

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



Jesus Healing the Woman on the Sabbath is a painting by Melani Pyke

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 21, 2021**

**PRELUDE
WELCOME**

This is the time of the year when we get a few cooler days woven in with the heat of summer, when we begin to feel the tides pulling us towards fall and winter. Our lectionary readings through this time remain pretty heated too. Jesus continues impassioned entreaties and questions as he speaks to his disciples and wakes up the crowds to what his presence means and will demand of them. Let us be nourished by God's good creation in these end of summer days as we renew our own discipleship.

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 ~ *Eat This Bread

WOV # 709

Eat This Bread 709

Text: John 6; adapt. Robert Batastini, b. 1942, and the Taizé Community
 Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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***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;



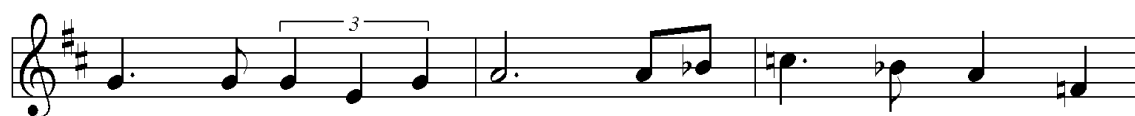
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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



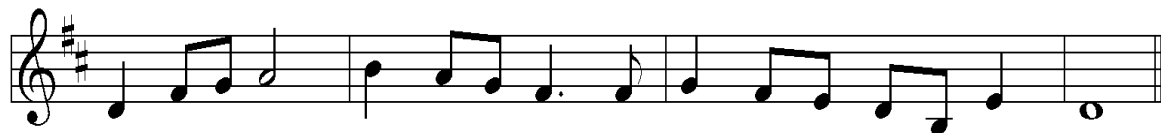
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Isaiah 58:9-14

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-8 ~ *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.

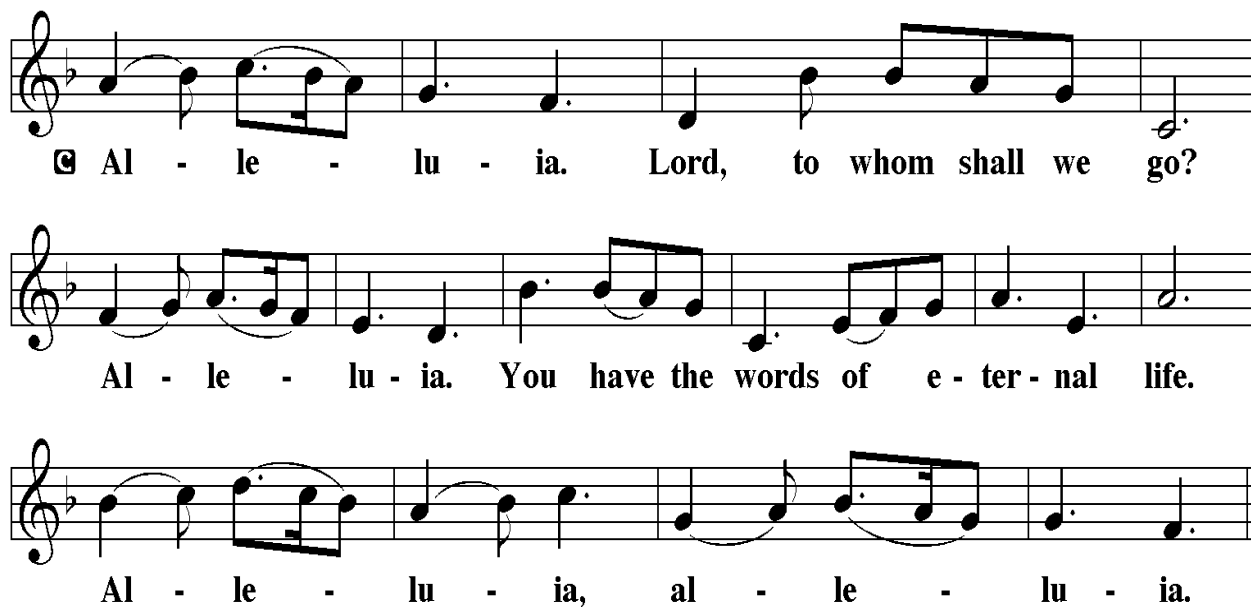
Second Lesson ~ A reading from Hebrews 12:18-29

