

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 24, 2021**



PRELUDE

WELCOME on this colorful Sunday in the season of harvest. In this 6th month after Pentecost we harvest what we have learned from the stories of the first disciples as we open our hearts to celebrate the birth of our church and the birth of Christ in the coming weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN ~ Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LBW # 315

315 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us all thy life re -
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less let us



down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All thy faith - ful
breast; Let us all in thee in - her - it; Let us find thy
ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy
be; Let us see thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re -



mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



Pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; Vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise thee
Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

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*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,

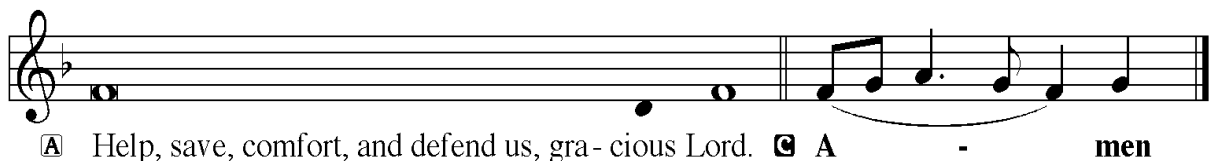
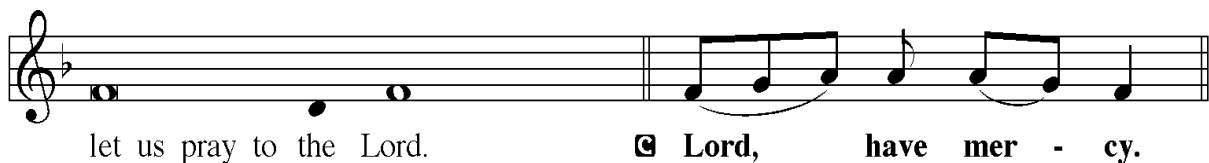
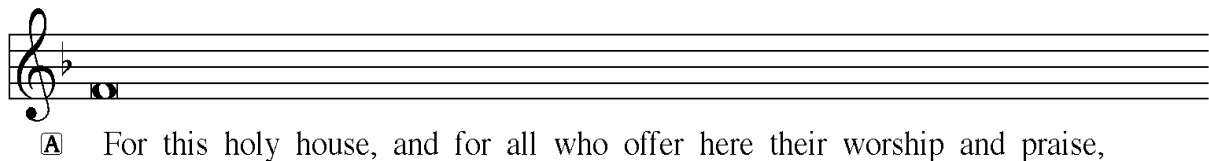
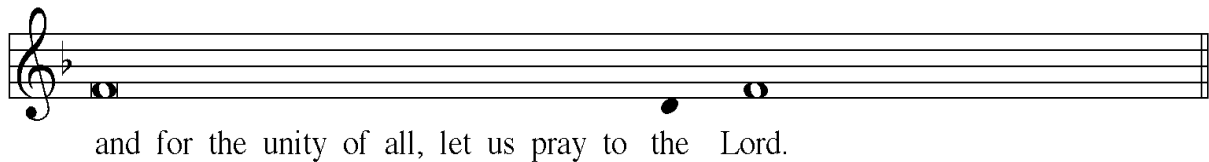
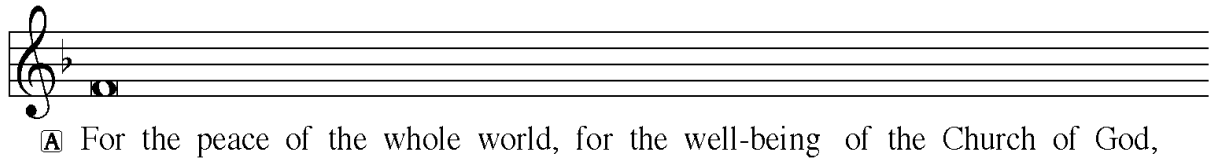
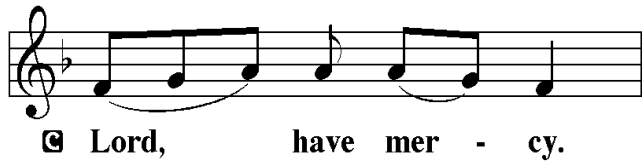
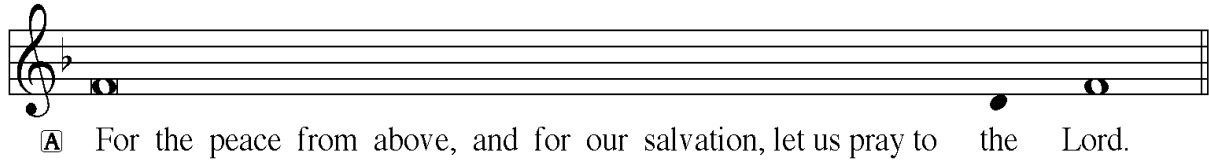
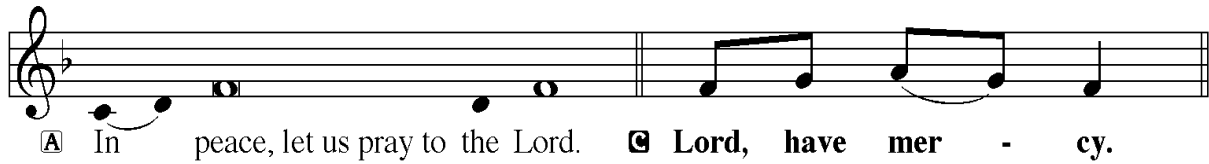
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus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

