
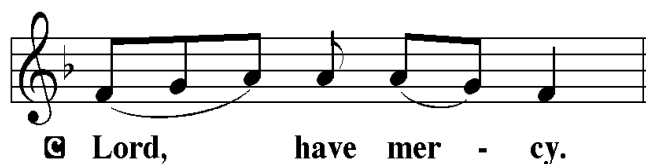
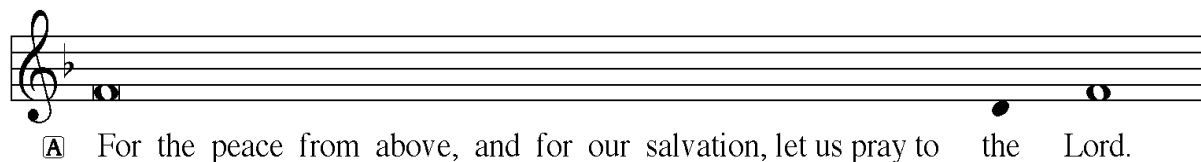
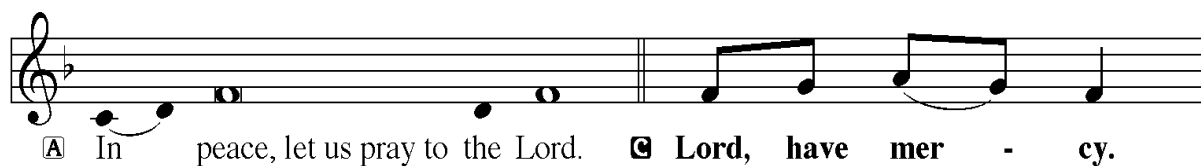
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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**

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**

***HYMN of PRAISE**

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B 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.



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.



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



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

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

P Let us pray...

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Jeremiah 11:18-20

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54 ~ *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 3:13-4:3, 7-8

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

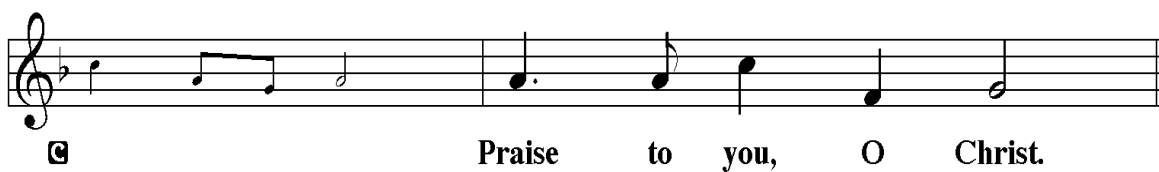
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9th chapter.



The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord



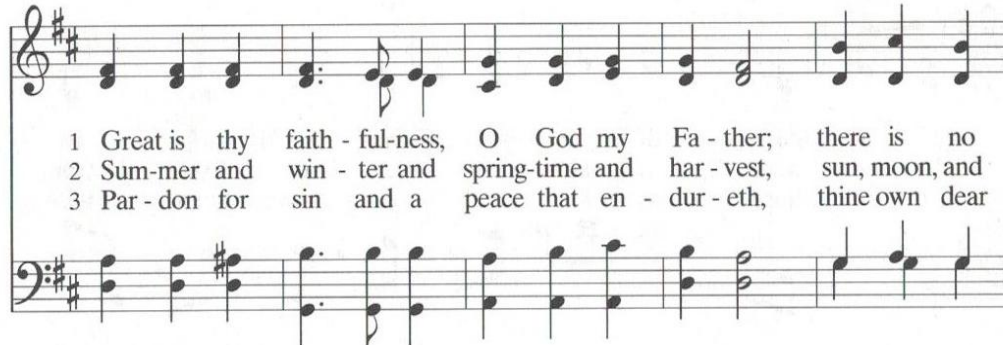
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HYMN ~ *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

