

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



**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2022**

**PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*GATHERING SONG ~ *The Church in the Wildwood***The Church in the Wildwood**

1. There's a church in the val - ley by the wild - wood, No love - li - er spot
 2. Oh, come to the church in the wild - wood, To the trees where the wild
 3. From the church in the val - ley by the wild - wood, When day fades a - way

in the dale; No place is so dear to my child - hood
 flow - ers bloom; Where the part - ing so dear to my child - hood
 in - to night, I will fain from this spot of my child - hood

Chorus

As the lit - tle brown church in the vale.
 We will weep by the side of the tomb. Oh, come, come, come, come,
 Wing my way to the man - sions of light.

Come to the church in the wild - - - wood, Oh
 come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come,

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come, come, come, come, come, come, come, No

spot is so dear to my child - hood As the lit - tle brown church in the vale.

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

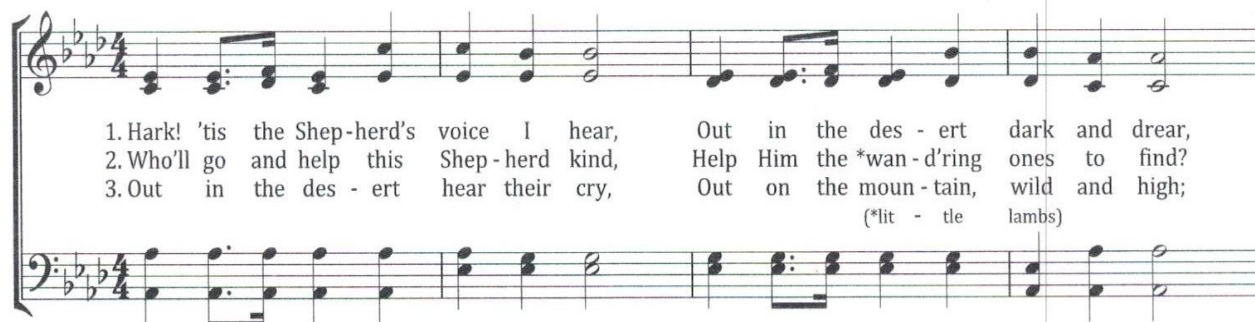
P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

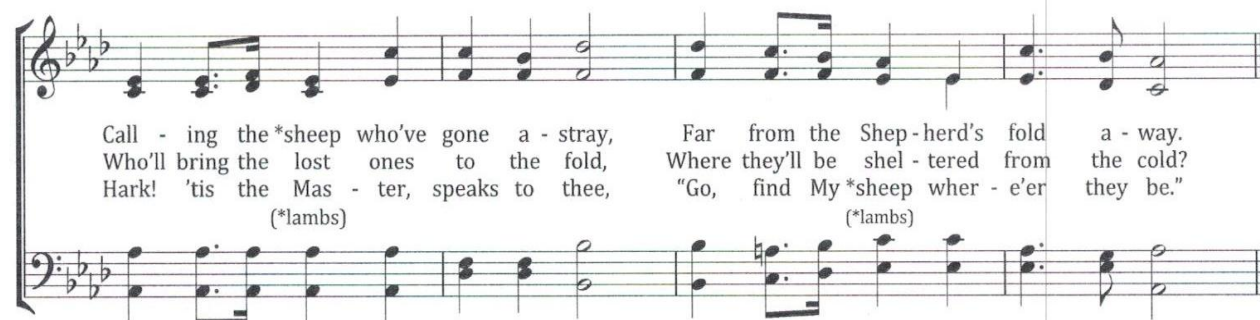
P Let us pray...

