St. John's Lutheran Church Belleville, PA



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 28, 2022

PRELUDE WELCOME

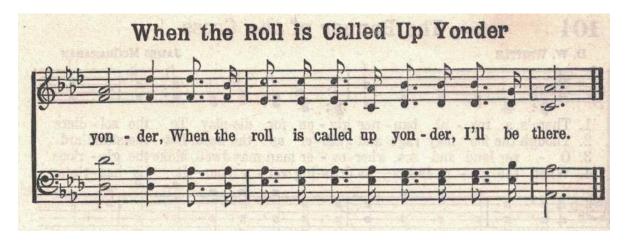
Welcome on this twelfth Sunday of Pentecost, the last Sunday of August. We gather to sing old favorites and hear new songs of hope and healing as we find our place at Christ's banquet and rejoice in the fellowship of the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING SONG ~ When the Roll is Called Up Yonder



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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.
- 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.

*PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray...

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Proverbs 25:6-7

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112 ~ with response

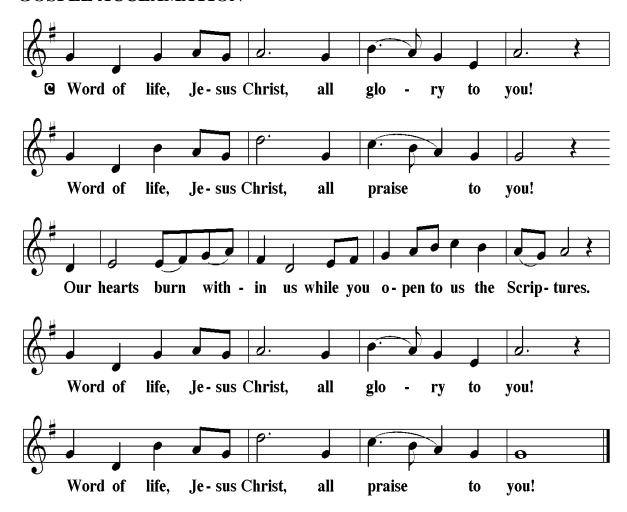
The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, people join to sing response, then as psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.

Second Lesson ~ A reading from Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

 After the reading
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

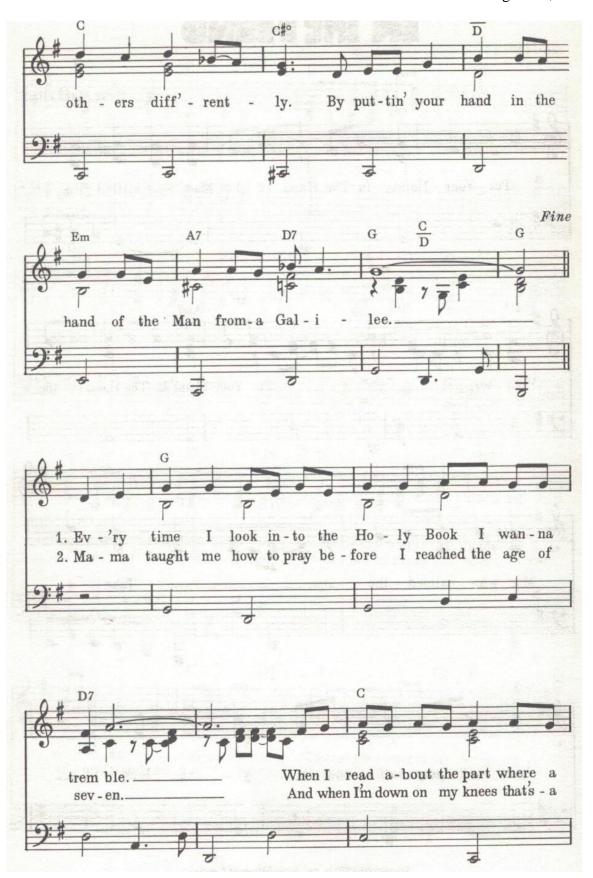
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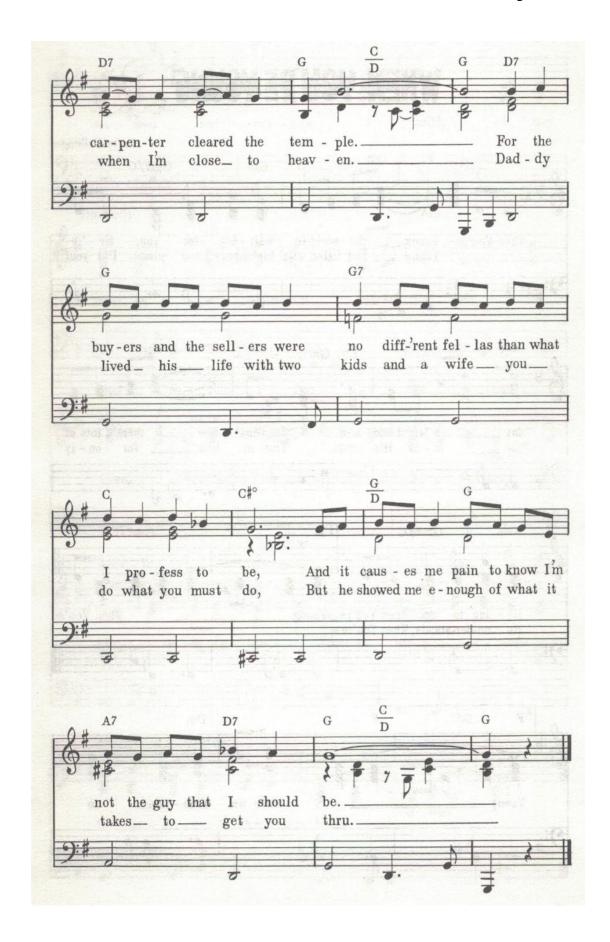
MESSAGE