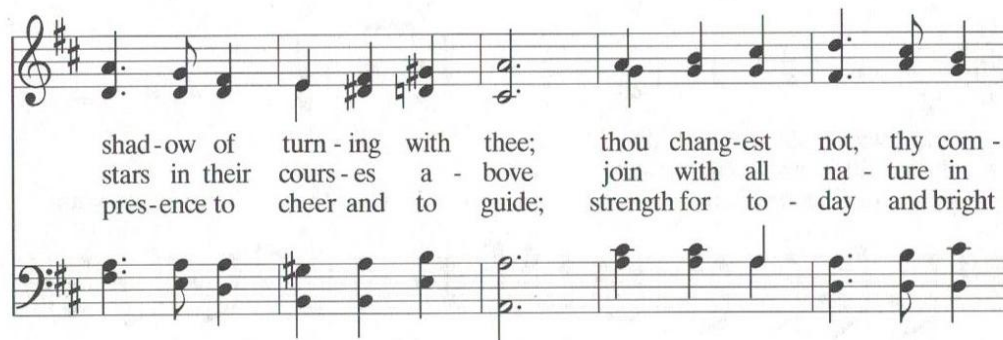
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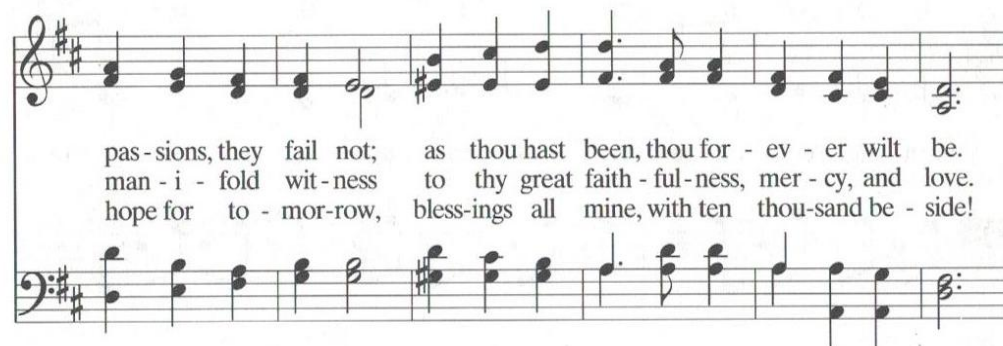
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

***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 ~ *See Celebrate

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

A brief silence.

***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**

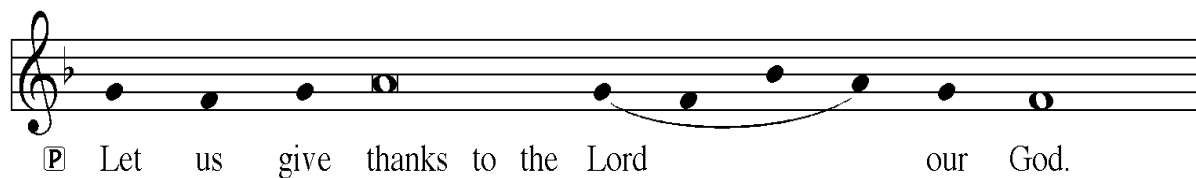
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, 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**



***PREFACE**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P 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.

***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

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.

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you refresh us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C 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 ~ On Our Way Rejoicing**

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On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing Glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther Joy - ful songs we sing;

The first system of the hymn features a vocal melody in the treble clef and piano accompaniment in the grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Christ our Lord has con - quered; Van-quished is the foe.
Un - to God the Sav - ior Thank-ful hearts we bring;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The piano part includes a long, flowing line in the bass clef.

Christ with-out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
Un - to God the Spir - it Bow we and a - dore,

The third system concludes the hymn on this page. The piano accompaniment features a final, sustained chord in the bass.

