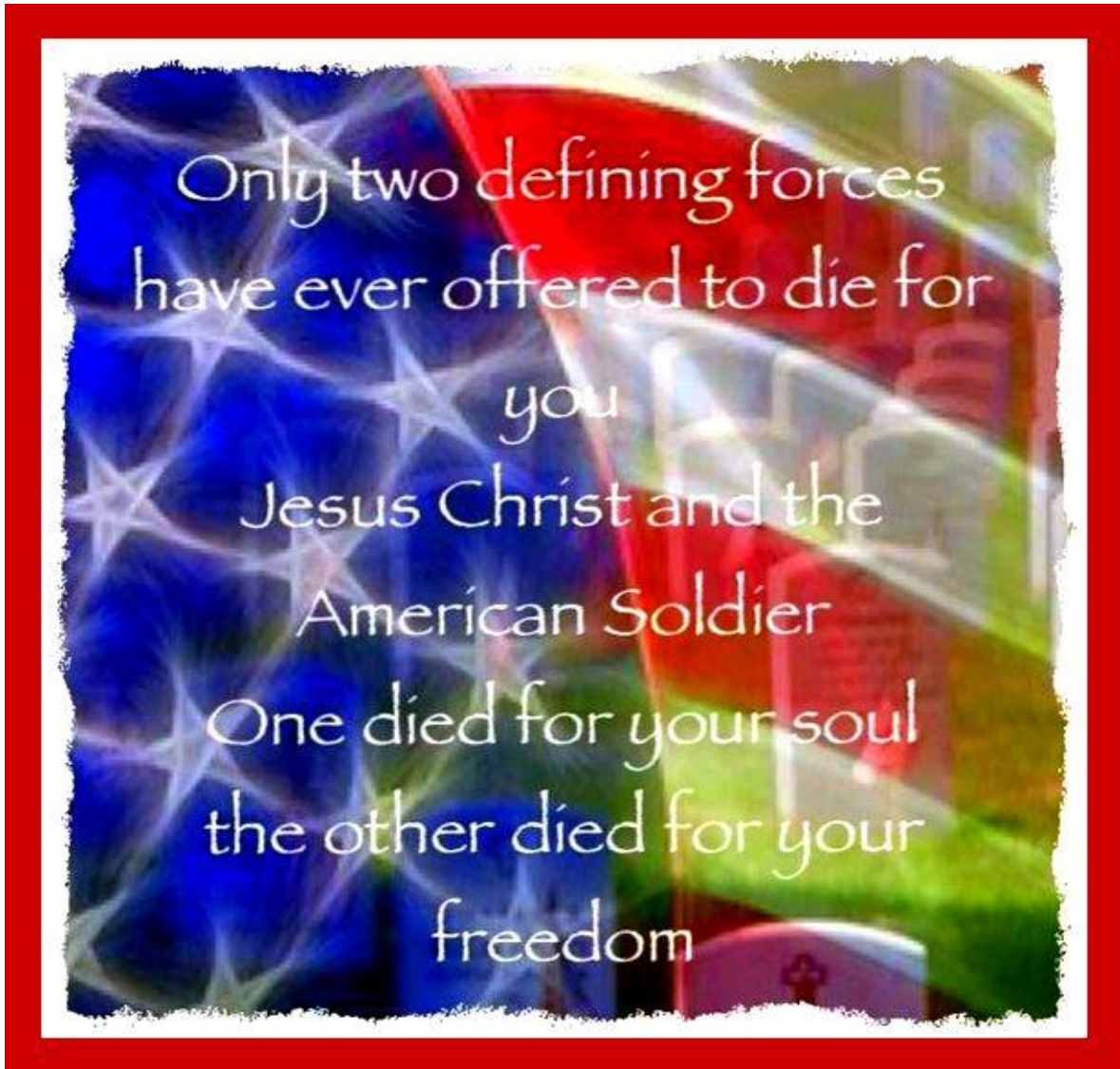


**St. John's Lutheran Church
Belleville, PA**



**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Memorial Day Service
May 29, 2022**

**PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

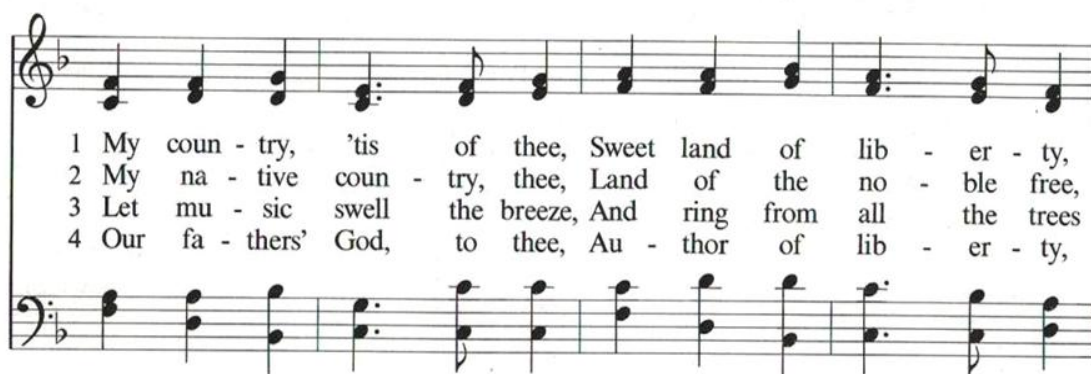
GATHERING SCRIPTURE ~ Romans 12:9-13

*Let love be genuine. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good,
devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.
Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
Share with the Lord's people who are in need and practice hospitality.*

INTRODUCTIONS and HONOR

***HYMN ~ My Country, 'Tis of Thee**

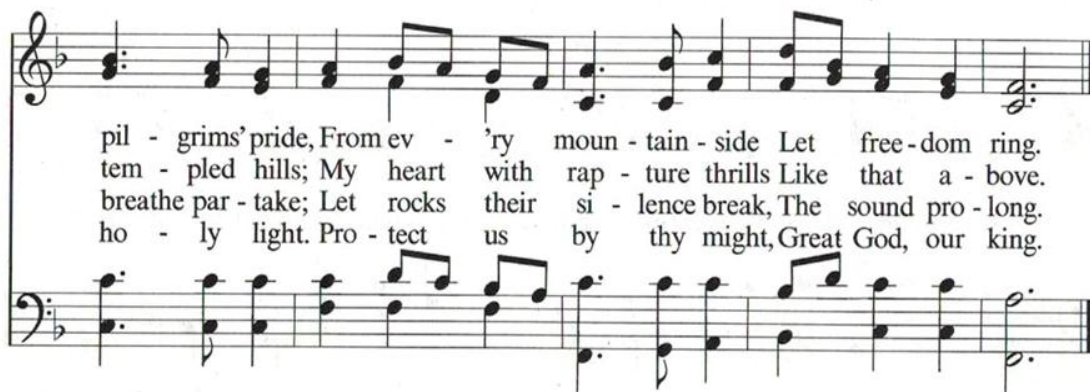
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My Country, 'Tis of Thee


1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,



Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
Sweet free-dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake; Let all that
To thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain - side Let free - dom ring.
tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, Great God, our king.

***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P Let us confess our sin to God, who promises to comfort us as a mother comforts her children.

Compassionate God,

C we confess that we are a rebellious people, following our own desires rather than your call. We have counted ourselves better than others, failing to seek justice for the neighbor in need. We have sought earthly treasures, neglecting your gifts of word and sacrament. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, and lead us by your Holy Spirit to joyful service in your name. Amen.

P In the mercy of God, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sin. In baptism, you have been joined with Christ; it is no longer you who live, but Christ who lives in you.

C Amen.

***THE SHARING of the PEACE**

P Let us share the peace of Christ with those here and beyond the walls of our sanctuary into the world. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

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

Lord of all the worlds; guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all our people the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READINGS and PSALM

First Lesson ~ Jeremiah 29:4-14

Thus says the Lord of hosts . . . seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare . . . Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord. . .

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46 ~ congregation will read the verses in bold

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

