

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
Belleville, PA 17004**



**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 3, 2021**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME** ~ Fireflies and fireworks; starry nights, stars and stripes!! On this 4th Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate the light of creation and freedom from sin secured by our savior. We hold this foremost even as we celebrate with flags and fireworks the anniversary of our nation's independence and our commitment to liberty and justice for all.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*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**

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

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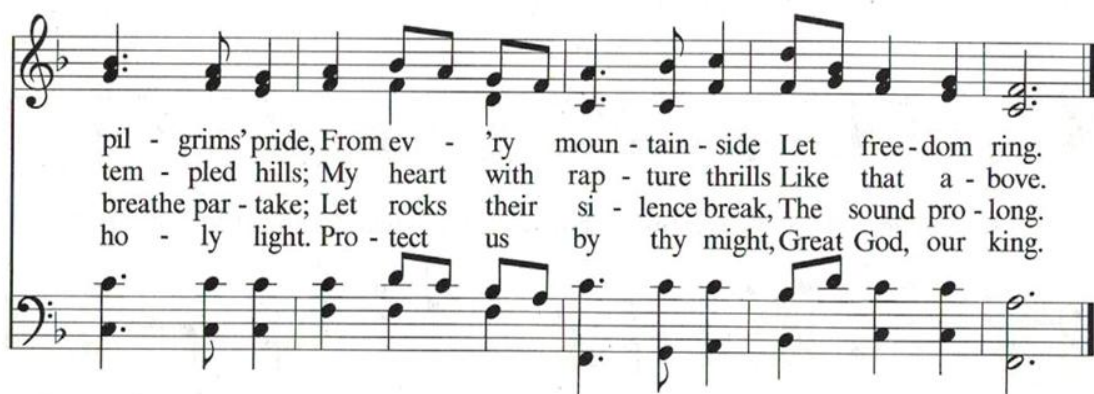
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*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*


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



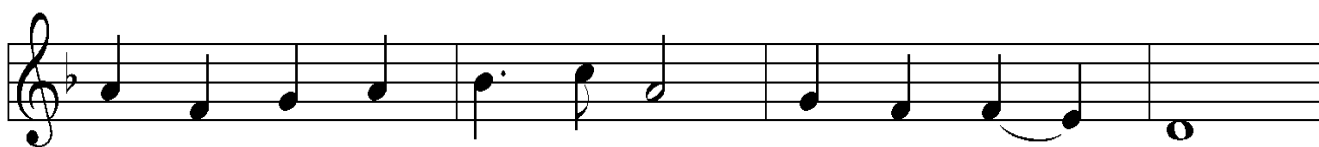
pil - grims' pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain - side Let free - dom ring.  
 tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.  
 breathe par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.  
 ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, Great God, our king.

**\*GREETING**

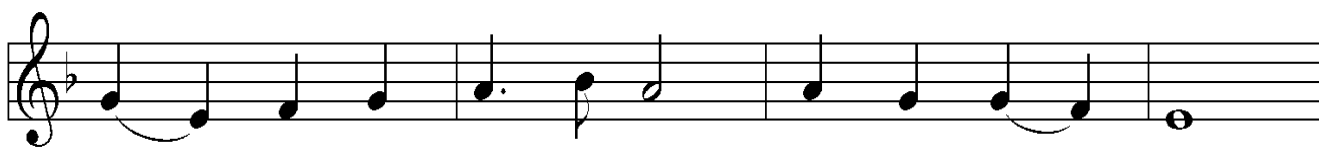
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**\*HYMN of PRAISE**

☞ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Ⅰ 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.



