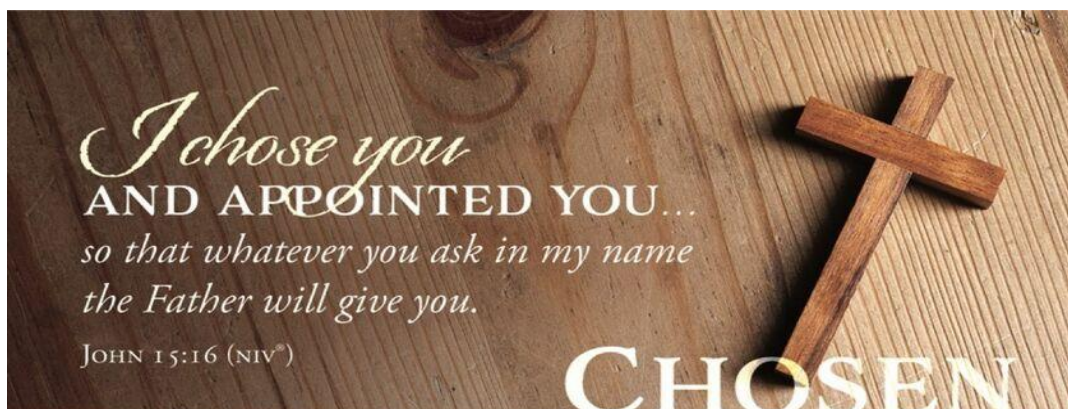


**St. John's Lutheran Church
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 14, 2021**



**Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of
Reverend Rosalie N. Smith
Ordination to Word and Sacrament Ministry**

PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS and INTRODUCTIONS

***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**


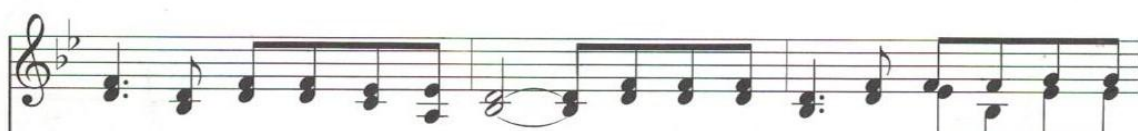
*GATHERING HYMN ~ *How Great Thou Art*

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How Great Thou Art




1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, And take me

all the *worlds thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the *roll - ing
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion And there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, How great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

***GREETING**

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 ~ spoken**

P Kyrie eleison: [Lord, have mercy:]

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Christe eleison: [Christ, have mercy:]

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P Kyrie eleison: [Lord, have mercy:]

C **Lord, have mercy**

*HYMN of PRAISE



☞ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Ⅰ 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.



☞ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



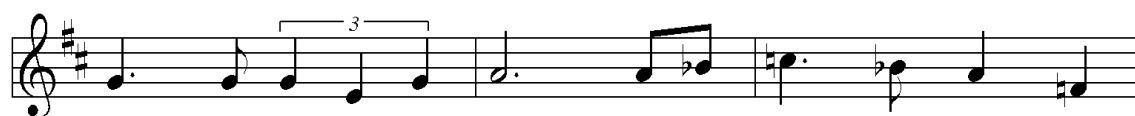
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Ⅱ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



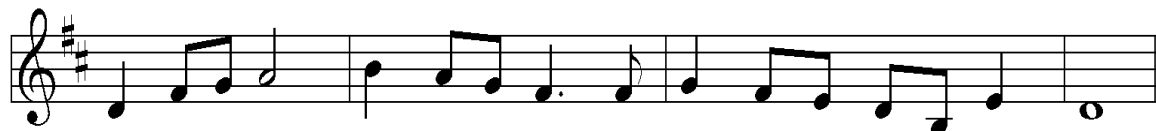
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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



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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***THE LESSONS ~** *The scripture readings for today were chosen by Rosalie.*

***First Lesson ~** A reading from Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ~ *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

770 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger

old.
 on;
 young,
 I re - joiced
 you were raised
 I'll be there
 the day you were bap - tized to
 to praise the liv - ing Lord, to
 to guide you through the night, com -

see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whomyou now be - long. If you find some-one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent-ly clos - es

child,
 time
 in
 with a faith
 and you join
 and you shut
 to suit you well;
 your hearts as one,
 your wea - ry eyes,

C G

in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from
I'll be there as I have al - ways been with

A⁷ D D⁷ G D

find where de - mons dwell."
dusk till ris - ing sun."
just one more sur - prise." 4 "I was there to hear your

G D G D G D G D

born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. I re -

G D G D G C D⁷ G

joiced the day you were bap-tized, to see your life un - fold."

*Second Lesson ~ A reading from Mark 1:16-20

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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?

Al - le - lu - ia. 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 Matthew 28:16-20

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE ~ *Godly Interruptions*

Reverend Laura Klick

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *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.