**though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.**

“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Revelation 7:9-17 (excerpts) The Multitude from Every Nation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 15th chapter

***Holy Gospel ~ John 15:9-12**

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "God Bless America" ~ Sharon Wyland

MESSAGE ~ Reflections on Memorial Day Capt. Nancy Simmons

HYMN ~ *God of Our Fathers*

God of Our Fathers

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1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 In this free land by you our lot is cast;
 Make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
 Oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 Fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace

Our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 Your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 Un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

OFFERING: (our loose offerings today will go to VFW Post #5935)

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

***THE OFFERING 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

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

A prayer for the Sunday before Memorial Day

***THE LORD’S PRAYER** (*in unison*)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as 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 forever.

Amen.


***BENEDICTION**

P The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in
harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. Amen.



SENDING HYMN ~ *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

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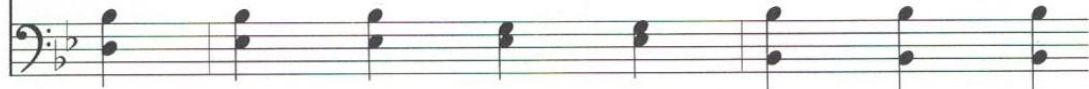

Battle Hymn of the Republic



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,

He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
 With a glo - ry in his bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me.

He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



Refrain



His truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le -
 While God is march - ing on.



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lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry,
glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

***DISMISSAL**

P Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C 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.

St. Johns liaisons for Memorial Day Sunday ~ Kenny Wyland, Ron Carson

Today

Greeter: Carolyn Conner; **Lay Reader:** Jami Zook

Next Sunday, June 5

Greeters: Jim and Georgianna Buchanan; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Bob and Susan Keller in memory of those who served.