☞ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



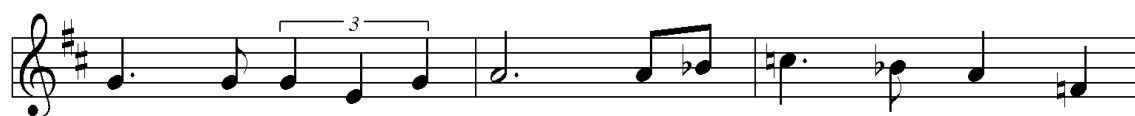
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Ⅱ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



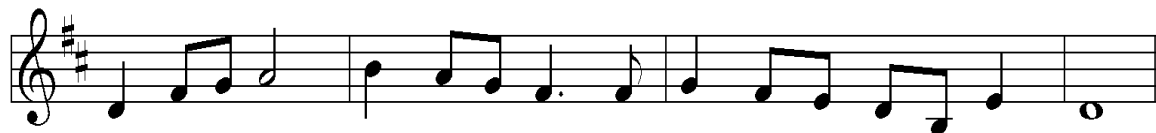
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
II



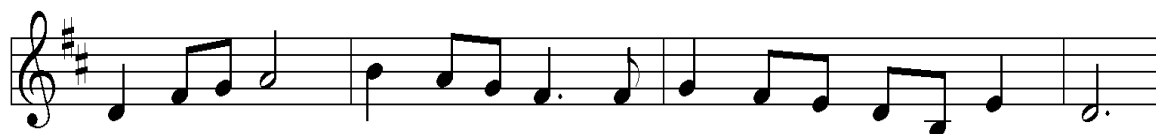
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



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



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**THE LESSONS**

First Lesson ~ A reading from Isaiah 66:10-14

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:1-9 ~ *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.*

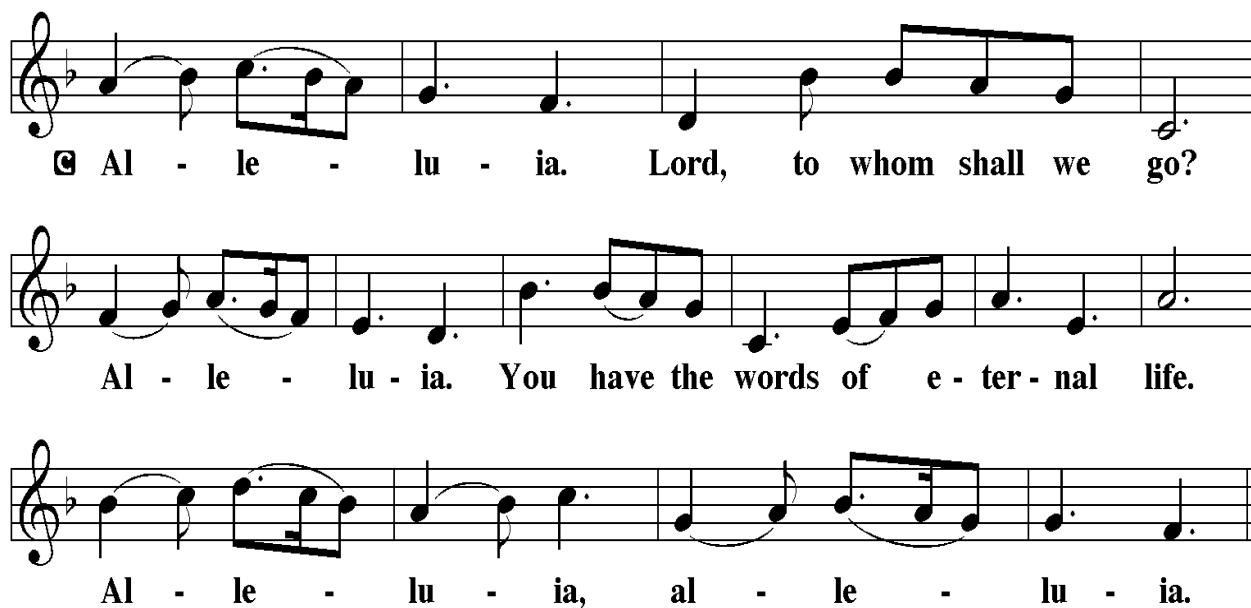
Second Lesson ~ A reading from Galatians 6:1-16

*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?