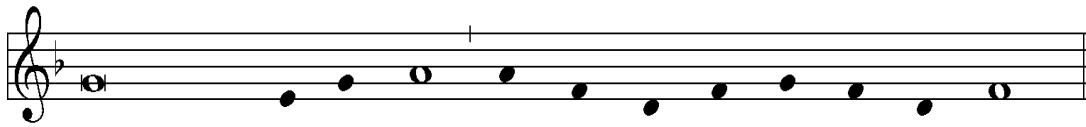
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,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



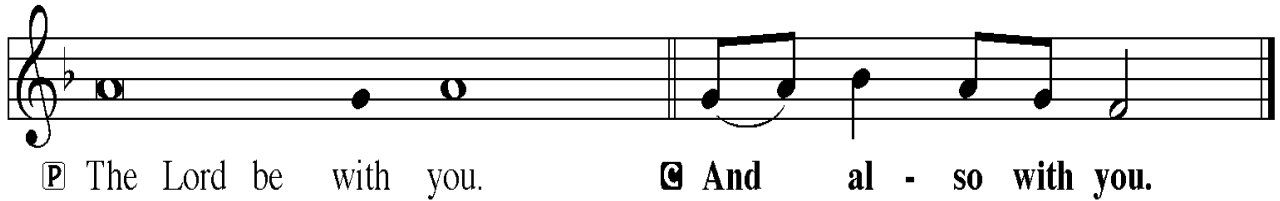
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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...

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Jeremiah 31:7-9

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 ~ *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 Hebrews 7:23-28

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 10th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read. After the reading

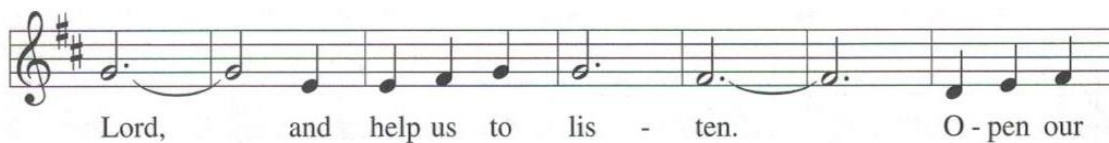
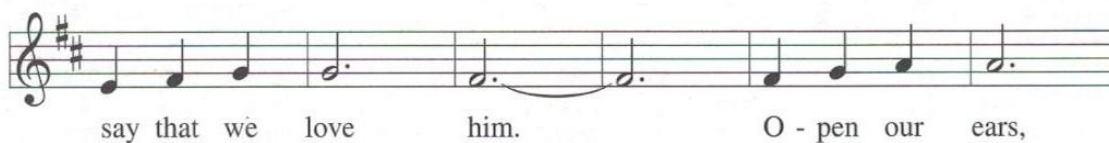
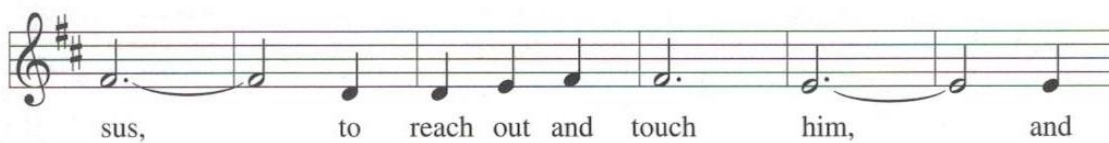
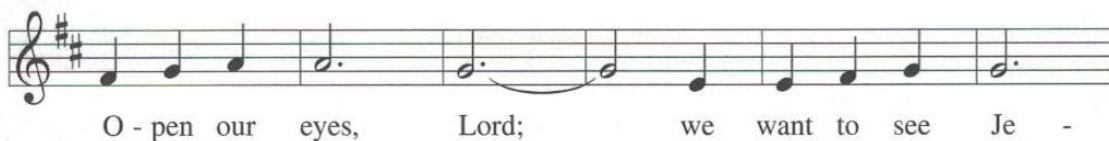
P The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN ~ *Open our eyes, Lord*

Epiphany

31**Open our eyes, Lord**

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 Music: Bob Cull

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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 Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.
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 ~ *On Eagle's Wings*

WOV # 779

TRUST, GUIDANCE

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

On Eagle's Wings

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1 You who . . . dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
 3 For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in this shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My . . .
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your . . .
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, . . . my . . . rock . . . in whom I . . . trust!"
 ref - uge . . . with . . . faith - ful - ness . . . your . . . shield.
 bear you up, lest you dash . . . your foot a - gainst a stone.

