

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



**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 18, 2022**

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Welcome on this mid-September day, the 15th Sunday after Pentecost. As we begin to celebrate the fall harvest we are confronted with the temptation to hoard and use prosperity for our benefit. Let us instead take the opportunity to humbly praise God for all we have because He lives. We welcome Lisa Griffith who will lift this message for us in song.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN ~ *Take My Life, that I May Be*

LBW # 406

# Take My Life, that I May Be

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1 Take my life, that I may be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 It shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 At thy feet its treasure store;  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for thee.

**\*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.

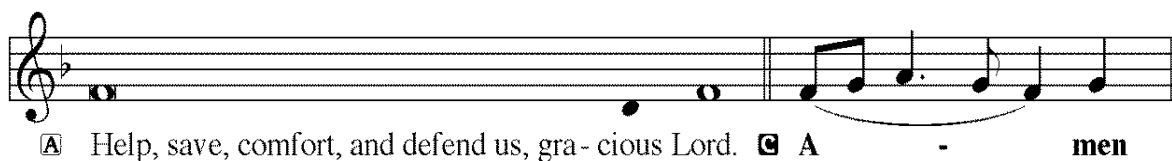
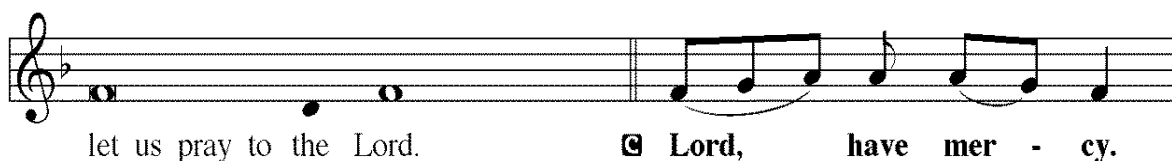
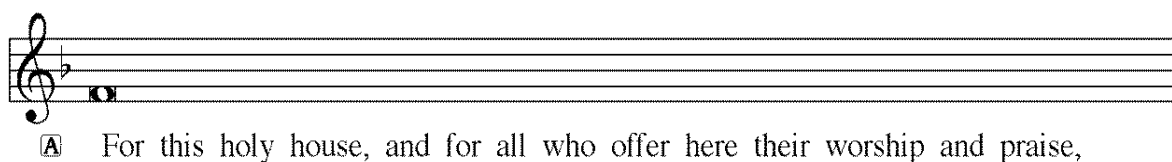
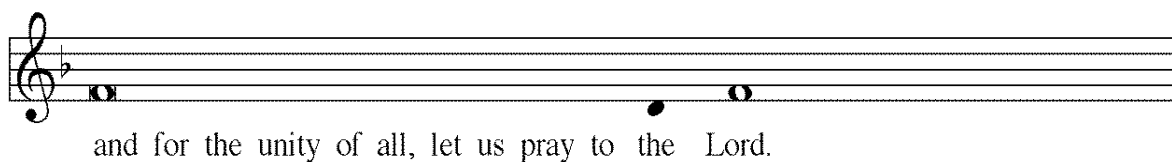
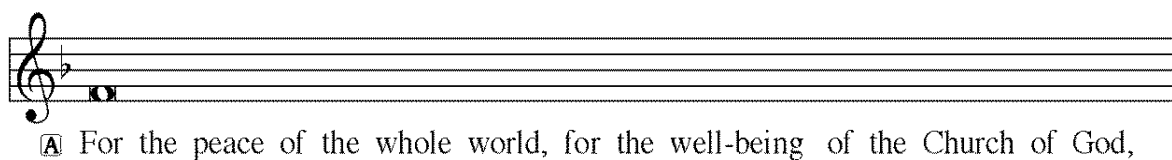
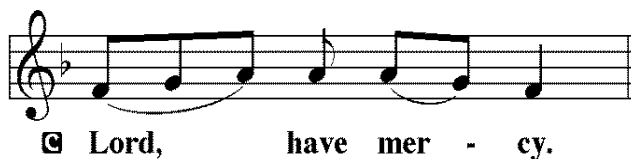
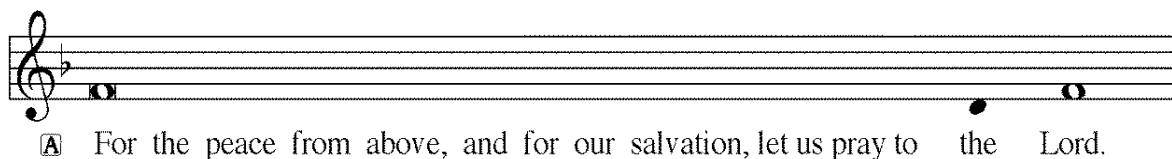
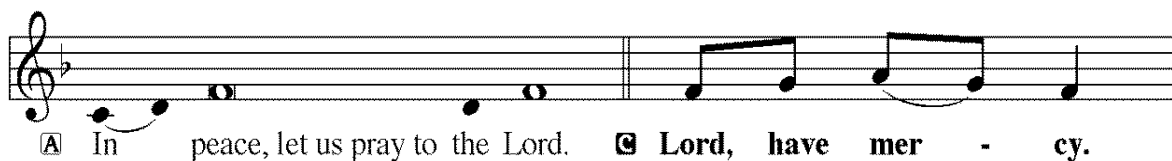
C **Amen**

