

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



**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome on this 5th Sunday of the Easter Season celebrating the resurrection and the new life Christ brings. The disciples learn that this includes a new way of thinking about who is included in Christ's ministry, and how their concepts of 'clean and unclean' have limited this understanding. They are prepared to realize Christ's love in new ways and to carry this love in their ministry beyond boundaries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

143 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In praise of love that
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, There - fore our heart with
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; Set heart and will on
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the heav'n - ly

still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
things a - bove That we con - quer through your tri - umph;
bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"

Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
Now still he comes to give us life And by his pres -
Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day That by our lives
Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, To Spir - it blest,

of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
most ho - ly God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

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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 God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult, to others but also to ourselves. Confessing our sin in prayer, we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God, who desires to deliver us and to cast out fear.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God of Life,

C **we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.**

P Though we know only in part, we are fully known to God. By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love, and calls us to abide in faith, in hope, and in love.

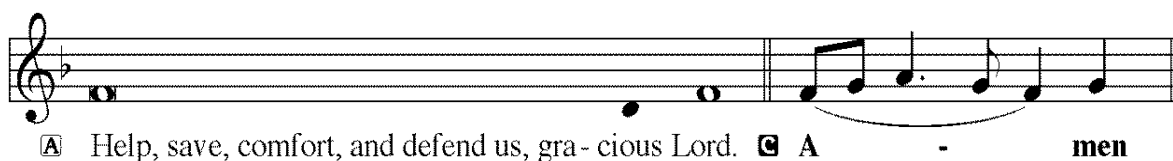
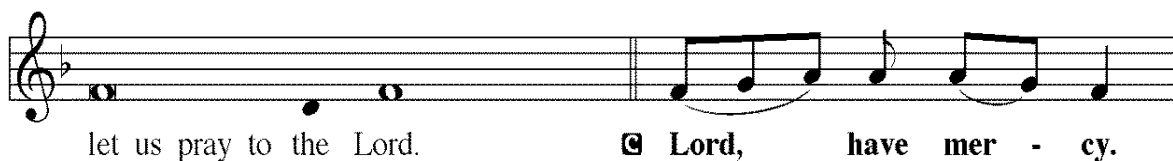
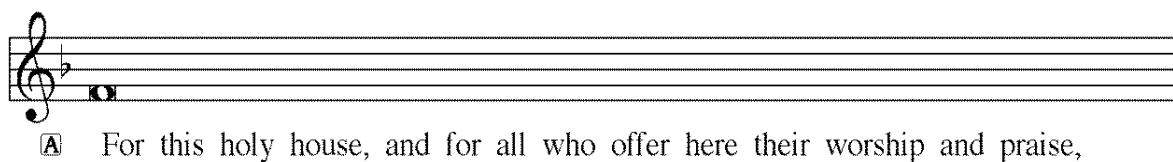
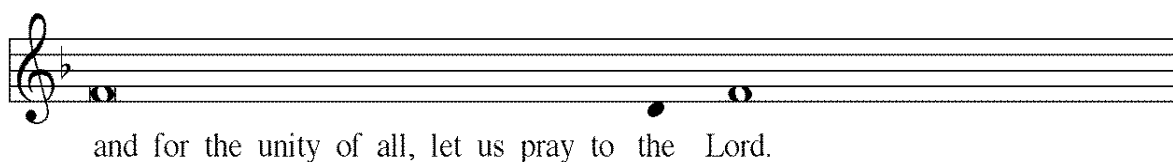
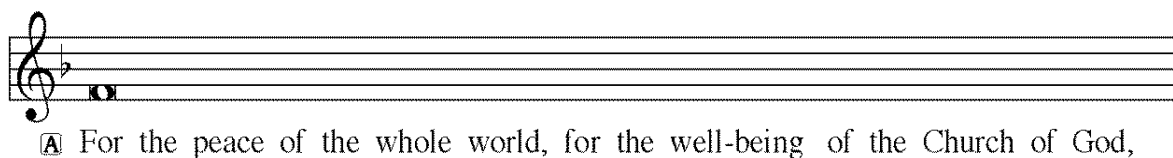
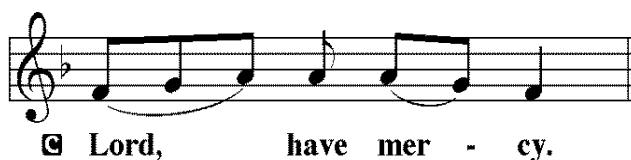
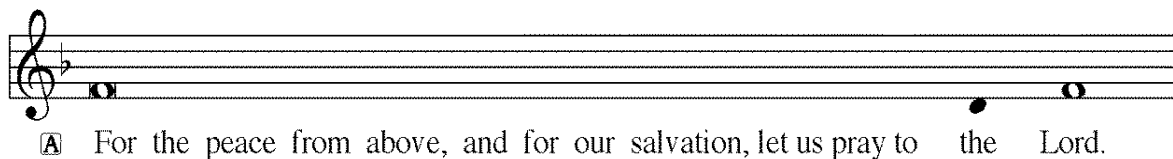
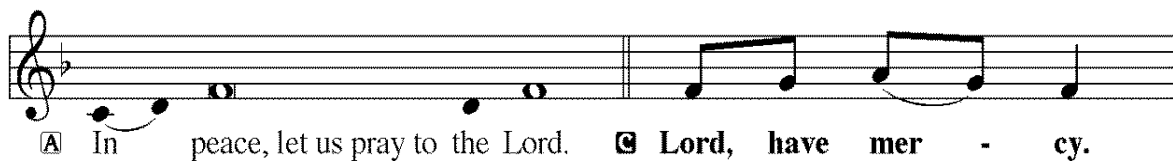
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

