

**St. John's Lutheran Church
World Communion Sunday
Celebrating the Global Church
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 3, 2021**



Weather permitting we are meeting outside in the world today. We will gather in a semi-circle at the back of the church to minimize traffic noise and to enjoy looking out on fields and Stone Mt. our corner of God's good creation. Use the chairs set up or add your lawn chair to the circle.

PRELUDE

WELCOME We go beyond the walls of our sanctuary today to include the world in our worship. We take communion conscious of taking it with Christians around the world, as we affirm our communion with people of the globe made one family through Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

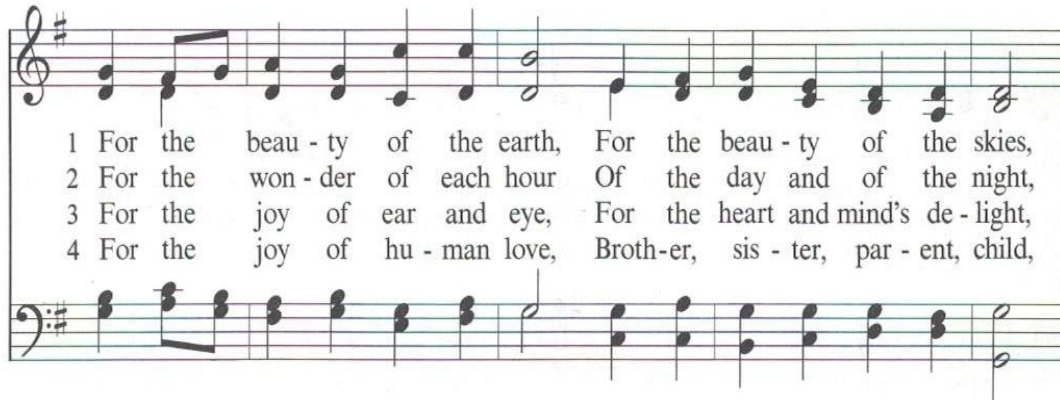
(Portions of our worship service today come from publications of the Lutheran World Federation and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.)

***HYMN ~** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

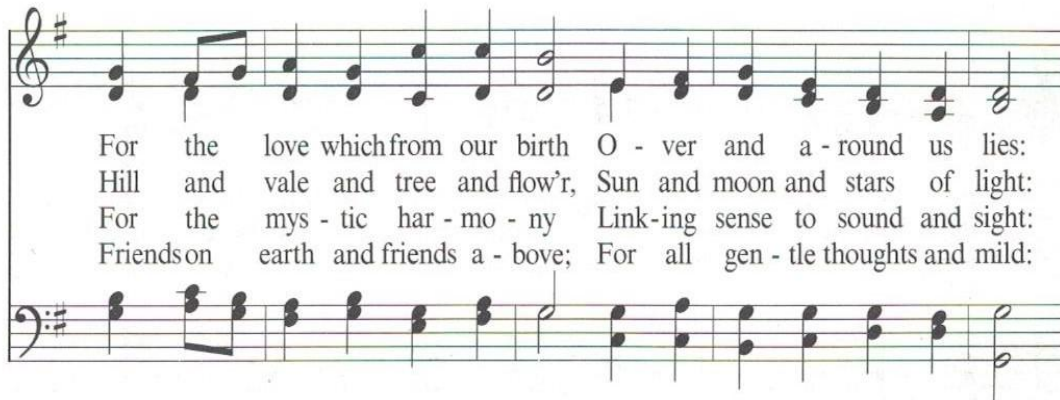
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For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, For the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:
 Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon and stars of light:
 For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 Friends on earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:



Refrain
 Christ, our Lord, to you we raise This our sac - ri - fice of praise.

5 For yourself, best gift divine
 To the world so freely giv'n;

Agent of God's grand design,
 Peace on earth and joy in heav'n: *Refrain*

***Gathering Dialogue** (*based on Ephesians 4:4-5*)

P Come, let us gather in the one unifying Spirit,

C the Spirit of God in the church throughout the world.

P There is one body and one Spirit

C one Lord, one faith, one baptism

P One God and Father of all,

C who is above all and through all and in all.

P Come, let us gather in the one unifying Spirit.

C Let us gather in unity with our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Merciful God,

in baptism you have joined us to Christ in his death and resurrection, and you have united us with all who are baptized in Christ's name; but too often we fail to live as one people and to seek the unity of your church.

