

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



**Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 26, 2022**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome on this Third Sunday after Pentecost. In this season of discipleship, we also recognize the need for retreat, rest and time at the feet of Jesus. May we celebrate God's great abundance together today and in all the days of summer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last week our readings and message were tied into the theme 'Abundance Together' from the Lutheran Synod Assembly. Today we go back to our Gospel reading on Christ's healing of the Geresene man, as we pray for healing and new beginnings in our church and in our lives.

*GATHERING SONG ~ *My Lord, What a Morning*

WOV # 627

627 *My Lord, What a Morning*

Refrain
F

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

F B^b C⁷ Dm B^b F C⁷ F

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

F F B^b F C F C

1 You'll hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You'll hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na - tions un - der - ground,
3 You'll hear the Chris-tian shout,

F Dm B^b C Dm B^b F C⁷ F *Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C a people holy to the LORD our God.

P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

P One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

***SCRIPTURE SONG**



☐ Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.



I Great and won- der- ful are your deeds, O God of the u- ni- verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na- tions.



Who can fail to hon- or you, Lord, and sing the glo- ry of your name?



☐ Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.



II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re- vealed.



☐ Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.

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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 ~ *with response*

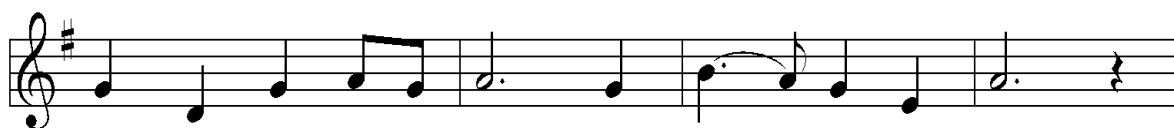
The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, people join to sing response, then as psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.

Second Lesson ~ A reading from Galatians 5:1, 13-25

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

C Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

***GOSPEL READING**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 8th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 8:26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"-- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)

Jesus then asked him, "What is your name? "He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN ~ *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

ELW # 400

400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

***RESPONSE to the WORD**

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal
of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C **Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.
Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***THE PEACE**

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in 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**

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

**C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature.
With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care.
Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ *Found in Celebrate

P United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation,
and all in need.

A brief silence.

***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 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**

***THE BLESSING**

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

C Amen

SENDING SONG ~ *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

WOV # 723

723 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes a four-part vocal entry. The second system continues the melody with a more complex piano accompaniment. The third system features a more active piano part with moving bass lines. The fourth system concludes the piece with a final cadence in the piano.

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the Gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - er'd us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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 Music: Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820
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CHESTERFIELD
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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

Today

Greeter: Don and Rosalie Smith; **Lay Reader:** Ed Bilich
Altar Care: Sandra Metz and Susan Keller
Sound: Jay Byler

Next Sunday, July 3

Greeter: Deb French; **Lay Reader:** Deb French
Altar Care: Carolyn Conner and Brenda Boring
Sound: Ed Bilich

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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.*

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Edna Chester in memory of her parents,
Savilla and J. Frank Smith.

Please remember in prayer ~ Jeremy Penepacker, Elliana Byler, 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

Our new bishop-elect was announced on Sunday June 18. It will be Rev. Craig Miller, the current Bishop's assistant, who has preached and visited and worked with St. Johns in many ways.

Recommendations for our congregation reflecting what the Synod Listening team heard on their day with congregational members will be out in our Newsletter. Pray we may embrace this as a community gathered together as the Body of Christ. Our outgoing and incoming bishops will be praying with us in this process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Crossroads Baby Bottle fundraiser. If you have not already, please be sure to return your bottle as soon as possible.

The annual daycare yard sale is coming up soon. We are grateful for any clean usable items, including furniture. Please NO clothing or TV's. You can place your donation on/ in front of the stage. Thank you!

In order to help keep communication flowing within the church, committees are requested to please inform the office of any meetings, so they can be included in the bulletin. Thank you.

The Social Ministry committee continues to collect needed clothing, non-perishable food and other items for Liberia. A detailed list was included in the June newsletter and can also be found in the narthex. Donations boxes are located in the coatroom area and the narthex.

Big Valley Thrift & Gift Store is receiving applications for a Store Manager position.

This position requires experience in an active retail business environment, computer and public relations skills and managing a large group of volunteers. Must be able to lift, bend and be on your feet much of the day. Should be able to work independently and/or as part of a team and be available on occasional evenings or weekends.

An application and full job description may be picked up at the store located at 4287 E. Main Street, Belleville, PA 17004, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Saturday. The application deadline is 7/30/2022.

As a reminder, the church office hours are ~ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00am – 1:00pm, and closed on Wednesday.

The Pastor is at St. John's Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00am – 1:00pm. Can be subject to change to accommodate meetings and other pastoral duties.

January 1 thru June 23, 2022
Last week's attendance ~ 35 Offering ~ \$1,145.00

St. John's ~ Income \$91,245.10 Expense \$81,548.83
Net Income \$9,696.27

Daycare ~ Income \$174,484.67 Expense \$170,320.64
Net Income \$4,164.03