

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Belleville, PA**



**Second Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022**

**PRELUDE
WELCOME**

Welcome! Christ is risen, Hallelujah! We continue always to rejoice in the resurrection of Christ and particularly through this Easter season April through May up to Pentecost. We had a wonderful turn-out for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Let us continue to hold what has been revealed in our Lenten journey in our hearts.

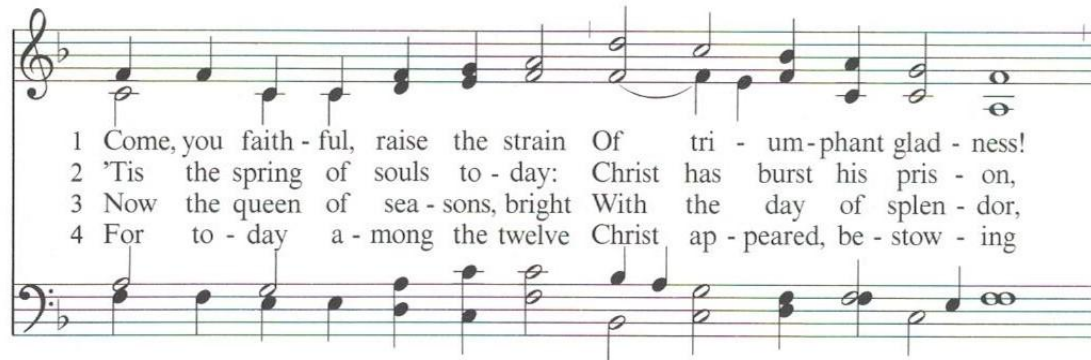
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who attended, participated and assisted with our Holy Week Services: musicians, altar care, greeters, readers, hot cross buns fellowship preparers, elevator, sound crew, flowers, bulletin prep. A special thank you to the families who attended on Easter, and to the children who taught us so much and brought us so much joy in our Easter Children's message.

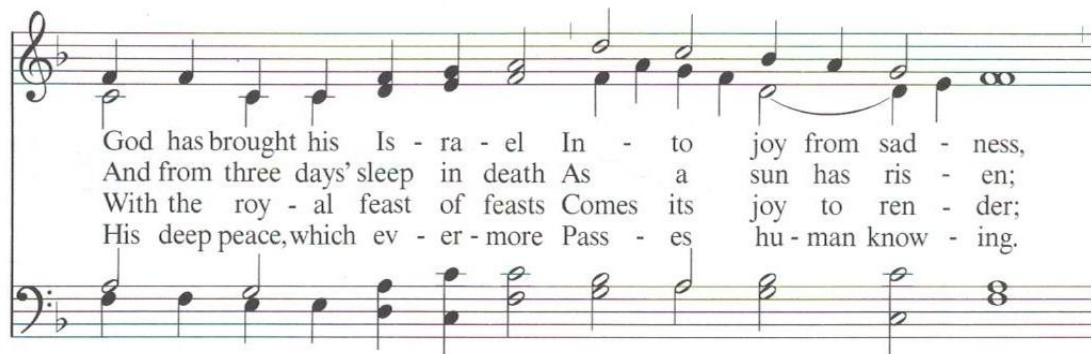
***HYMN ~ Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**