**\*GREETING**

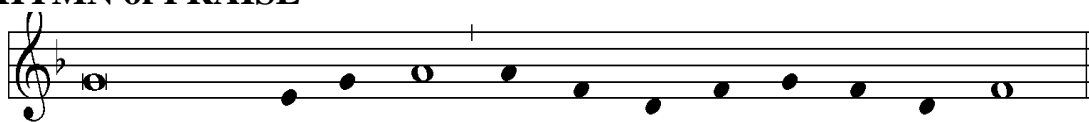
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**



**\*HYMN of PRAISE**



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**B** 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.



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.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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

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



P Let us pray...

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. Amen.

**LESSONS**

First Lesson ~ A reading from Amos 8:4-7

P The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

\*Psalm 113 ~ *with response*

*The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, congregation sings together 1x. As psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.*

\*Second Lesson ~ A reading from 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

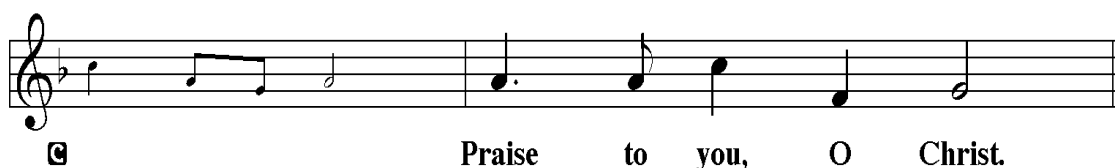


\*Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter:



*After the reading*

P The Gospel of the Lord



## MESSAGE

**SPECIAL MUSIC** ~ *Because He Lives* by William Gaither

Lisa Griffith

## \*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 ~ See Celebrate**

P As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

**\*PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

**PRAYER before OFFERING**

Holy God, our offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully offer these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May these gifts help unburden us of unnecessary wealth that distracts us from You. May they help unburden those with the heaviest of loads and provide witness to the Good News of the gospel. **Amen**

**OFFERING** ~ you may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews.

**\*OFFERTORY**

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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.



**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

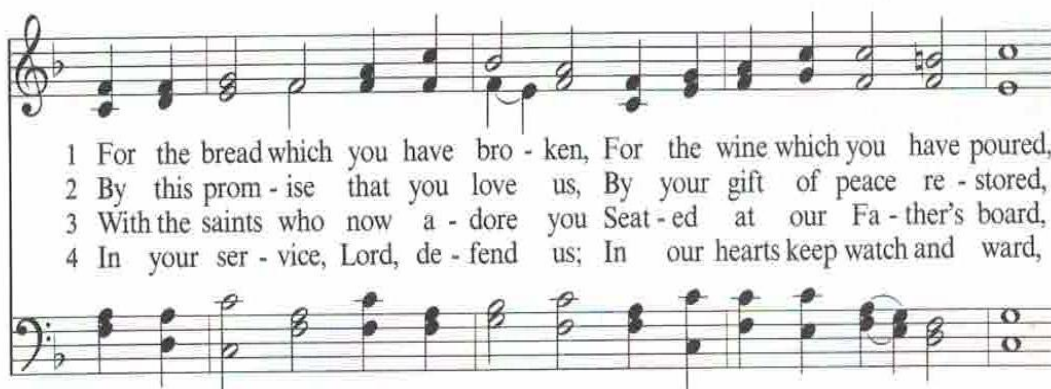
**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**\*HYMN ~ For the Bread Which You Have Broken**

