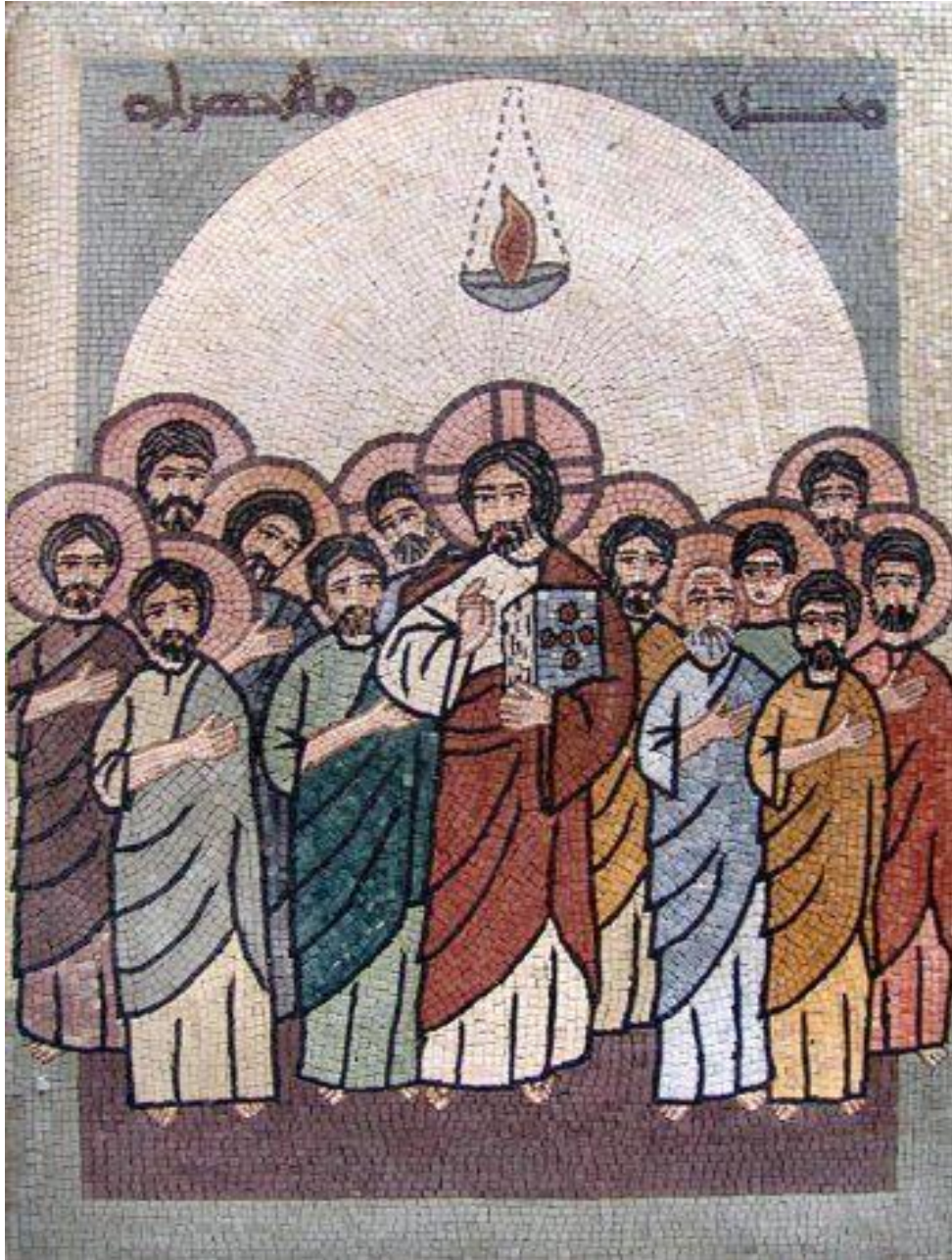


**St. John's Lutheran Church  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 26, 2021**



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME** on this 18th Sunday after Pentecost. On each of these Sundays of we thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit to energize us for the work of proclaiming Christ in all we do.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*HYMN ~ *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

LBW # 70

## Go Tell It on the Mountain

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*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night, Be -  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When, lo, a - bove the earth Rang  
3 Down in a lone - ly man-ger The hum-ble Christ was born; And