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 13th 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

HYMN ~ *Blessed Assurance*

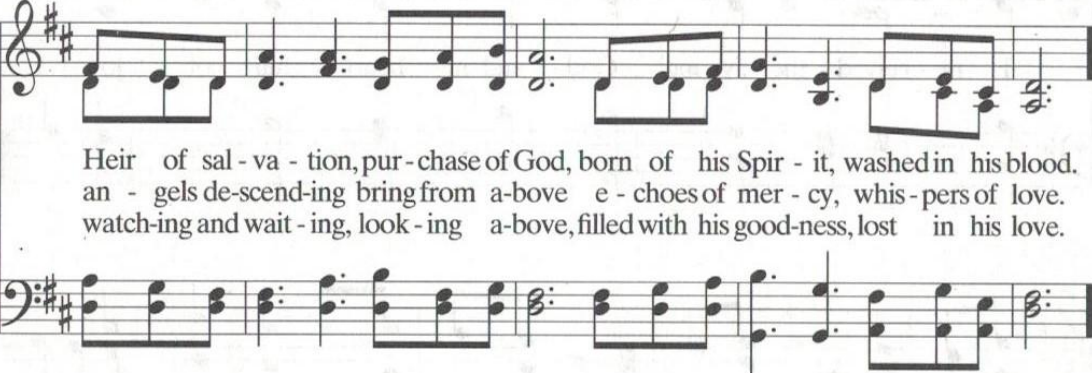
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Blessed Assurance

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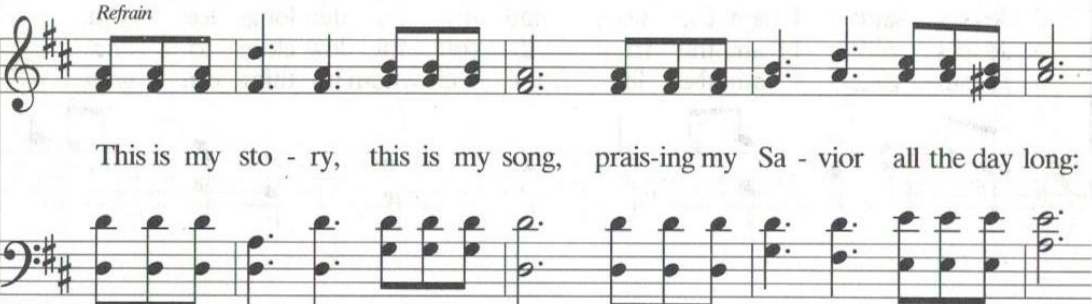


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sa-vior am hap-py and blest,

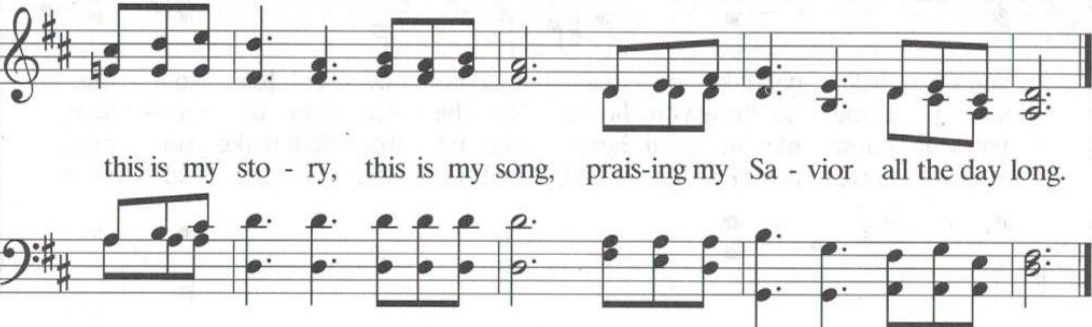


Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove e-choes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

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.