HYMN ~ Put Your Hand in the Hand



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*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.

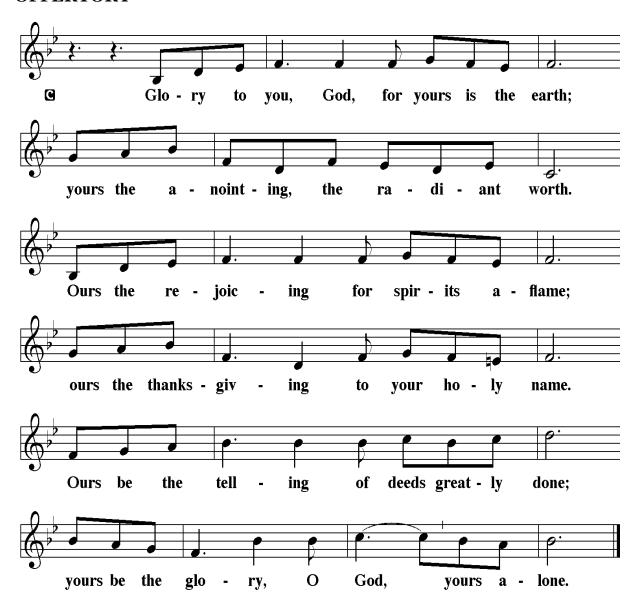
- P Gracious God,
- C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.
 Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*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



*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 ~ God Be with You till We Meet Again

SENDING



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

Altar Care: Joy Byler

Sound: Jay Byler

Next Sunday, September 4

Greeter: Jane Fultz; Lay Reader: Carolyn Conner

Altar Care: Carol Fultz

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 in St. John's are given to the Glory of God by Jim and Georgianna Buchanan in honor of Beth's birthday.

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

FROM the PASTOR

A special thanks to Bryan Jones for his quick study and wonderful organ music while Susie was in Korea. We wish him well on his final year of his doctorate at Penn State.

Thank you to all who assisted with making Carolyn Malone's memorial a meaningul gathering and celebration for all.

Answer these questions for yourself and for the October newsletter: (Kelly would need it by Sunday, September 18).

How and where did you enjoy God's good creation this summer? Were you surprised by moments when it just felt God was speaking to you?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After taking a break during July and August, council will resume meeting on Thursday, September 8 at 6:30pm.

The Knotters, who also took a break for the summer, will gather together again, this Thursday, September 1 at 9:30am.

The adult Sunday school class has not met since the COVID church closure in March of 2020. Michele Harshbarger has agreed to lead the sessions, which will begin in the next few weeks. More information can be found in the September newsletter, which will be available in member mailboxes next Tuesday, for those persons who do not receive it by email.

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.

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.

January 1 thru August 24, 2022 Last week's attendance ~ 22 Offering ~ \$1,265.00

St. John's ~ Income \$112,391.98 Expense \$107,296.79 Net Income \$5,095.19

Daycare ~ Income \$215,619.25 Expense \$222,261.15 Net Income -\$6,641.90 (Net income figure is result of ARPA grant (received in 2021/22) spending)