

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



**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 17, 2021**

**PRELUDE  
WELCOME  
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 ~ *Jesus Loves Even Me*

90 **Jesus Loves Even Me** P. P. B. P. P. BLISS

1. I am so glad that our Fa - ther in heav'n Tells of His  
 2. Tho' I for - get Him and wan - der a - way, Still He doth  
 3. Oh, if there's on - ly one song I can sing, When in His

love in the Book He has giv'n, Won - der - ful things in the  
 love me wher - ev - er I stray; Back to His dear lov - ing  
 beau - ty I see the great King, This shall my song in e -

Bi - ble I see; This is the dear - est, that Je - sus loves me.  
 arms would I flee, When I re - mem - ber that Je - sus loves me.  
 ter - ni - ty be: "Oh, what a won - der that Je - sus loves me."

**CHORUS**

I am so glad that Je - sus loves me, Je - sus loves me, Je - sus loves me,  
 I am so glad that Je - sus loves me, Je - sus loves e - ven me.

**\*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.**

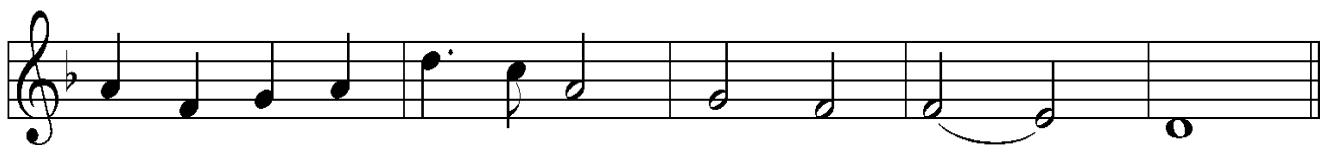
**\*KYRIE**



**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;



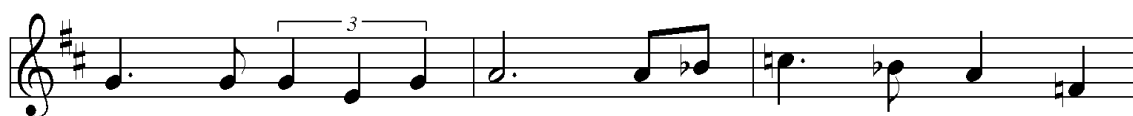
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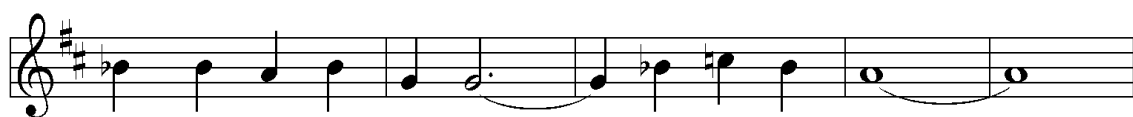
Ⅱ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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



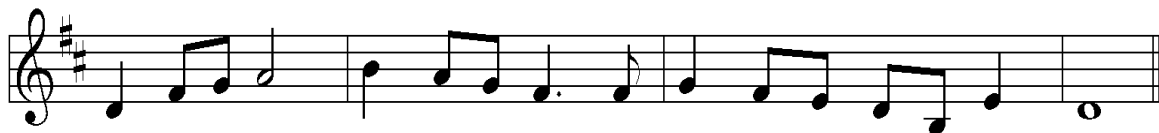
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



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...

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest.  
Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may  
treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

**THE LESSONS**

First Lesson ~ A reading from Genesis 18:1-10

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15 ~ *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 Colossians 1:15-28

*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 ~ Pastor Randy Traxler**

HYMN ~ *In My Heart There Rings a Melody*

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**In My Heart There Rings a Melody**

E. M. R.

ELTON M. ROTH



1. I have a song that Je - sus gave me, It was sent from
2. I love the Christ who died on Cal - v'ry, For He washed my
3. 'Twill be my end - less theme in glo - ry, With the an - gels



heav'n a - bove; There nev - er was a sweet - er mel - o - dy, 'Tis a  
 sins a - way; He put with - in my heart a mel - o - dy, And I  
 I will sing; 'Twill be a song with glo - rious har - mo - ny, When the



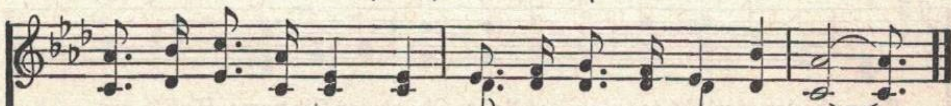
## CHORUS



mel - o - dy of love.  
 know it's there to stay. In my heart there rings a mel - o - dy, There  
 courts of heav - en ring.



rings a mel - o - dy with heav - en's har - mo - ny; In my heart there



rings a mel - o - dy; There rings a mel - o - dy of love.