Please remember in prayer ~ Kyung Sun Yim, Seulki's mother, Jim and 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

UPCOMING SERVICES and Special Days:

We will be honoring EMS, firefighters, law enforcement, first responders, on around special days set aside for this in the coming weeks and months.

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

We have four ear devices for anyone who is hearing impaired. If you would like one, please come to the sound system at the back of the church.

The June newsletter can be found in the mailboxes of those persons who do not receive it by email.

St. John's has Meals on Wheels this week and next. **Still needed are 4 dozen sticky buns for Tuesday, June 7. They can be homemade or locally purchased (homemade).** If you can help to provide any, please sign-up in the narthex. Thank you to those persons who donated cookies, angel food cakes and money for pies.

Reminder ~ please be sure to have your dessert at the community hall by 9:00am the day it is needed.

The Mother/Father Brunch is being held following worship next Sunday, June 5. **Please note ~ this is a 'carry-in' meal.** A sign-up has been placed in the narthex for those planning to attend and help provide or donate towards the following ~

Breakfast casseroles
Homemade cinnamon rolls or sticky buns
Milk, chocolate milk or juice
Monetary donations to purchase sausage/bacon and a fruit tray
(please give monetary donations to Sue or the church office by today)

The annual Relay for Life event is being held at Derry Township Community Park on Saturday, June 11. All fundraising proceeds go toward finding a cure for cancer. You can make a difference by donating baked goods! If you can help in this way, please contact Carol Fultz (717-935-0140).

January 1 thru May 26, 2022
Last week's attendance ~ 29 Offering ~ \$ 555.00

St. John's ~ Income \$80,860.59 Expense \$71,318.69
Net Income \$9,541.90

Daycare ~ Income \$157,243.79 Expense \$145,030.35
Net Income \$12,213.44

Project New Hope



Project New Hope was founded by caring individuals

who understand that for disabled veterans and their families, the wartime experience does not end the day a disabled veteran comes home. The effects are often felt throughout a disabled veteran's entire lifetime and can have an impact on each family member, often in ways that may be quite subtle, or hidden from view.

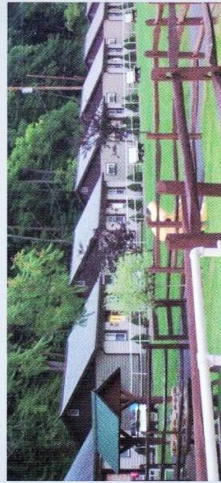
Healing and understanding is vital to life success after military service. Each family member will deal with what has happened in their own way. Returning disabled veterans face the challenge of transitioning from military to civilian life. For many, they feel alone and forgotten. Spouses and children may struggle, first with their loved one being gone and then another adjustment after their return.

No matter which era a soldier served, ALL PA Disabled Veterans and their families are welcome.

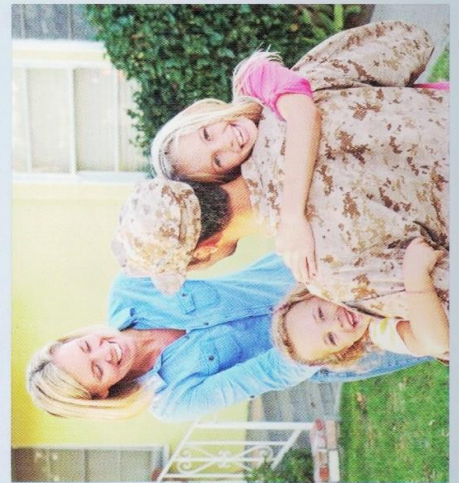
There is no charge for PA Disabled Veterans and their families with Project New Hope. Donations are greatly appreciated.

PA Lions Beacon Lodge

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp, located in Mount Union, PA in central Pennsylvania, offers an ideal outdoor retreat that encompasses 583 acres of scenic mountain woodland with fully accessible facilities, accommodations and activities. Beacon Lodge began in 1948 to provide blind and visually impaired individuals the opportunity to enjoy a camping experience.



The Children's Village area of the camp includes 12 air conditioned cabins complete with bathroom facilities and individual storage cabinets for personal items. Each cabin can accommodate up to seven family members. The cabin area includes a dining hall, infirmary, art room, laundry facility and activity center.



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Mount Union, PA 17066
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Camp Facilities

Camp Facilities include:

- Large Outdoor Pavilion
- Playground & Nature Trails
- Outdoor Bowling Alleys
- Wheel-Chair Accessible Outdoor Heated Pool
- Lake for Fishing & Paddleboating
- Mountain & Tandem Bikes
- Wheel-Chair Accessible 9-Hole Mini Golf Course
- Camping Facilities
- Climbing Tower
- 700' Zip Line & More!