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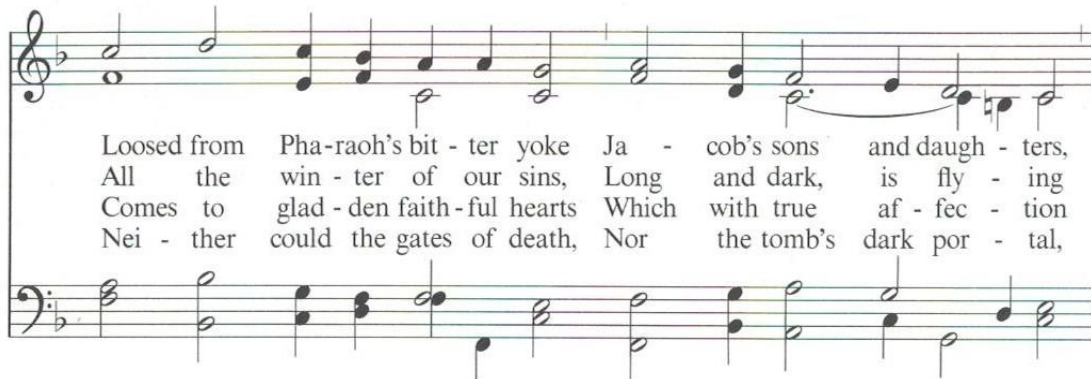
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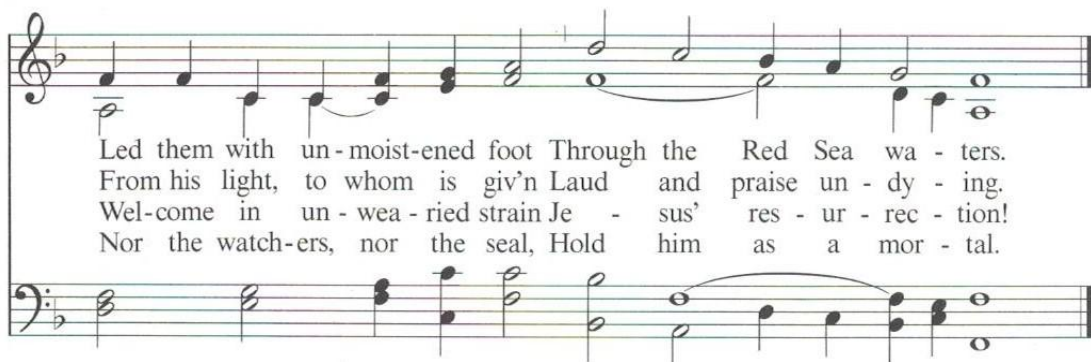
1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
 4 For to - day a - mong the twelve Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing



God has brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
 And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
 With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
 His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
 Comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
 Nei - ther could the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



Led them with un - moist - ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 From his light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 Nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, Hold him as a mor - tal.