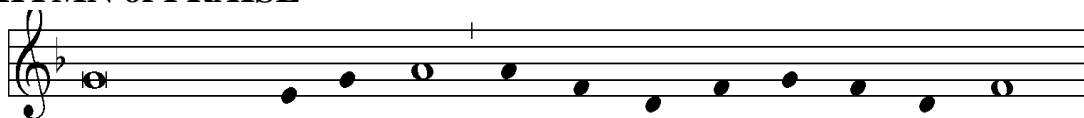
***GREETING**

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**

***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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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 11:1-18

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 148 ~ with response

The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, congregation sings together 1x. As psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.

*Second Lesson ~ A reading from Revelation 21:1-6

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

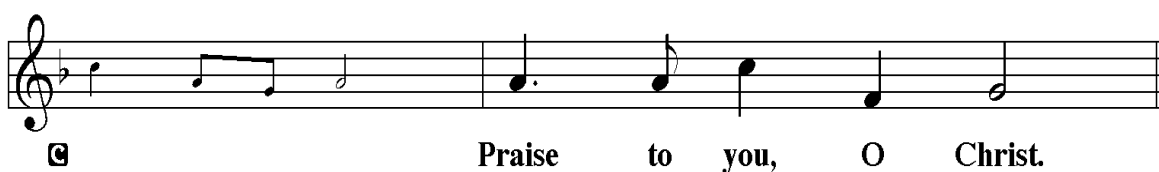


*Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to John the 13th chapter:



After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord



MESSAGE

*HYMN ~ *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

LBW # 363

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Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, He comes to claim the
 moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, He suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. In death his love shall nev - er die.
 here and now And con - quer ev - 'ry place and time.
 midst of life, Our Sav - ior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 loves the more, And lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.

- 5 Christ is alive! Ascended Lord—
 He rules the world his Father made,
 Till, in the end, his love adored
 Shall be to all on earth displayed.

***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 ~ *See 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.

We give you thanks, Lord, for companions in our journey of faith. Particularly, we are grateful for our shared mission with the Lutheran Church of Liberia and Ansbach Wurzburg Kirchenkries in Germany. Keep us strong and faithful to the Gospel as we spread the Good News around the world.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

***PEACE**


P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us share the peace of Christ with those here in these rows and those beyond the walls of our sanctuary. Peace of Christ!
(Greet others with the Peace)

OFFERING ~ you may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews.

***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.

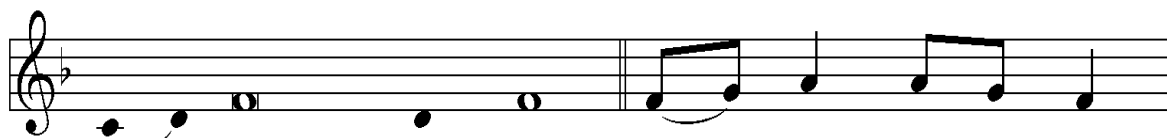
***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P 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