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

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.

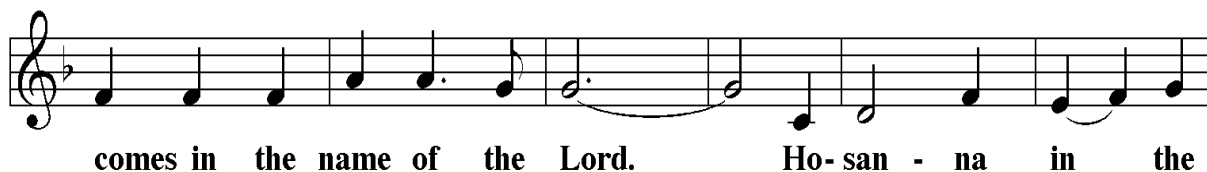
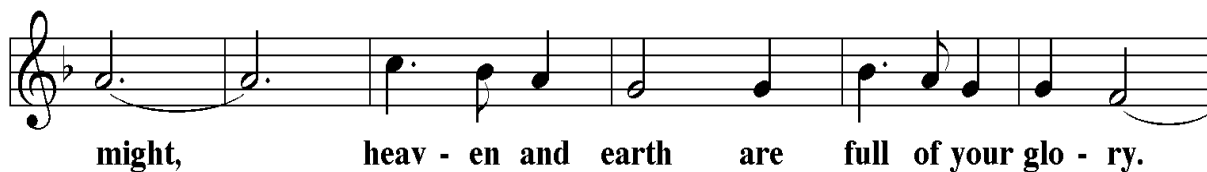
C **And also with you.**

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 ~ Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

WOV # 721

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

Organist: Bryan Jones

Today

Greeters: Jim and Georgianna Buchanan; **Lay Reader:** Jim Buchanan

Altar Care: Joy Byler

Sound: Jay Byler

Next Sunday, August 28

Greeter: Nancy Penepacker and Gabriel Clark; **Lay Reader:** Erica Hargenrader

Altar Care: Joy Byler

Sound: Jay Byler

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 in St. John's are given to the Glory of God
by Ed and Cindy Bilich in memory of Agnes Bilich.

Please remember in prayer ~ Fred Rodgers (father of Steve Rodgers),
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).

Families of Carolyn Malone, Vicki Wyland and Clark Peachey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raystown Country's Gospel Music Celebration is being held this Saturday, August 27 at the Allensville Fire Company. The program begins at 6:30pm and features The Detty Sister and Gloryway Quartet. Admission is free. For more information contact 814-643-0536.

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 will all lock behind you.

Divorce Care (DC) and DC4Kids

DC (Divorce Care) for adults and DC4K are support groups that meets weekly for 13 weeks to help adults and children recover from the pain of separation and divorce. Participants experience a warm, caring environment led by people who care and want to help attendees find healing and wholeness in the midst of their circumstances. The next DC and DC4K groups kick off in Mifflin County on Monday, September 12, 2022, in two locations including New Life Church in Burnham and Locust Grove Church in Belleville. For more information or to register at New Life Church call or text 717-250-6852. For information or to register at Locust Grove Church call or text 717-247-4915 or 717-437-4946. DC4K groups are limited to 8-10 children.

January 1 thru August 17, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 28 Offering ~ \$1,480.00

St. John's ~ Income \$111,976.22 Expense \$106,539.19

Net Income \$5,437.03

Daycare ~ Income \$213,120.45 Expense \$219,761.15

Net Income -\$6,640.70*

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