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL HYMN ~ *Bring Them In* Please remain seated

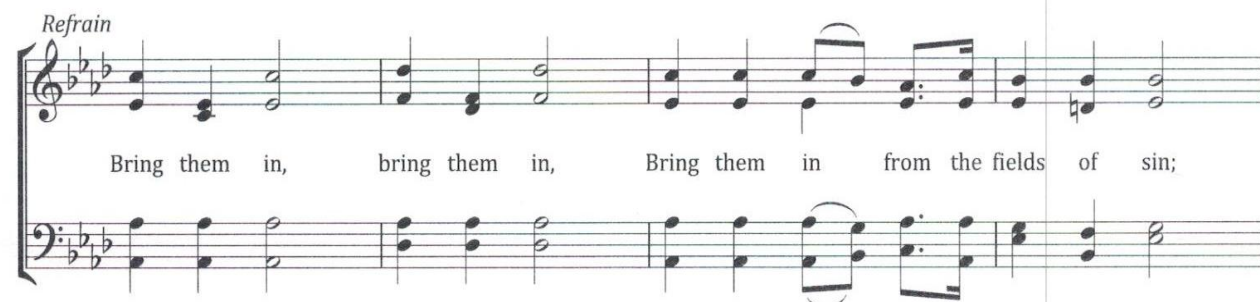


1. Hark! 'tis the Shep-herd's voice I hear, Out in the des - ert dark and drear,
 2. Who'll go and help this Shep-herd kind, Help Him the *wan - d'ring ones to find?
 3. Out in the des - ert hear their cry, Out on the moun - tain, wild and high;
 (*lit - tle lambs)

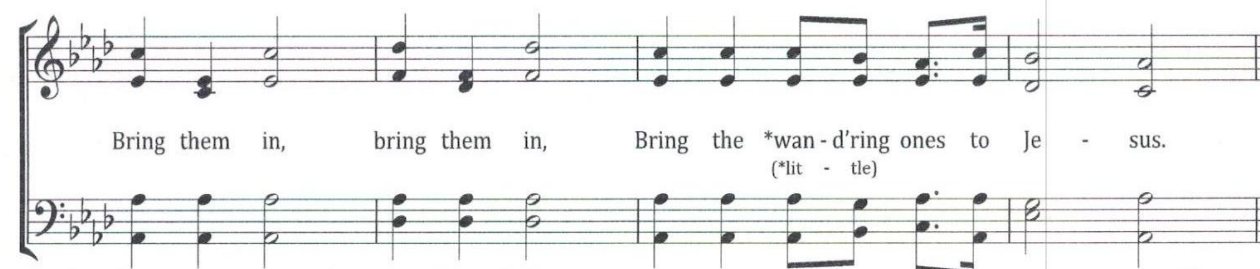


Call - ing the *sheep who've gone a - stray, Far from the Shep-herd's fold a - way.
 Who'll bring the lost ones to the fold, Where they'll be shel - tered from the cold?
 Hark! 'tis the Mas - ter, speaks to thee, "Go, find My *sheep wher - e'er they be."
 (*lambs) (*lambs)

Refrain



Bring them in, bring them in, Bring them in from the fields of sin;



Bring them in, bring them in, Bring the *wan - d'ring ones to Je - sus.
 (*lit - tle)

***GOSPEL READING**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

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

After the reading

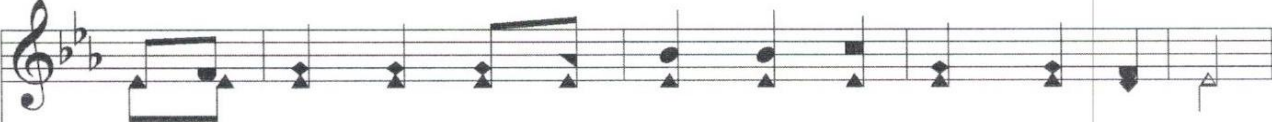
P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

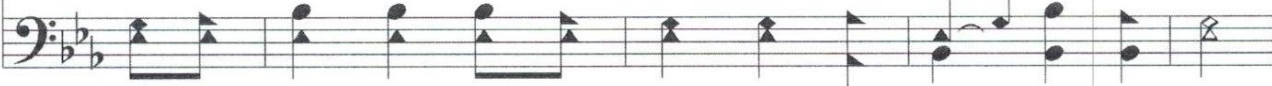
HYMN ~ When He Cometh Please remain seated




1. When He com - eth, when He com - eth To make up His jew - els;
 2. He will gath - er, He will gath - er The gems for His king - dom,
 3. Lit - tle chil - dren, lit - tle chil - dren Who love their Re - deem - er