***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**

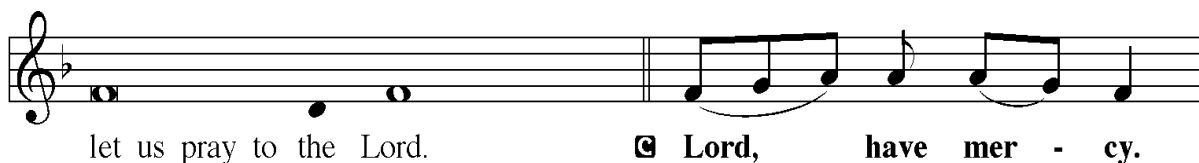
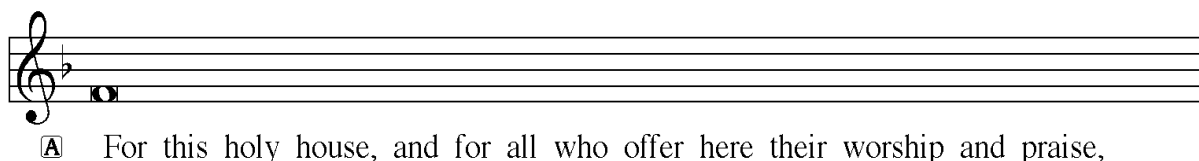
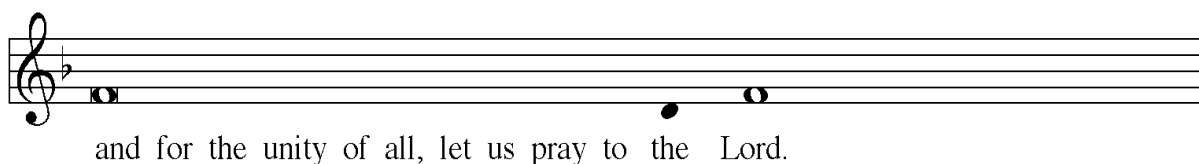
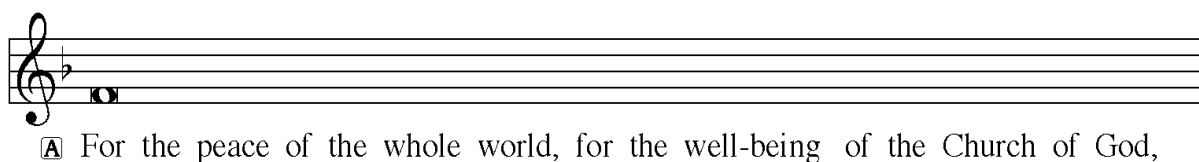
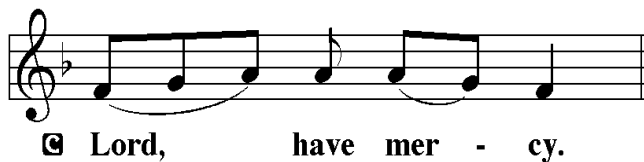
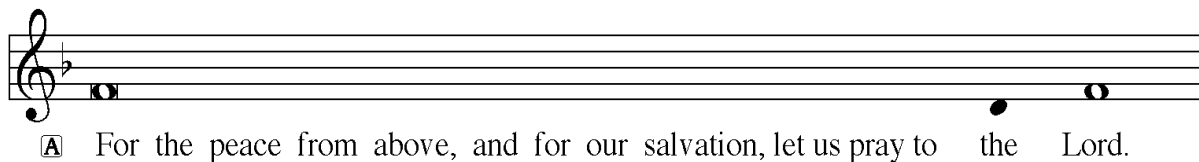
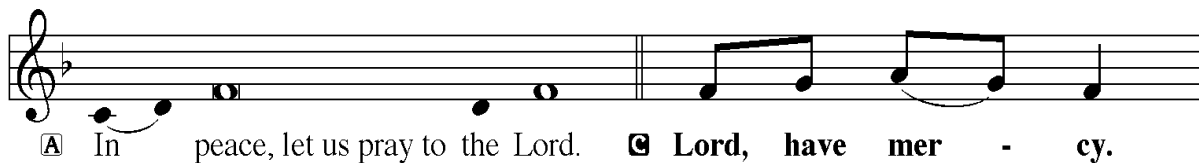
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,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



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



Ⓑ 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,

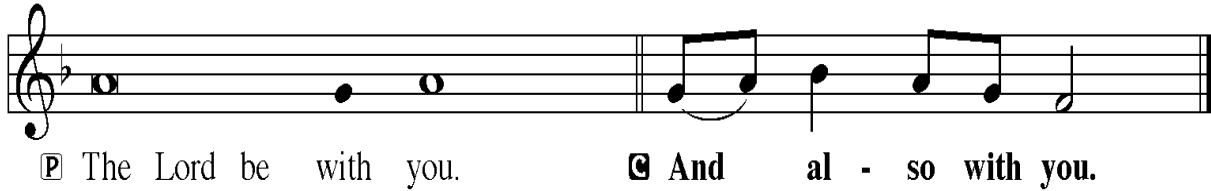


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

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



P Let us pray...

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Acts 5:27-32

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:14-29 ~ *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 Revelation 1:4-8

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 John the 20th 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

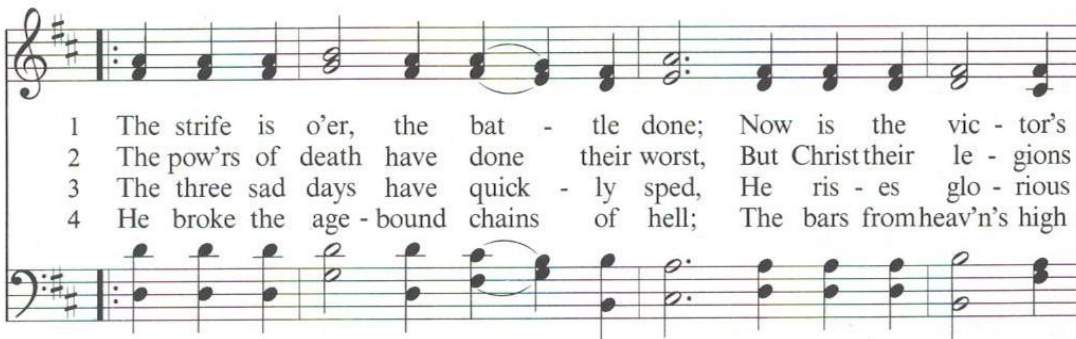
HYMN ~ *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

