

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



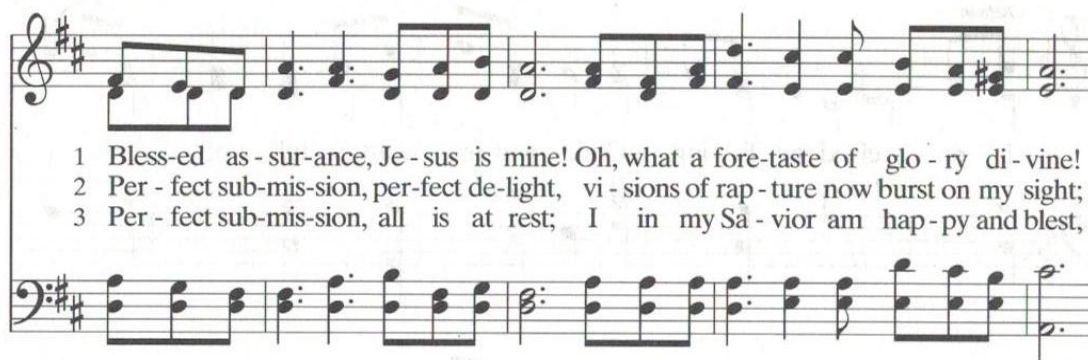
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 2022**

**PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

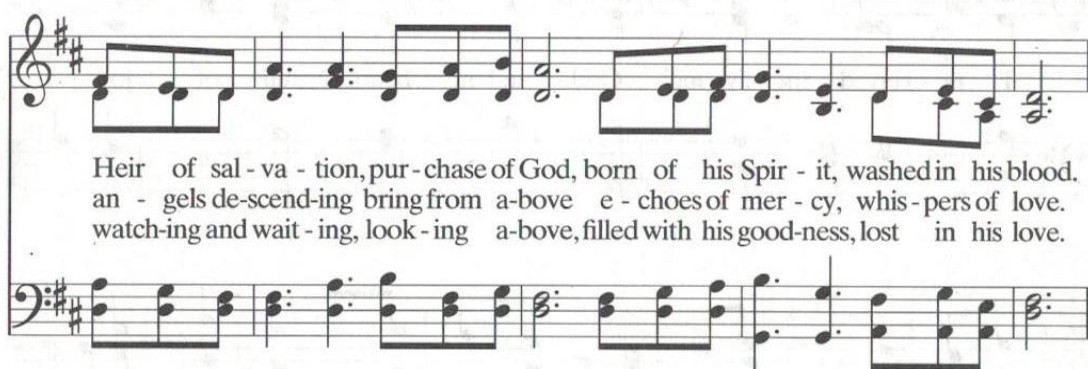
*GATHERING SONG ~ *Blessed Assurance*

Blessed Assurance

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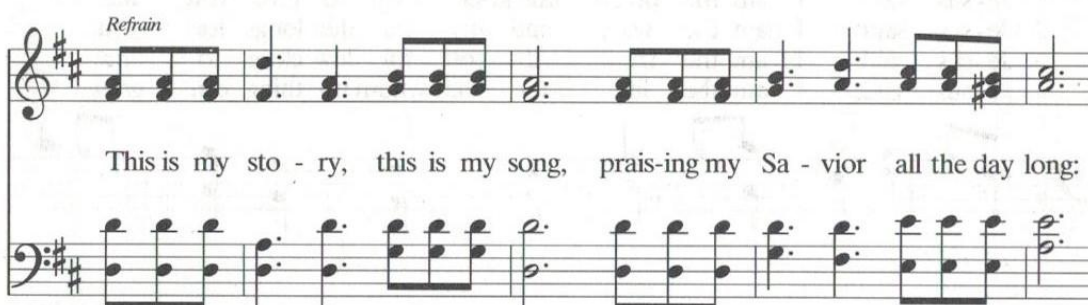


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sa-vior am hap-py and blest,