LBW # 200

**For the Bread Which You Have Broken 200**



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, For the wine which you have poured,  
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, By your gift of peace re - stored,  
3 With the saints who now a - dore you Seat - ed at our Fa - ther's board,  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward,

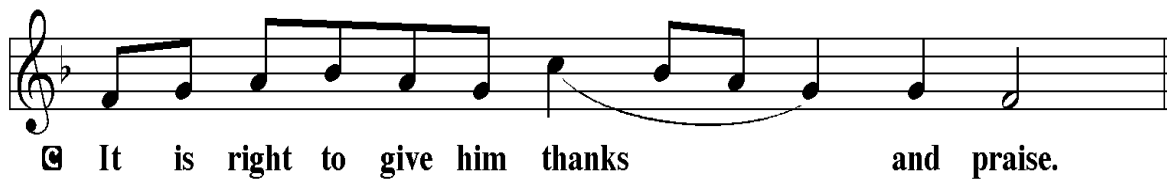
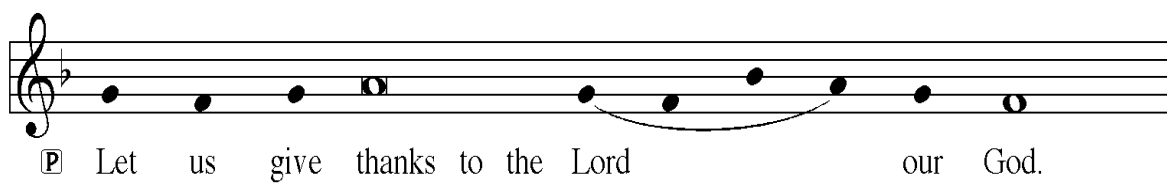


For the words which you have spo - ken, Now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
By your call to heav'n a - bove us, Hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
May the Church still wait - ing for you Keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
In the world to which you send us Let your king-dom come, O Lord.

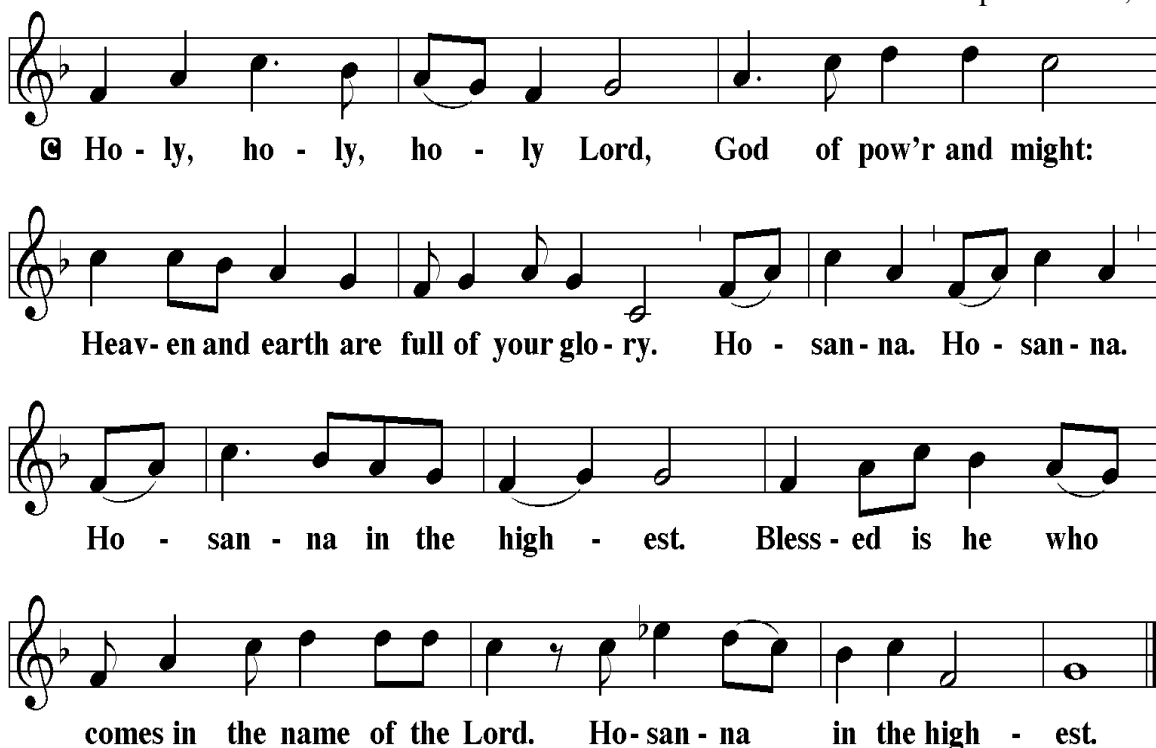
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**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**



**\*PREFACE**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P 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.

