

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



**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
May 8, 2022**

PRELUDE

WELCOME ~ On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we give thanks for mothers around the world today. We give thanks for the countless ways mothers and mother-figures nurture, educate and inspire. Bless the women who hold and heal, who shelter and protect, who liberate themselves and others from that which discourages and curbs our potential. Within our varied roles and with our differing gifts, let us find fulfillment for the Church, for all humanity, for all the children of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN ~ *I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry*

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770 *I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing 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 the day you were bap - tized to
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -

see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you 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, with a faith to suit you well;
 time and you join your hearts as one,
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,

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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

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

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

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

***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,

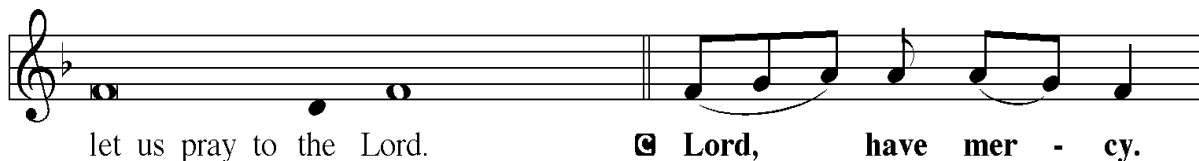
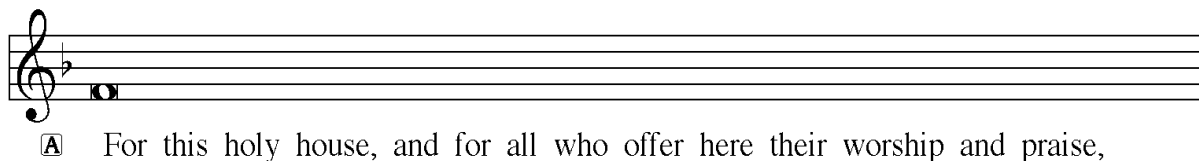
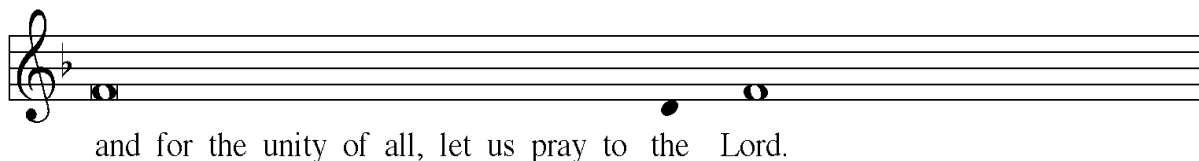
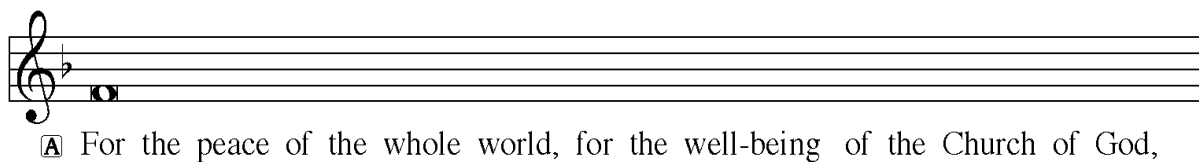
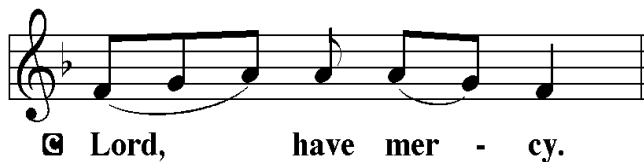
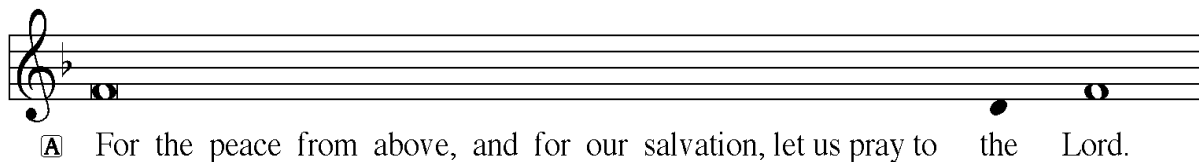
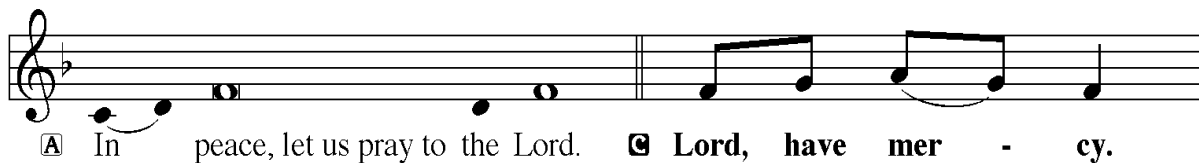
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus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

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 9:36-43

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 ~ *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 7:9-17

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.