*Refrain*

hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

**\*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**

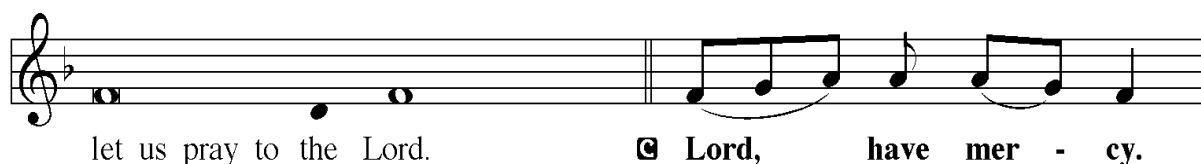
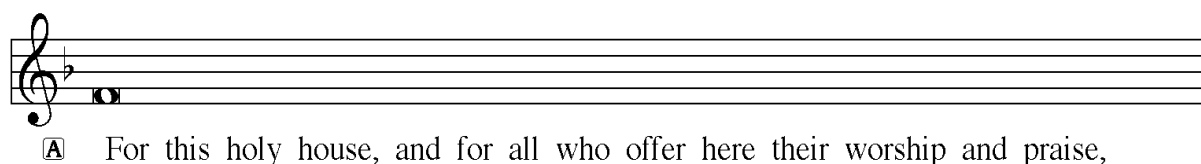
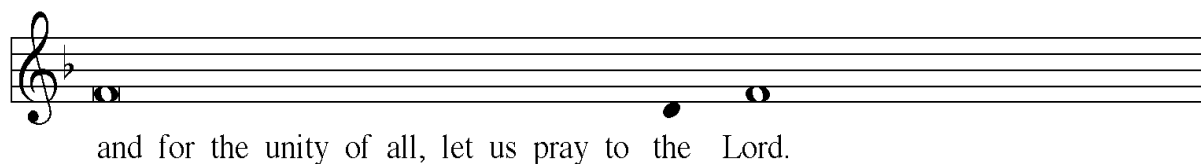
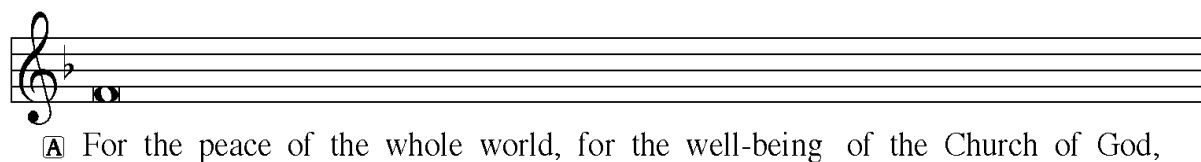
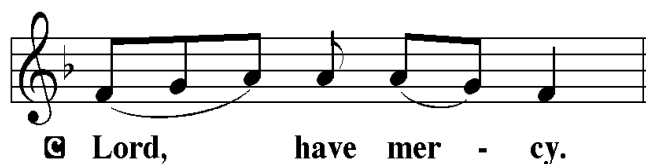
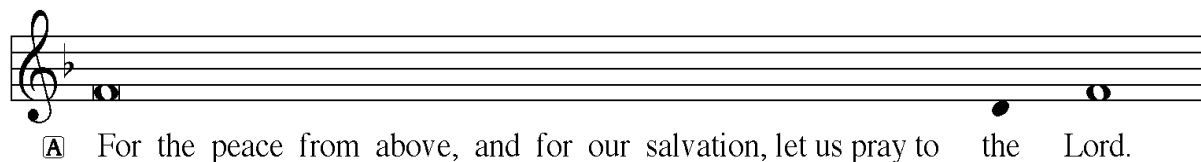
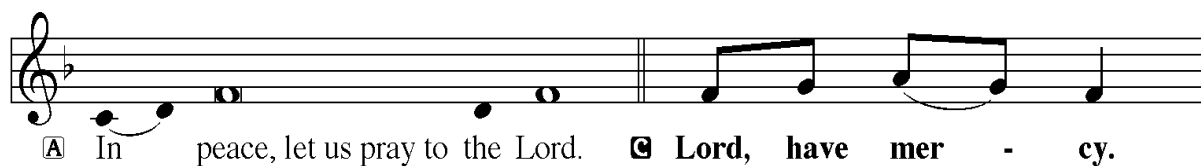
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

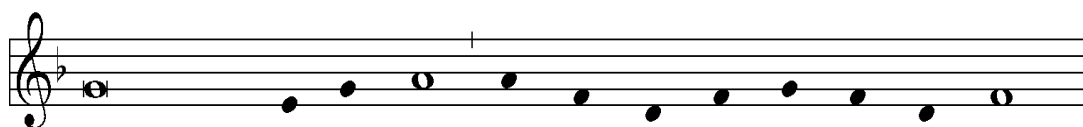
C **Amen**

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...

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you.

Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**LESSONS**

First Lesson ~ A reading from Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:7-14 ~ *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 5:13-20

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*The Gospel is read. After the reading*

P The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

**MESSAGE ~ Pastor Harold Sharp**



## HYMN ~ O Master, Let Me Walk with You

LBW 492

## O Master, Let Me Walk with You

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1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you In low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,  
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me A clos - er,  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of ser - vice true; Tell me your se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, In peace that on - ly

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 you can give; With you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918  
 Tune: H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

MARYTON  
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**\*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**

**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**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
 joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