Chords: G, DM⁷, Bm, G, DM⁷, F, B^b, Dm, C, Dm, Gm, Asus⁴, A

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Refrain

“And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

Chords: D, Em, A⁷, D, A, G, D⁷, G, Em, A, Bm, F^{#m}, Em, A⁷, D

***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: John and Brenda Boring; **Lay Reader:** Sandra Metz

Next Sunday, October 31 ~ Reformation

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

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
Ralph Murphy in memory of his family members.

Please remember in prayer ~ Scott Plank, Steve Rodgers, Steve Weikel, Stacey Spicher, Kim Aumiller, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Ohesson Manor), Vivian Plank, Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Ev Young (Zion Home, Lititz), Pastor Kramm, Don Wolfe and Carol Yoder (VVH).

FROM the PASTOR

Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday. Celebrate by wearing red! Susi Yoo will be offering special music.

On All Saint's Sunday, November 7th, we will have banners displayed, use the chimes for those who have passed on in the past year, and have flowers available for all who would like to take one home in memory or take one to place on their loved one's graves, even if they passed away more than a year ago.

Camp Mt. Luther Dinner and Fundraiser:

There are still open slots available for our annual event at Shade Mountain Winery. This is a fundraising opportunity to share fellowship, entertainment, and locally produced wine, all to benefit Camp Mount Luther. It's held at Shade Mountain Winery, 16140 Route 104, Middleburg, PA.

There will be a limit of 50 people for this year's event, which will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021. Entertainment will be provided by KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner, a local folk musician. Menu to include heavy appetizers, desserts, and a complementary glass of wine. Reservations required. Call 570-922-1587 or email cml@campmountluther.org

Camp Mt. Luther 5K -

Your gifts to Mount Luther help make Christ known to children, youth, adults and families through unique worship experiences, prayer, meditation, study and adventure in the midst of Christian community. Mount Luther is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation that is dependent upon the sustained generosity of our many friends and the congregations of Central Pennsylvania. Your gifts to Mount Luther will continue to touch the lives of many for generations to come. A gift to the camp is a gift to a camper. A gift to a camper is a gift to the Church.



RUN4CAMP DONATIONS CAN BE GIVEN THROUGH THE CAMP MT. LUTHER WEBSITE , <https://www.campmountluther.org/give/>. YOU MAY ALSO INCLUDE A DONATION WITH YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING AND IT WILL BE SENT THROUGH THE CHURCH.

Upcoming services

October 31 - Reformation Sunday - with Communion
Nov 7 - All Saints Day - with Communion
Nov 10 - Wednesday 6:30PM - Communion for Valley View Terrace.
Nov 14 - Rosalie Smith ordination anniversary - with Communion
Nov 21 - Christ the King
Nov 28 - First Sunday of Advent
Dec 5 - Second Sunday of Advent - Communion
Dec 12 - Third Sunday of Advent: Congregational Meeting -
Dec 17 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Communion
Friday, Dec 24-Christmas Eve Service - 7PM at St. Johns; 11PM at West Kish
Sunday, Dec 26 - Special caroling service
January 2 - Epiphany service - Communion

ELCA MISSION/WORK OPPORTUNITY

**Jersey City, NY
(Northeast New Jersey)
Damage from Ida a few weeks ago**

**October 24 – 30, 2021
Leader: Doug Orbaker
570-768-6436
dougorbaker@yahoo.com**

SKILLS NEEDED

**Willingness to work, lift
Tear out water damaged areas in
three churches**

**COST - Contribute Toward
Transportation and Food**

**ACCOMODATIONS – Nearby Church
with kitchen, shower facilities**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers are still needed to help with Sunday morning duties in November and December. Please sign-up in the narthex if you can help in any way.

November ~ Greeter(s) 14th and 28th

Lay Reader ~ 7th

Altar Care and Flower Delivery

The Gift Show is scheduled to be held on Friday, November 26 and Saturday, November 27. Live wreaths are once again being sold; and include a hand-crafted bow; please note your choice of color. You can pre-order by signing up in the narthex or contacting the church office (2032). **All orders must be picked up at the gift show;** payment can also be made at that time.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 14. After being postponed last year, we will be celebrating the 30th (now 31st) anniversary of Rosalie Smith's ordination into the ministry. Bishop Collins is presiding over the service and Reverend Laura Klick will be giving the message. The Social Ministry committee is hosting a reception afterward.

Included in the October newsletter was a **member information update form**. Extras can be found in the narthex. **Please fill out and return to the church, by Sunday, November 14.** Thank you.

There is still one advent scripture available. We need a volunteer to write a meditation for the devotional. If you are interested, it can be found in the narthex.

January 1 thru October 20, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 24 Offering ~ \$ 1,475.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 171,145.80 Expense \$ 169,696.43

Net Income \$ 1,449.37

Daycare ~ Income \$ 242,299.35 Expense \$ 231,245.16

Net Income \$ 11,054.19