### The Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

### 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 Communion*

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you refresh us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

**\*THE BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

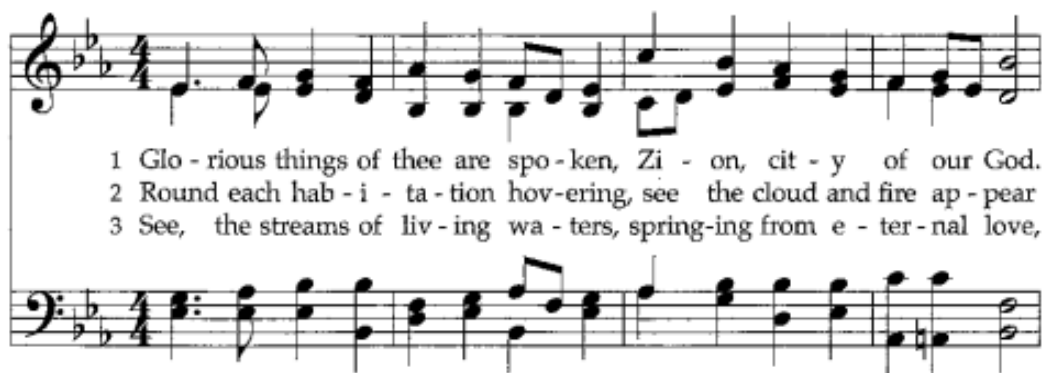
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