**\*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.*

**\*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

**\*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.

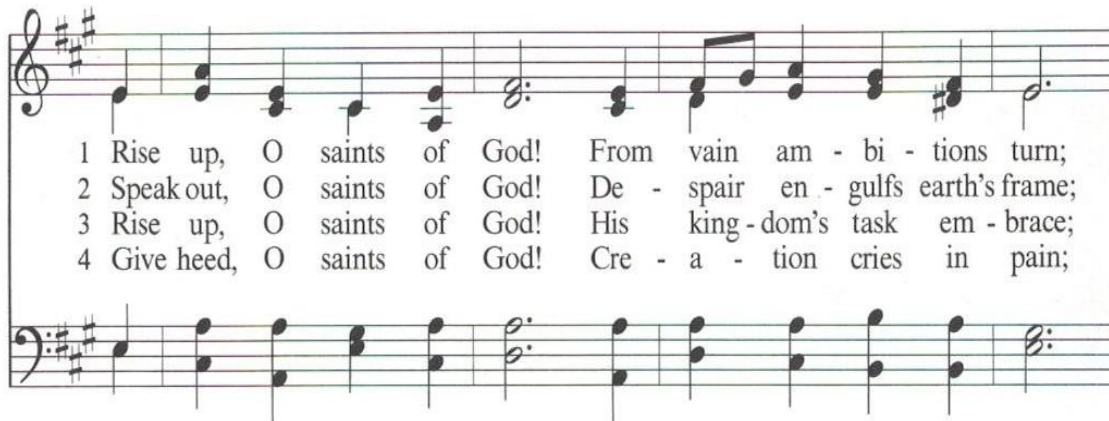
C **Amen**

**\*HYMN ~ Rise Up, O Saints of God!**

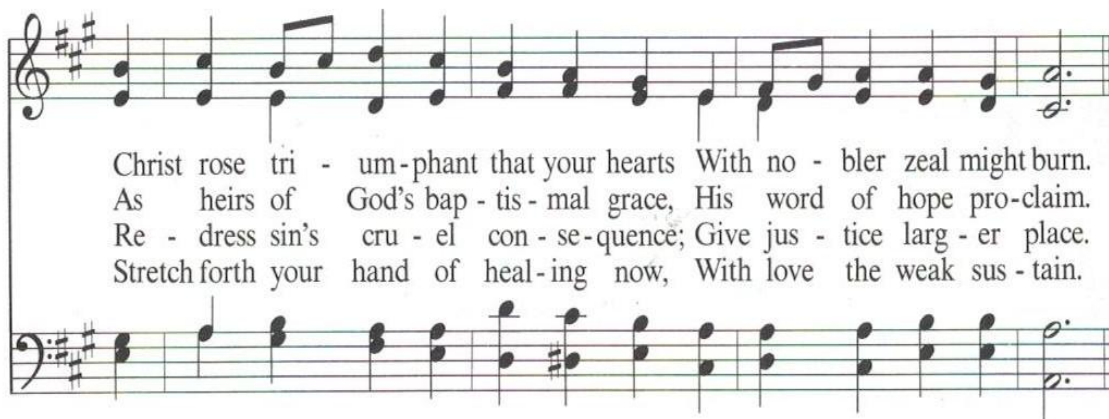
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# Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf earth's frame;  
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;  
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts With no - bler zeal might burn.  
 As heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, His word of hope pro-claim.  
 Re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; Give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 Stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, With love the weak sus - tain.

- 5 Commit your hearts to seek  
 The paths which Christ has trod  
 And quickened by the Spirit's power,  
 Rise up, O saints of God!

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

**R** Thanks be to God

**POSTLUDE**

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**Organist:** Seulki Susie Yoo

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

**Today**

**Greeters:** John and Brenda Boring; **Lay Reader:** Ed Bilich

**Next Sunday, October 3**

**Greeters:** Mike and Michele Harshbarger; **Lay Reader:** John Boring

***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  
Gwen Hornberger in loving memory of husband, Darlie,  
and her parents, Glenn and Beverly Bigelow.

Please remember in prayer ~ Steve Rodgers, Pastor Tom Kramm (now residing at VVH), 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**

Pastor Ela is taking Sept 26 - Oct 2 off. Our speaker for this Sunday, Sept 26 is Harold Sharp. Thank you Harold, and to Ed Bilich for leading the liturgy.

On Oct 3 World Communion Day, we will worship with a view of the world from the parking lot. Bring your folding chair and a jacket (or you may worship from your car.)

Health and Safety: As cases of Covid have shown up recently in the church, social distancing and wearing masks inside and while singing present a choice you may want to make to protect yourself and others.

**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 to have a time of sharing and prayer with the Bishop. Let Pastor Ela know if you are interested in participating.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next week is Blanket Sunday. Since the service is being held outdoors, a selection of comforts which were lovingly pieced, sewn and knotted by our Knotters, are displayed in the narthex and sanctuary this morning. **Envelopes are included in this week's bulletin and can be found in the narthex. Donations can be made through Sunday, October 10th.**

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

Advent begins on Sunday, November 28 and we are hoping to complete another devotional with help from West Kish. Volunteers are needed to write the meditations. A sign-up sheet with scripture readings to choose from can be found in the narthex. **Submissions are due by Sunday, November 7.**

January 1 thru September 22, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 24      Offering ~ \$1,460.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 159,675.36    Expense \$ 158,352.83

Net Income \$ 1,322.53

\*Per council, \$44,000.00 was transferred from the Thrivent Money Market to cover the back parking lot paving (\$39,400) and repair of the block wall at the back of the F.H. (\$5,575).

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

Net Income \$ 13,142.02