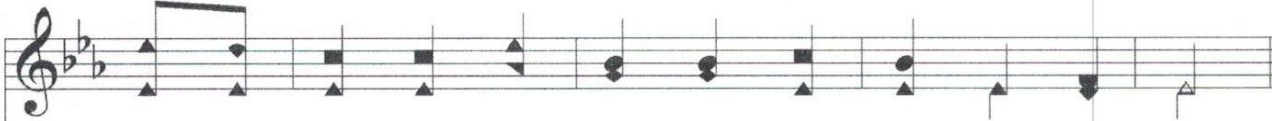
All His jew - els, pre - cious jew - els, His loved and His own.
 All the pure ones, all the bright ones, His loved and His own.
 Are the jew - els, pre - cious jew - els, His loved and His own.



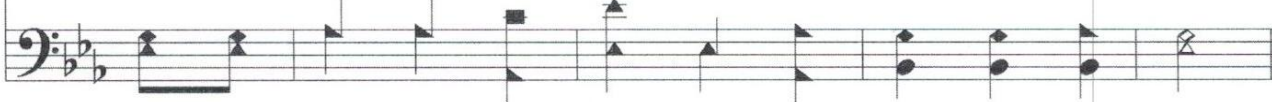
Chorus



Like the stars of the morn - ing, His bright crown a - dorn - ing,

They shall shine in their beau - ty, Bright gems for His crown.



MESSAGE ~ Pastor Randy Traxler

HYMN ~ Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Please remain seated

1. Je - sus walked this lone-some val - ley, He had to
 2. We must walk this lone-some val - ley, We have to
 3. You must go and stand your tri - al, You have to

walk it by Him - self; O, no-bod-y else could walk it
 walk it by our - selves; O, no-bod-y else can walk it
 stand it by your - self, O, no-bod-y else can stand it

for Him, He had to walk it by Him - self.
 for us, We have to walk it by our - selves.
 for you, You have to stand it by your - self.

***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** ~ *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYERS of the PEOPLE** ~ *Found in Celebrate*

P Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

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 SONGS ~ Verse 2 of *Do Lord* on next page

Do Lord

Bible Song

Joyfully 1

Piano *mf*

I've got a home in glo - ry land that out-shines the sun,

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I've got a home in glo - ry land that out - shines the sun,

I've got a home in glo - ry land that out - shines the sun, Look a -

way be - yond the blue.

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music. The first system includes a tempo marking 'Joyfully' and a first ending bracket. The second system is a repeat of the first. The third system continues the melody and includes the lyrics 'Look a -'. The fourth system concludes the phrase with 'way be - yond the blue.' and features a sustained bass line with chords.

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Do Lord, oh, do, Lord, oh, do re-mem-ber me,

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do re-mem-ber me.

Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh, do re-mem-ber me, Look a -

way be - yond the blue.

Verse 2

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too,
 I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too,
 I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too,
 Look away beyond the blue.
 Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,
 Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,
 Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me,
 Look away beyond the blue.

God Be with You till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again;
By his counsels guide, uphold you;
With his sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet,
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

***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; **Sound:** Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, August 7

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

Sound: Ed Bilich

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.*

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Jami Zook and Mike Boring in honor of
their children and grandchildren.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ela continues to take time off for vacation through August 11. This morning, we welcome back Pastor Randy Traxler. Pastor Richard Nyakaana of Uganda will be with us next Sunday. His bio was included in the July/August newsletter. Thank you to Gwen Hornberger for helping to lead the services these last three weeks.

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.

The annual daycare yard sale is scheduled for next Tuesday, August 9 and Wednesday, August 10. We have been blessed with a nice selection of items, but could use more. 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 again this morning. 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.

Located in the narthex/elevator is the latest *Lutheran Message* booklet. Not to be confused with the "Living Lutheran" magazine.

The Lutheran Message is provided free of charge to Lutheran churches across the US. It is not affiliated with the ELCA or any synod. Their purpose is to provide inspirational and uplifting articles and poems for all who share the Lutheran "family name".

Please pick up a copy for yourself and others who may enjoy reading one.

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.

January 1 thru July 27, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 23 Offering ~ \$2,130.00

St. John's ~ Income \$100,268.92 Expense \$93,956.74
Net Income \$6,312.18

Daycare ~ Income \$198,999.85 Expense \$196,142.00
Net Income \$2,857.85