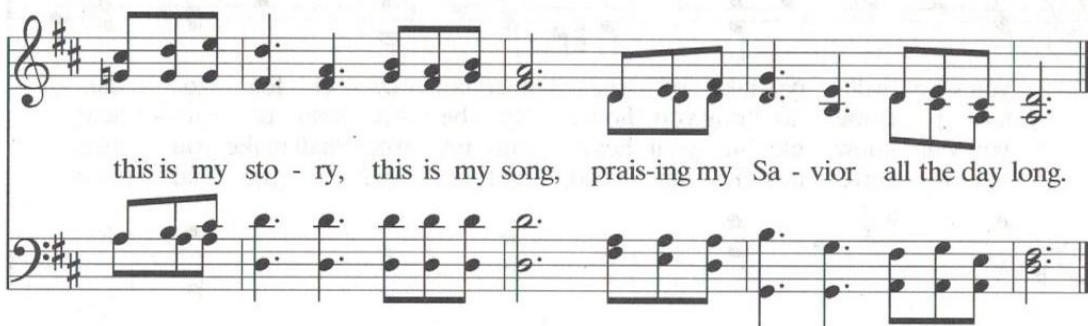


Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove e-choes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long.

***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.



☐ 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.



☐ 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...

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.

Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Genesis 15:1-6

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22 ~ *read responsively*

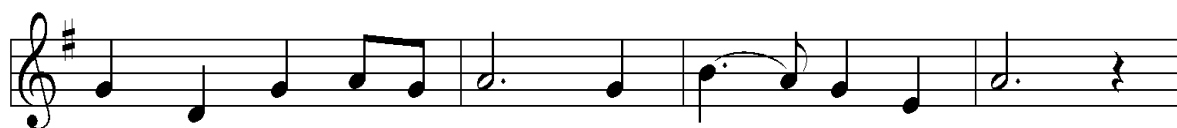
Second Lesson ~ A reading from Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



☒ 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 12th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE ~ Pastor Richard Nyakaana

HYMN ~ *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

WITNESS

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*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**Here I Am, Lord*

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

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Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
 call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
 lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

G Em Am⁷ G C Am G C D

D G Gsus⁴ G C G

Am⁷ G C D G Gsus⁴ G

C G Am⁷ D G Gsus⁴ G

***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**

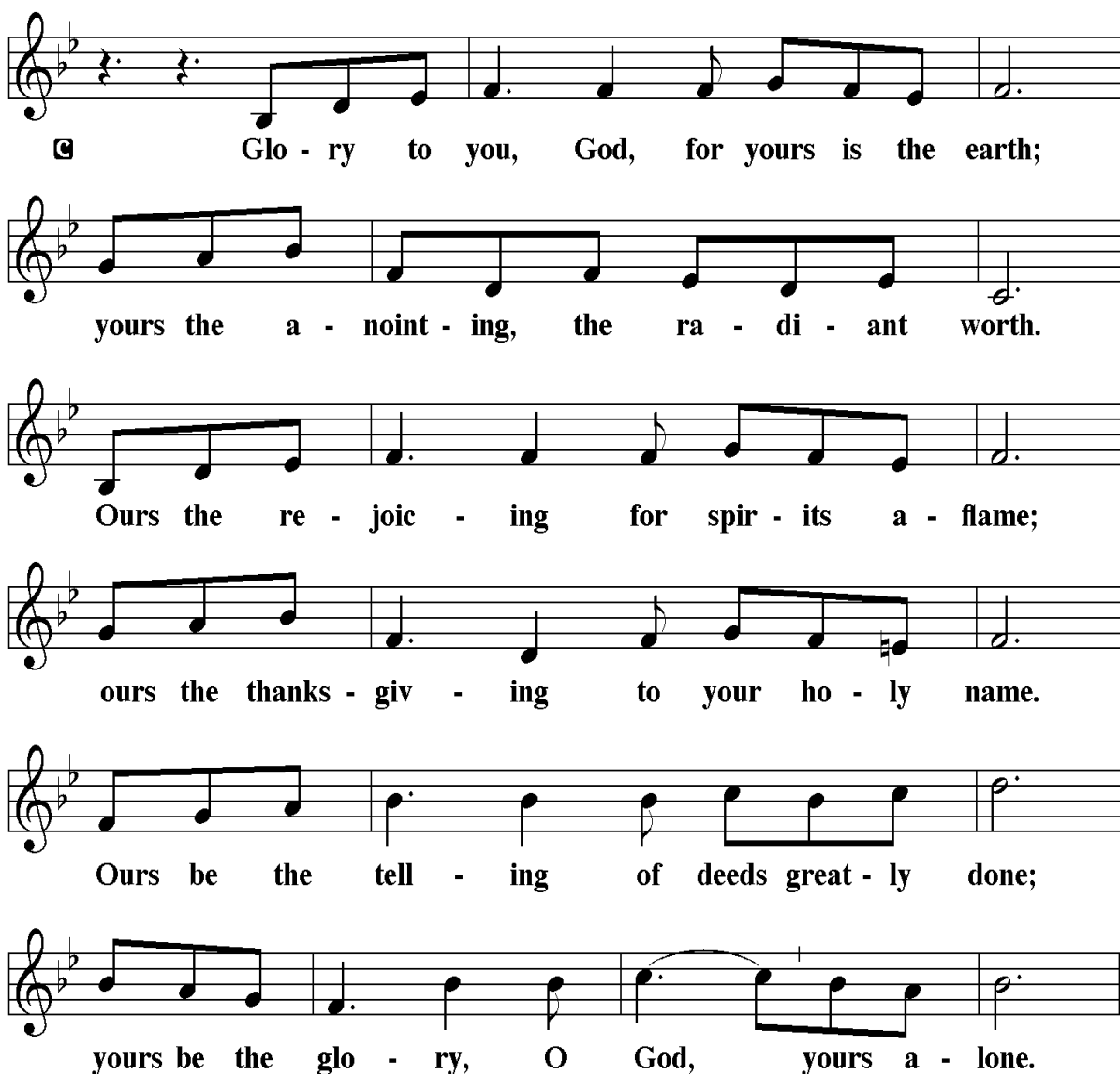
P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