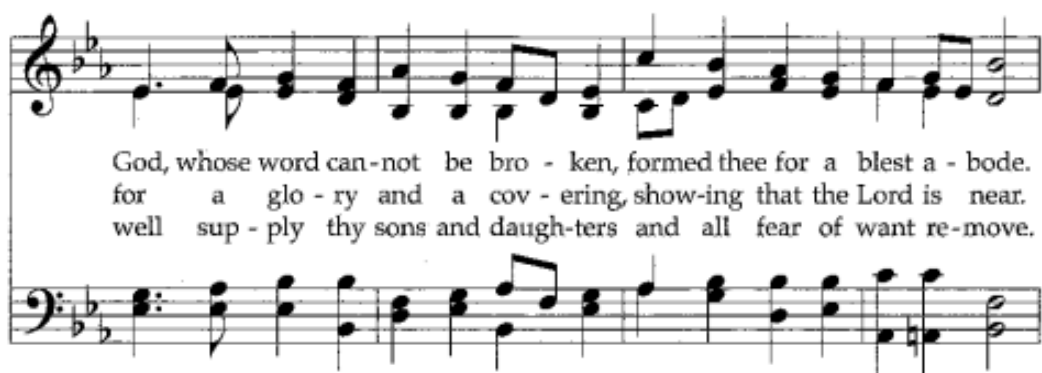
C Amen

\*HYMN ~ *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

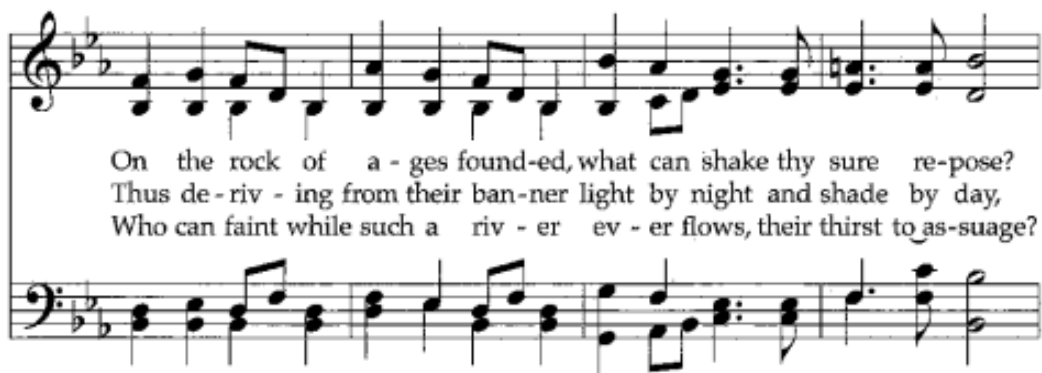
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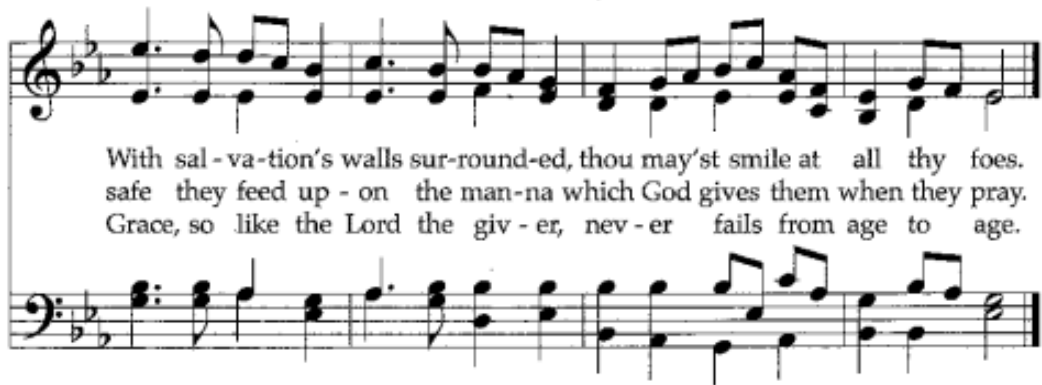
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

**\*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:** Deb French; **Lay Reader:** Deb French

**Altar Care:** Carol Fultz

**Sound:** Jay Byler

**Next Sunday, September 25**

**Greeters:** Chelsea and Merritt Reed; **Lay Reader:** Chelsea Reed

**Altar Care:** Carol Fultz

**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 in St. John's are given to the Glory of God  
by Ruth Baker in honor of her grandchildren.

Please remember in prayer ~ Miriam Williamson is at Valley View Rehab recovering from her operation. Visits are welcome. Charles Royer (Greenwood Village, Room 404B for therapy), 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**

There have been many cases of Covid in our church community and at Valley View in the last few weeks. We encourage you make decisions that will assure your safety and the safety of others - social distancing and masks may be wise again. Please pray for the health of all.

The church service will be broadcast on our radio station FM 102.3 if you prefer parking lot service.

Please send or bring answers to these questions which were included in the newsletter about how you have experienced God or heard God speak to us in Creation this summer or in other special moments in our life. (Kelly will need to have them no later than this Friday, September 23, so they can be included in the October newsletter.)

***How and where did you enjoy God's good creation this summer?***

***Were you surprised by moments when it just felt God, Holy Spirit, Jesus was speaking to you?***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Property Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 6:30pm in the library.

The Sunday school class which meets in the blue room will resume this morning following the worship service. Michele Harshbarger and Ed Bilich are leading the weekly sessions which will explore a few of Jesus' parables and why He used storytelling to teach spiritual truth. You are invited to attend.

St. John's has Meals on Wheels October 4, 6, 11 and 13. There is a sign-up in the narthex for desserts, along with monetary donations to purchase pies. Money can be given to Sue Lynch, or dropped off at the church office.

Tuesday, October 4 ~ 5 9x12 pans of Apple Crisp

Thursday, October 6 ~ 5 dozen cookies (any kind)

Tuesday, October 11 ~ 4 Angel Food Cakes

*(Make your own, or purchase homemade from WHS or Peight's)*

Thursday, October 13 ~ Donations to purchase pies

*(Please give to Sue Lynch or drop off at the church office)*

**We need substitute drivers** to help with the meal delivery when the regularly scheduled drivers are not available. If you have any questions or can help in this way, please contact Sue Lynch (935-2013). Thank you!

November 27 is still available to place altar flowers. If interested, please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office. The cost is \$40.00.

**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 September 14, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 18   Offering ~ \$925.00

St. John's ~ Income \$121,963.17   Expense \$118,367.88

Net Income \$3,595.29

Daycare ~ Income \$248,814.15   Expense \$256,786.80

Net Income -\$7,972.65

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