**\*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.

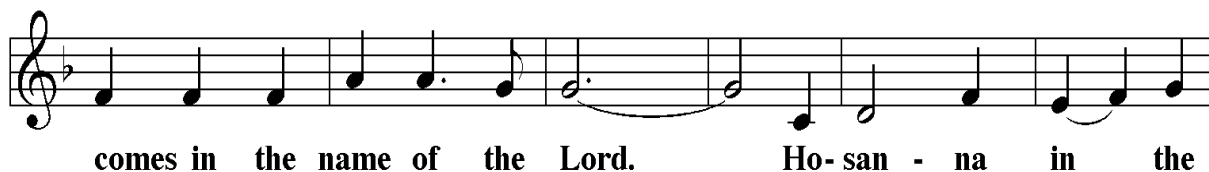
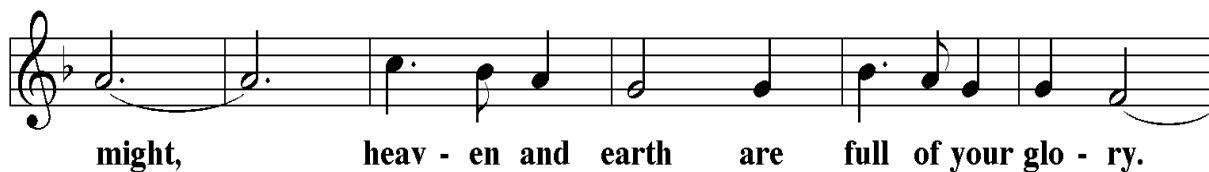
C **And also with you.**

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 ~ *Make Me a Blessing*

**8** **Make Me a Blessing**  
 IRA B. WILSON *Slowly* To the Moody Memorial Church Choir GEORGE S. SCHULER

1. Out in the high-ways and by-ways of life, Man - y are  
 2. Tell the sweet sto - ry of Christ and His love, Tell of His  
 3. Give as 'twas giv - en to you in your need, Love as the

wea - ry and sad; . . . . . Car - ry the sunshine where darkness is rife,  
 are wea - ry and sad;  
 pow'r to for - give; . . . . . Oth - ers will trust Him if on - ly you prove  
 His pow'r to for - give;  
 Mas - ter loved you; . . . . . Be to the help-less a help - er in - deed,  
 the Mas - ter loved you;

*rit.* CHORUS Men or Unison  
 Mak - ing the sor - row - ing glad. . . .  
 True, ev - 'ry mo - ment you live. . . . . Make me a bless - ing,  
 Un - to your mis - sion be true. . . . .

Women  
 Make me a bless - ing, Out of my life . . . . may Je -  
 Out of my life  
 Men

*rit.* Unison Women  
 sus shine; . . . . . Make me a bless - ing, O Sav - ior,

Parts *ad lib.*  
 I pray, . . . . . Make me a bless - ing to some one to - day.  
 I pray Thee, my Sav - ior,  
 Tenors

**\*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**

**Greeters:** Ken and Nancy Wyland; **Lay Reader:** Ken Wyland

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

**Sound:** Jay Byler

**Next Sunday, July 24**

**Greeter:** Edna Chester; **Lay Reader:** John Chester

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

**Sound:** Jay Byler

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

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Jami Zook in honor of her mother, Reba Harmon,  
“Happy Birthday!”

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), Pastor Kramm, Don Wolfe, Carol Yoder (VVH).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ela is taking time off for Continuing Ed and vacation through August 11. We welcome Pastor Randy Traxler as our guest speaker this morning. He has served as a Methodist minister for ten years and as a hospice chaplain. During the week his ministry also includes serving as a case worker for the visually impaired at NuVisions.

More information on the other guest pastors can be found in the July/August newsletter. Be sure to attend, welcome our guests and connect with our brothers and sisters in Christ in other denominations and worshipping environments around the world.

Next Sunday, our 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.

We have several pastors covering for emergency care the next few weeks. Please contact the church office (2032), Kelly at home (2697) or council president Carol Fultz (H 935-0140, Cell 348-1777), if you have a need.

There will be a Property Committee meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30pm in the library.

Gabe Clark (son of Erica Hargenrader) and Kaden Peachey (grandson of Jay and Joy Byler) will be attending Mt Luther for a few days this week. Please keep them and the other campers, as well as the staff in your prayers.

The annual daycare yard sale is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9 and Wednesday, August 10. 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.

Its Liberia Tuition Sponsorship time and Joe Kanagy will be in the narthex with student profiles this morning and the next few weeks. If you are not already, please consider becoming a new sponsor in the program. YOU can make the difference in the life of one of these children.

**St. John's Safety Concerns/Actions ~ Reminder!**

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.**

**There is still opportunity to donate items for the cargo container to Liberia and help those in need.** Boxes are located in the coatroom area and the narthex. **Last date to donate is Sunday, July 24.**

**Outreach Liberia Donations**

Deodorant, Shampoo, Bar soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes for adults and children

Multivitamins, Band-Aids, gauze, tape, cotton swabs, anti-bacterial ointment, digital thermometers, eye drops, and tweezers, alcohol wipes, or you can purchase a readymade First Aid kit

Socks, underwear and flip flops for adults and children

Pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, backpacks, black composition books

Non perishable food items ~ pasta, powdered milk, canned meat, cereals, oatmeal, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, etc.  
(please be sure the food purchased **is not** close to the expiration date)

January 1 thru July 14, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 22    Offering ~ \$1,115.00

St. John's ~ Income \$96,768.92      Expense \$92,567.32  
Net Income \$4,201.60

Daycare ~ Income \$191,382.02      Expense \$183,780.01  
Net Income \$7,602.01