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.

RECOGNITION of ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY ~ Bishop Barbara Collins

***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 With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P For the men and women who faithfully serve as bishops, pastors, and deacons; for those first to be ordained and those who have served faithfully for 10, 20 or 30 years - especially Reverend Rosalie Smith. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For laypeople, who do vital work through church ministries of hospitality, outreach, teaching, music and dance. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For women and girls around the world who are ostracized from their communities for any reason, or treated as less than children of God. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For those whose hard work is rarely praised, and whose names are forgotten though their work lives on. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For the men and women who nurtured us in faith, whether in our family of birth or in the family of God. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For all the prayers we hold silently in our hearts [Silence.]

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, most high God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that your steadfast love is greater than the heavens and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C Amen.

***THE 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**



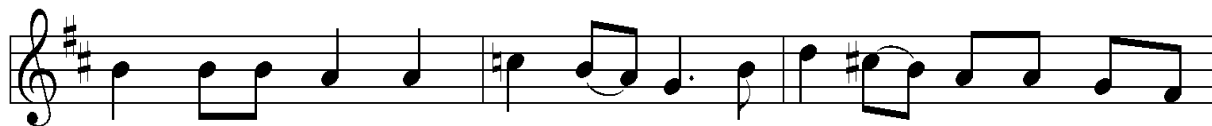
☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, 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**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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 our thanks and praise**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C **Amen**

***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 is 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
for 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.

***CANTICLE**

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -

one what God has done. Let all who seek the

Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and

lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

*HYMN ~ *Lift High the Cross*

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 As thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.

- 5 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the service for some refreshments, with guests, friends and church family.

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

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.

Today

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

Next Sunday ~ Christ the King

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

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

FROM the PASTOR

Pastor Ela is taking vacation time, and Pastor Richard 'Rick' Adams will be available for Pastoral emergencies from Nov 13 -26. His cell is 717-253-0235. He is a member of our Juniata conference of ELCA churches and lives in Lewistown.

As we move into Advent and the season of the Christ Child, let's share pictures of your grand children and great grand children, nieces and nephews etc. (with their parent's permission of course). You may even share a picture of yourself as a baby or your own grown children when they were little children. You may email them to Kelly, share them on our facebook or drop them by the office and we will collect them together as a wreath for our next newsletter. Please make sure Kelly gets them by Tuesday, Nov 23.

Upcoming services

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 St. Johns; 11PM WKish

Sunday, Dec 26 - Special caroling service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veteran's Day was last Thursday. We honor those who have served and sacrificed to defend the freedoms we hold so dear, including the freedom to worship. For these things, we thank you and we thank God.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 28. The devotionals will be available in the narthex next Sunday, November 21.

The Social Ministry Committee recently met and will be collecting items for the Shelter Service and would also like to resume the "Mitten Tree".

Shelter Service ~ (place donations on the grey folding table in the narthex)

canned goods, bottled juices
non-perishable foods including cereals, pasta, etc
paper towels, toilet paper, and tissues,
shampoo, body wash/soap for children and adults

Mitten Tree ~ (found in the narthex)

mittens, gloves, scarves, hats,
and new this year, socks for children/adults
slipper socks and children's slippers

Included in the newsletters was a member information update form. **Extras can be found in the narthex. PLEASE fill out and return to the church, by next Sunday, November 21.**

If you have not submitted one, it will be assumed your address/phone number has not changed in the last few years. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help with Sunday morning duties. December has been filled with the exception of a volunteer(s) to **deliver altar flowers**. If you can help in this way, please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office.

In the narthex, are sign-up sheets for anyone who would like to place Altar flowers next year. We will once again refrain from using them during Lent beginning March 2 through Palm Sunday, April 10.

Please remember to notate if you would like to keep the flowers or have them delivered. At this time, the cost remains at \$40.00.

The 10th annual gift show to benefit the Casey Marthouse Memorial Scholarship Fund is only 2 weeks away. **There is a change in the price and type of wreaths.** The person who supplied them is not able to this year, so they are being purchased from another wholesaler. The cost of \$25 is a little higher, as they only offer **wreaths with mixed greens**, which are also a little larger (22-24"). **In addition to the wreaths we will also be offering swags (24-34") for \$18.00.** Each includes a homemade bow with your choice of color.

If you are interested in pre-ordering either, there is sign-up in the narthex, or call the church office. All wreaths and swags must be picked up at the show; payment can be made at that time.

Donations of homemade soup and baked goods is appreciated. If you would like to help in this way, please sign-up in the narthex.

January 1 thru November 10, 2021

Last week's attendance/offering ~ church cancelled

St. John's ~ Income \$ 177,973.66 Expense \$ 179,163.75
Net Income \$ -1,190.09

Daycare ~ Income \$ 258,008.66 Expense \$ 253,424.06
Net Income \$ 4,584.60