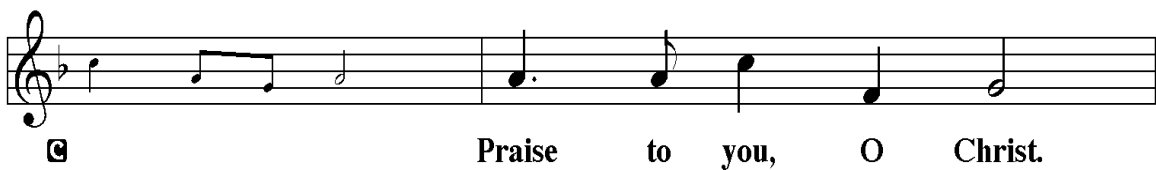
Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter.



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 ~ Mothers, Miracles and Messages

HYMN ~ *For All the Faithful Women*

verses 1, 9 and 10

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For All the Faithful Women



1 For all the faith-ful wom-en who served in days of old,

Insert one or more of stanzas 3-11 or this general stanza 2:

2 O God, for saints and ser-vants, those named and those un-known,

Last All praise to God the Fa-ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv-en; to all, their stor-y told.

in whom through all the a-ges your light of glo-ry shone,

All praise to God the Spir-it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad-ness in tasks your wis-dom gave.

we of-fer glad thanks-giv-ing and fer-vent prayer we raise

With saints who went be-fore us, with saints who wit-ness still,



To you their lives bore wit-ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.

that, faith-ful in your ser-vice, our lives may sing your praise.

we sing glad al-le-lu-ias and strive to do your will.

Mary Magdalene

9 We praise the other Mary,
who came at Easter dawn
and near the tomb did tarry,
but found her Lord was gone.
As joyfully she saw him
in resurrection light,
may we by faith behold him,
the day who ends all night.

Dorcas

10 Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas,
who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness,
her heart an open door.
Send us, O Christ, your Body,
where people cry in pain,
and touch them with compassion
to make them whole again.

***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.

Gracious God, on this Mother's Day holiday for Americans, we are reminded that all mothers need quality health care to raise their children. Guide the work of Global Health Ministries as they help to provide medical supplies to developing nations and empower health workers to offer quality care to all people. 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** ~ *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*

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Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er 'round the throne, oh, when they

saints go march-ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
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num-ber when the saints go march-ing in.
 num-ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
 num-ber when the new world is re - vealed.
 num-ber when they gath - er 'round the throne.

- 5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings, 6 And on that hallelujah day,
 oh, when they crown him King of kings, and on that hallelujah day,
 O Lord, I want to be in that number O Lord, I want to be in that number
 when they crown him King of kings. on that hallelujah day.

DISMISSAL**P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord **R Thanks be to God*POSTLUDE****Pastor:** Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

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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: Ed Bilich; **Lay Reader:** Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, May 15

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

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Kathy Elliott, Butch Shaffer, Kelly Winters and families,
in loving memory of Shirley Shaffer.

Please remember in prayer ~ Bob Treaster, Andrea Kauffman, 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

The Synod Listening Team, their meetings delayed by a death in the family of
our Bishop, met this week. They are reviewing input from their time here and will
be back to us with a report soon.

The loose offering this morning will be directed toward efforts to help the
victims of the recent Lewistown fire which displaced 9 persons and took the life of
another. If donating by check, please notate "Lewistown Fire" and place it in the
offering plate or mail/drop off at the church office.

Reminder ~ The Council meeting has been rescheduled for this Wednesday,
May 11 at 6:30pm.

May 8, 2022

Calvin Baker died last Sunday, following a recent cancer diagnosis. Please keep the family in your prayers during this very difficult time. They have suffered the loss of several loved ones in the last three years. Mother, Joyce died in September of 2019 and Alan, Jr., passed away last October. Expressions of care and sympathy can be sent to the following addresses ~

Renee Baker (wife of Calvin)
3084 Jordon Road
Byron, GA 31008

Lynne Baker and Mark Baker
1917 GA Hwy 32 West
Ocilla, GA 31774

The Social Ministry committee is hosting a Mother/Father Brunch following the worship service on Sunday, June 5. A sign-up has been placed in the narthex for those planning to attend, and to help provide food donations.

Social Ministry is also entering a float in the annual Memorial Day parade. Carolyn Conner will follow in her car, and anyone who is not able to walk the parade route is welcome to ride along with her. If you are interested in participating, please contact a committee member. A list of our current committees and those who have signed up to serve is included in the May newsletter.

St. John's has Meals on Wheels the end of this month/beginning of June. A sign-up can be found in the narthex for anyone who can help provide desserts.

The Veterans will be worshipping with us on Sunday, May 29. Please plan to attend this special service as we glorify our Risen Lord, who died that we may have eternal life, and honor the men and women who gave their lives for our earthly freedom.

The annual Crossroads Baby Bottle fundraiser begins today through Father's Day, June 19. If interested, you may pick up a bottle in the narthex and fill it with your pocket change, cash or a donation by check.

January 1 thru May 5, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 27 Offering ~ \$ 1,675.00

St. John's ~ Income \$75,730.59 Expense \$61,121.79
Net Income \$14,608.80

Daycare ~ Income \$142,141.51 Expense \$122,267.04
Net Income \$19,874.47