Al - le - lu - ia. 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 Luke the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read. After the reading*

P The Gospel of the Lord

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE ~ Bound to be Free**

Rev. Ela J. Robertson



## HYMN ~ Lord, You Give the Great Commission

WOV # 756

## 756 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the Word." Lest the Church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the Gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty.  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

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**\*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 ~ *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.*

**\*THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us extend the Peace of Christ to those here and beyond the walls of the  
sanctuary into the world.

**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.



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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, 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.

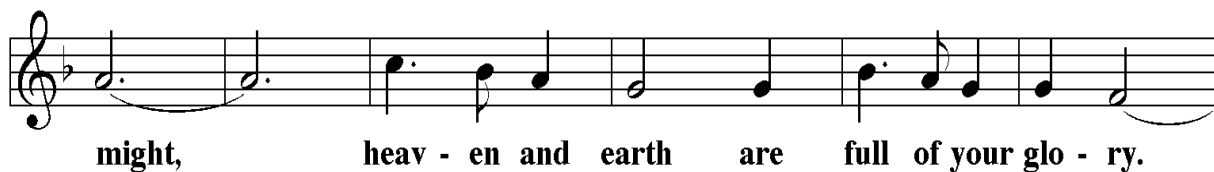
C **And also with you.**

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 our thanks and praise**



## **\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion we may know  
the unity we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C **Amen**

## **\*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 is 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 for ever. Amen**

## **COMMUNION**

### **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 all are seated)*

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

**C Amen.**

**( We Omit Lamb of God)**

# **\*CANTICLE**

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -

one what God has done. Let all who seek the

Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and

lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C** Amen

## **BLESSING**

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

**C** Amen

**\*SENDING SONG ~ *God Bless America***

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,  
let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.  
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, as we  
raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God Bless America, land that I love.  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam.  
God Bless America, my home sweet home.  
God Bless America, my home sweet home.

**\*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:** Joy Byler; **Lay Reader:** Deb French

**Altar Care:** Carolyn Conner and Brenda Boring

**Sound:** Jay Byler

**Next Sunday, July 10**

**Greeters:** Bob and Susan Keller; **Lay Reader:** Ken Wyland

**Altar Care:** Carolyn Conner and Brenda Boring

**Sound:** Joe Kanagy

**Church Office:** 935-2032; **Email us at** [secretary@stjohnsbelleveille.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsbelleveille.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.*

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Jay and Joy Byler in honor of their grandchildren,  
Miley, Elliana, Kayden and Easton.

Please remember in prayer ~ Esther Fultz, 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 July 24 speaker will be ELCA missionary to Liberia, Brian Palmer. An excellent book on the history of Liberia was made available to pastors at Synod Assembly. Two copies are available to browse or read to get a little more background on the country and people that Brian and members of our church - Joe Kanagy and others - have been so dedicated to. One copy will be in the Narthex and one in the blue room. Feel free to borrow or browse while you're at church.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**St. John's Safety Concerns/Actions ~ EFFECTIVE TODAY**

Council held a special meeting on Sunday, June 26 following worship to discuss concerns from several members, as the frequency of shootings and other forms of violence in churches, schools and public buildings continue to escalate.

After some discussion, it was decided that all doors of the church will now be locked once the service has begun. The coded doors will continue to remain locked, and the side door leading into the coatroom will now be locked as well.

**All members are asked to either enter through the front doors of the church or use the code to enter in the back.** We will be asking the greeter(s) to remain in the narthex until 9:35am and be responsible to lock the front door before coming up to worship.

**Following the service, you are asked to please exit through the coded doors or the single door by the coatroom, as they all lock behind you.**

We will be working on trying to find a better way to deal with this, but for the time being we are asking for your patience and cooperation. Our first concern is the safety of our members and guests. If you have any suggestions on how this situation could be handled differently, please contact a council member.

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

January 1 thru June 28, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 28    Offering ~ \$1,550.00

St. John's ~ Income \$92,795.10      Expense \$81,548.83

Net Income \$11,246.27

Daycare ~ Income \$178,166.55      Expense \$171,062.19

Net Income \$7,104.36