C Lord have mercy

P In baptism you have called the church, to witness to Christ in all realms of life; but too often we do not seek to discern your will and to carry out your mission in the world.

C Christ have mercy

P In baptism you have sent us to serve all for whom Christ died; but too often we have ignored the suffering of the oppressed and the needs of the poor.

C Lord have mercy.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God
strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in
your hearts through faith.

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.**

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

P Let us pray...

**God our Father, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one.
You have created us to live in loving community with one another. Make
all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and
concord we may carry to the world the message of your love, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSONS

(*the first lesson and Psalm will be omitted if we are worshipping outside*)

First Lesson ~ A reading from Genesis 2:18-24

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8 ~ *with response*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Eph. 4:2-3*)

C **Alleluia!**

P Bear with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of peace.

C **Alleluia!**

*Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 10th 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**

MESSAGE “World Discipleship: Facing the Sunrise, Facing the Risks”

HYMN ~ *This is My Song*

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1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

***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 -**

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

A brief silence.

The human family (ELW Occasional Services, page 398)

P O God of all, with wonderful diversity of languages and cultures you created all people in your image. Free us from prejudice and fear, that we may see your face in the faces of people around the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Lord, carry our prayers around the world.

The mission of the church (ELW Occasional Services, page 392)

P Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Lord, carry our prayers around the world.

Global mission (ELW Occasional Services, page 392)

P Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself. We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.

C Lord, carry our prayers around the world.

Peace (ELW Occasional Services, page 393)

P O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Lord, carry our prayers around the world.

Peace among the nations (ELW Occasional Services, page 393)

P Gracious God, grant peace among nations. Cleanse from our own hearts the seeds of strife: greed and envy, harsh misunderstandings and ill will, fear and desire for revenge. Make us quick to welcome ventures in cooperation among the peoples of the world, so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war. In the time of opportunity, make us be diligent; and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Lord, carry our prayers around the world.

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

***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 Recognizing the physical and spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters around the world we bring our gifts before you.

Let us pray - Gracious God, Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in spirit, one in mission. We offer these gifts today in union and communion with each other and with You. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 him thanks and praise.

P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C We praise you, O God.

P Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C We bless you, O God.

P We give you thanks for your Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

C We thank you, O God.

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

Ushers will make the communion elements available to all.

P Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

C **Amen**

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 served)

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

C **Amen.**

***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 near and far; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 ~ In Christ There Is No East or West**

LBW 359

In Christ There Is No East or West 359

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The chords are indicated above the treble staff. The lyrics are as follows:

1 In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,
 2 In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry-where Their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 Join hands then, broth-ers of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, In him meet south and north;

But one great fel - low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
 His ser - vice is the gold - en cord Close - bind - ing all man-kind.
 Who serves my Fa - ther as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
 All Christ-ly souls are one in him Through-out the whole wide earth.

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CM***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**Church Office:** 935-2032 Email us at secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org**St. John's Christian Day Care:** 935-2959**Today****Greeters:** Mike and Michele Harshbarger; **Lay Reader:** John Boring

Next Sunday, October 10

Greeter: Denise Chester; **Lay Reader:** Deb French

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
Sharon Dancy in loving memory of her parents,
Lawrence "Linz" and Susanne "Toot" Stroup.

Please remember in prayer ~ Scott Plank, 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

Bishop Collins' meeting with congregational church leaders from around our Synod will be held at Reedsville Evangelical Lutheran Church at 6:30PM on Wednesday Aug 12. Two members of Council (Carol and Joy) will attend; others are encouraged to attend as well.

Music and Ministry committee will meet 6:30 PM Tuesday October 5 at St. J.

Prayer request for Vernon Yoder and Mason Winegardner in NC. (brother and nephew of Beth Yoder.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Blanket Sunday. Since the service is being held outdoors, a selection of comforts were displayed in the narthex and sanctuary last week. **Envelopes were also included in last week's bulletin and can be found in the narthex. Donations can be made through next 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.**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with Sunday morning duties in October. Looking ahead, there is sign-up in the narthex for November and December.

January 1 thru September 29, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 24 Offering ~ \$1,150.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 161,675.36 Expense \$ 158,847.83

Net Income \$ 2,827.53

*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 \$ 229,605.32 Expense \$ 219,344.77

Net Income \$ 10,260.55