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Who, if we be faith - ful, Can our hope de-stroy?
On our way re - joic - ing Now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; As we for-ward move,

Hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Questions for Reflection

Give yourself some moments each day in the coming week to sit quietly with your eyes closed. Visualize Jesus kneeling down, opening his arms, and bringing you close to his heart. Let yourself be a little child who is welcomed. What do you notice?

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious God, you give life and, in your Word, it is beautiful. Thank you for this new day. In each coming hour, help me to see beneath the ever-present difficulties and superficial joys into the mysteries that you have set out for your people. Guide me toward those I meet today in a way that welcomes them and, in turn, grants me a welcome, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

This day is nearly over, Merciful God, and I am tired. I have been unable to do all that I had hoped; I have done some things I would take back if I could. Forgive me for my failures. Bring me into the warmth and security of your embrace now and fill me with new vision so that I may rest and rise to meet tomorrow with vigor, in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen."

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Organist: Seulki Susie Yoo

Church Office: 935-2032 **Email us at** secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org

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

Today

Greeter: Volunteer Needed; Lay Reader: Jim Buchanan

Next Sunday, September 26

Greeters: John and Brenda Boring; **Lay Reader: VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

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
Eleanor Rachau in memory of her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. William Steffey.

FROM the PASTOR

Cases of Covid and its variants continue to pop up in our community. Even if you have been vaccinated it is possible you may be transmitting the virus to others. Consider wearing masks while we worship inside to keep others safe.

Oct 3 is World Communion Sunday. We will celebrate with a service open to the world at the edge of the parking lot. Bring lawn chairs and celebrate God's good and great creation in worship outdoors.

Oct 31 is a Reformation Sunday. We will worship honoring the foundation of our church with special hymns and music.

Readings for our annual advent devotional will soon go out. Begin thinking now about what 'God with us in Christ' has meant to you and the world. Last years devotional was a wonderful way to know others through their sharing of how Christ's birth and revelation has intersected and guided our spiritual journeys.

Notice the "Questions for Reflection" and "Household Prayers for the week" in the bulletin and remember to add those on our prayer list and all others facing health challenges in our congregation and community.

PRAYERS

There is so much to pray for these days. Our Celebrate covers a broad sweep of people, places and institutions to pray for each week. Help us focus our prayers by sharing your special concerns for the world and our community. You may speak them during the time for announcements or during the prayers of intercession or write them on the prayer request forms in the narthex. The pastor will pray them and (if you request) include them in our service so we may hold them in our heart during worship.

Record Player ~ Linn Irwin is looking for a working Record player – yes, an old fashion record player - to play a collection of Big band and classical music on LP's for Valley View residents. If anyone has one they can donate to the cause - let Pastor Ela know.

Thank you to the Day of Caring Volunteers who helped paint and fix up the Day Care playground last week.

Thank you to all our Meals on Wheels volunteers who continue the tradition of providing a home cooked meal and a smiling visit to so many in our community needing just that.

Please pray prayers of gratitude for those who volunteer their time and extend their caring for others in this way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The September/October service schedule to help with Sunday morning duties can be found in the narthex. **Still needed is a lay reader for next Sunday. In October lay readers for the 3rd, 24th and 31st, a greeter for October 17 and a volunteer for Altar Care.**

The Property Committee will be meeting tomorrow evening in the library at 6:30pm.

There have been concerns raised over the presence of individuals on church property, especially during daycare hours. Council is looking into placing signs in the parking and has also decided to keep the coded back and double doors locked on Sunday mornings. Anyone parking in the back lot will need to use the door code to enter the building. **The front and side doors will be the only ones unlocked for Sunday worship and other services.**

January 1 thru September 16, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 26 Offering ~ \$ 1,625.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 114,215.36 Expense \$ 111,331.84

Net Income \$ 2,883.52

Daycare ~ Income \$ 223,287.57 Expense \$ 210,145.55

Net Income \$ 13,142.02