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 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 SONG ~ *Count Your Blessings

HOPE, COMFORT

When upon Life's Billows*Count Your Blessings***173**


1 When up - on life's bil - lows you are tem - pest - toss'd,
 2 Are you ev - er bur - den'd with a load of care?
 3 When you look at oth - ers with their lands and gold,
 4 So, a - mid the con - flict, wheth - er great or small,



when you are dis - cour - aged, think - ing all is lost,
 Does the cross seem heav - y you are called to bear?
 think that Christ has prom - ised you his wealth un - told;
 do not be dis - heart - en'd, God is o - ver all;



count your man - y bless - ings, name them one by one,
 Count your man - y bless - ings, ev - 'ry doubt will fly,
 count your man - y bless - ings, wealth can nev - er buy
 count your man - y bless - ings, an - gels will at - tend,



and it will sur - prise you what the Lord has done.
 and you will keep sing - ing as the days go by.
 your re - ward in heav - en, nor your home on high.
 help and com - fort give you to your jour - ney's end.

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Refrain

Count your bless-ings, name them one by one;

Count your man - y bless - ings, name them one by one;

count your bless-ings, see what God has done!

count your man - y bless - ings, see what God has done!

Count your bless-ings, name them one by one;

Count your man - y bless - ings,

and it will sur - prise you what the Lord has done.

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

Sound: Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, August 14

Greeters: John and Brenda Boring; **Lay Reader:** John Boring

Sound: Joe Kanagy; **Altar Care:** Joy Byler

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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 Nancy Penepacker in memory of Marie and Fred Erb,
on their wedding anniversary.

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

This morning, we welcome Pastor Richard Nyakaana of Uganda, as our guest speaker. His bio was included in the July/August newsletter. Thank you to Ed Bilich for leading the service.

Pastor Ela continues to take time off for vacation through this Thursday, August 11. We have several pastors covering for emergencies. 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 being held this Tuesday and Wednesday. Please come and check out the nice selection of donations we received, you may find something!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Liberia Tuition Sponsorship program. Joe still has a few profiles available. If you are interested in becoming a new sponsor, please talk with him following the service.

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 continue to be locked during 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 August 3, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 24 Offering ~ \$1,685.00

St. John's ~ Income \$109,252.42 Expense \$103,292.22

Net Income \$5,960.20

Daycare ~ Income \$203,793.05 Expense \$207,016.80

Net Income -\$3,223.75*

(Net income figure is result of ARPA grant received in 2021/22 spending)