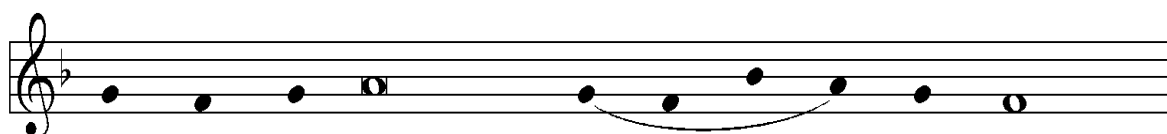
***GREAT THANKSGIVING**



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

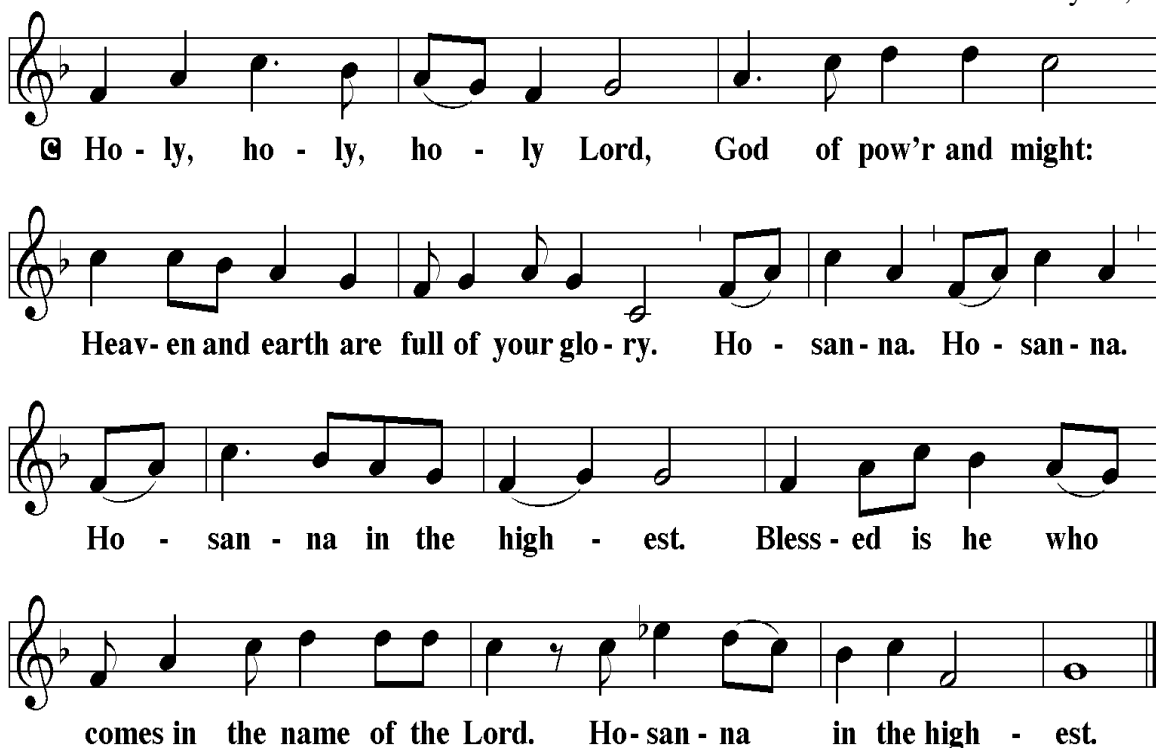


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 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.

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:

C 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

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 Communion

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

C Amen

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord

C Amen

***THE BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

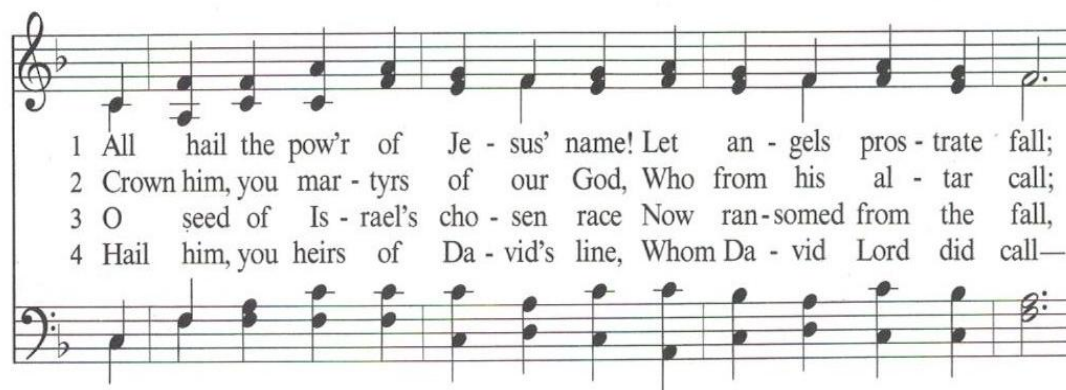
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