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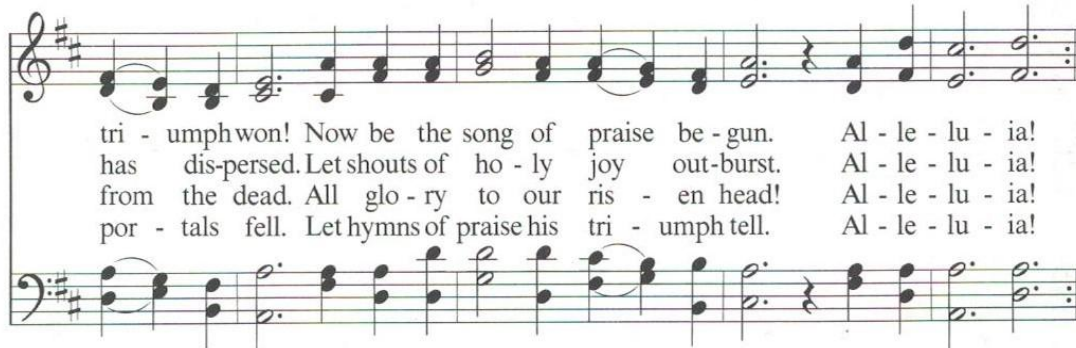
The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done 135



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; Now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, But Christ their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, He ris - es glo - rious
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - pers'd. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded you,
 From death's sting free your servants too,
 That we may live and sing to you.
 Alleluia!

***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.

***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 ~ page 4 of celebrate**

P Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of all nations, we uplift the work and ministry of the Lutheran Church of Liberia. They are preparing for their yearly assembly, the partner in ministry reports and upcoming bishop elections. We give you thanks for the faithful service of Bishop Jensen Seyenkulo and ask for the Holy Spirit to guide the elections for the upcoming bishop. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we uplift the work and ministry of Seafarer's International. They, like the rest of the world, have struggled these past two years because of the pandemic. Help them to know their work is important and keep the seafarer merchants safe as they ship the goods of the world to all nations. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

***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 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;

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

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

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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

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

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

Next Sunday, May 1

Greeters: Jay and Joy Byler; **Lay Reader:** Jami Zook

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Sue Lynch in loving memory of her parents,
Bob and Verna Morris.

The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Neil Himes and family in loving memory of Pam Himes.

Please remember in prayer ~ Bob Treaster, Andrea Kauffman, Calvin Baker,
Don F. Smith, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village),
Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa), Carolyn Malone (Rest Haven, York), Pastor
Kramm, Don Wolfe, Carol Yoder (VVH).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship and Music would like to schedule volunteers for our Sunday morning duties **through the end of this year. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.** PLEASE prayerfully consider serving in this way, if you are able, by contacting one of the following persons ~

Altar Care

Sandra Metz ~ 935-2330 or ssmetz@embarqmail.com

Communion Helpers, Greeters, Lay Readers, Bulletin and Flower Delivery

Jami Zook ~ 994-2570 or jami@sa-re.com

Carol Fultz ~ 935-0140 or mamafultz03@gmail.com

Church office ~ 935-2032 or secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org

Last week's Property committee meeting has been rescheduled for tomorrow, Monday, April 25 at 6:30pm.

January 1 thru April 21, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 60 Offering ~ \$ 1,639.00

St. John's ~ Income \$66,856.64 Expense \$55,283.93
Net Income \$11,572.71

Daycare ~ Income \$130,762.80 Expense \$108,016.35
Net Income \$22,746.45