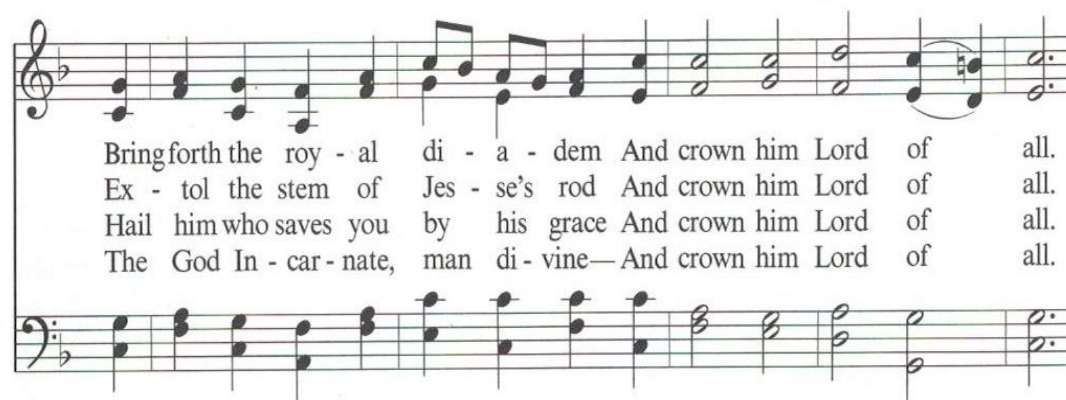
C Amen

***HYMN ~ All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! Verses 1-4 LBW # 328**

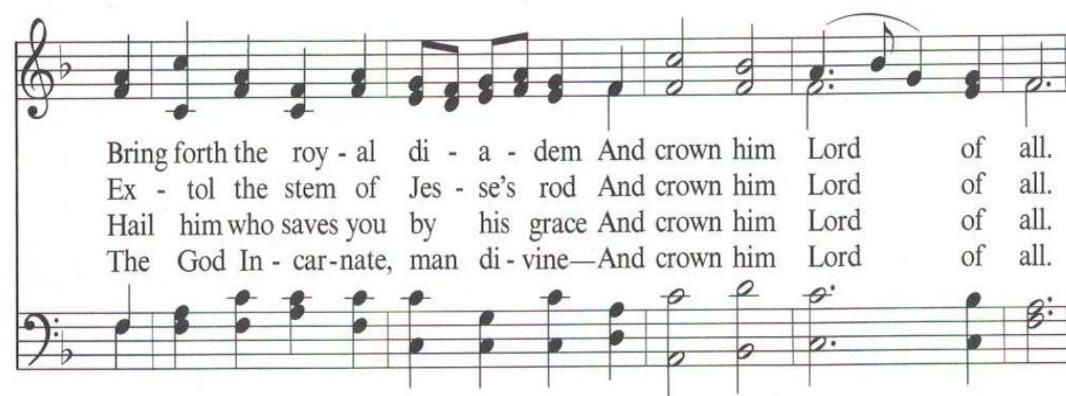
328 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, Who from his al - tar call;
 3 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race Now ran-somed from the fall,
 4 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call—



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown him Lord of all.
 Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him Lord of all.
 The God In - car - nate, man di - vine—And crown him Lord of all.



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***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

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

Next Sunday, May 22

Greeter: Gwen Hornberger; **Lay Reader:** Gwen Hornberger

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Don and Rosalie Smith in honor of
their sons and spouses, and their grandchildren.

Please remember in prayer ~ Georgianna Buchanan, 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).

FROM the PASTOR

Favorite hymns

As we move into summer we would like to include a favorite hymn or church camp song in each service. Please write down the songs and hymns you would like to sing on the slip included in your bulletin and we will weave them in during the summer.

UPCOMING SERVICES and Special Days:

Sunday, May 22 (Ascension Celebrated)

Thursday May 26, **Ascension Day**

Sunday May 29 **Memorial Day Sunday Service**

Fellowship and refreshments before and after service

St. Johns this year hosts the **Memorial Day Sunday Service** on Sunday, May 29. This is the spiritual counterpart to the Monday Memorial Day parade and celebrations. We praise God for the gift of the promise of life eternal through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and remember and honor fallen and living veterans for their service and to our country and the world. Please invite any service people you know in the community to attend. We will also honor our firefighters, law enforcement and EMS personnel

Sunday, June 5 **Pentecost and Communion.** A Family brunch honoring mothers and fathers" will be held after church. Your family and extended family are all invited.

Sunday June 12 Baccalaureate Service, Honoring graduates and teachers, retired and current and others who work in the education field including our own Day Care staff. Please submit names of graduates of any age in your family including name, school, and degree. If you have been a teacher or have a teacher you would like to honor, include that as well.

Sunday June 19 **Father's Day**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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. **Still needed are** ~ homemade sticky rolls 4 ~ 9x12 pans of or 5 dozen purchased locally (sign-up in narthex), and monetary donations for pies (please give to Sue Lynch or church office).



Work Day Reminder

Practice stewardship through service at camp at our work day on Saturday, May 21, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served so please RSVP if staying for lunch to cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587.

WE'D LIKE TO KNOW BEFORE MONDAY A LUNCH COUNT, SO PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE NOT RESPONDED YET.

January 1 thru May 12, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 25 Offering ~ \$ 1,715.00

St. John's ~ Income \$78,995.59 Expense \$66,211.93
Net Income \$12,783.66

Daycare ~ Income \$147,481.00 Expense \$133,103.53
Net Income \$14,377.47