

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



**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Blanket Sunday
October 2, 2022**

**PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*HYMN ~ *O Master. Let Me Walk with You*

LBW # 492

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

492

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you In low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me A clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of ser - vice true; Tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, In peace that on - ly

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; With you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918
 Tune: H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

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***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**

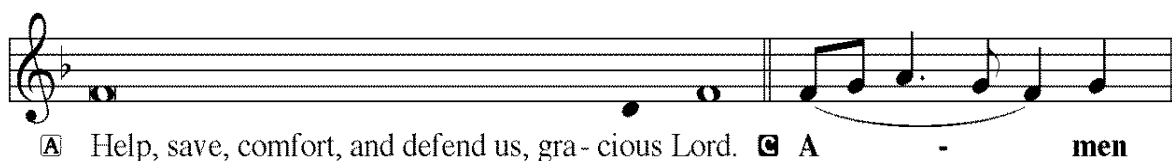
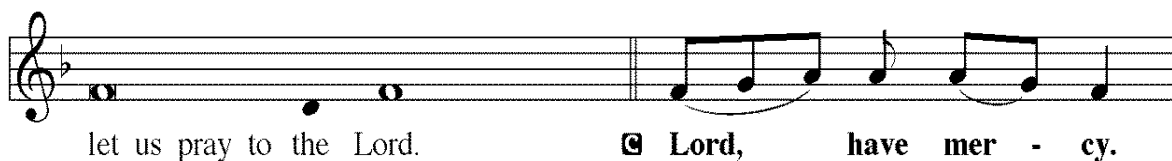
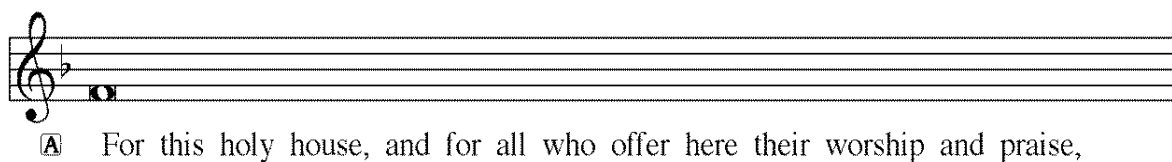
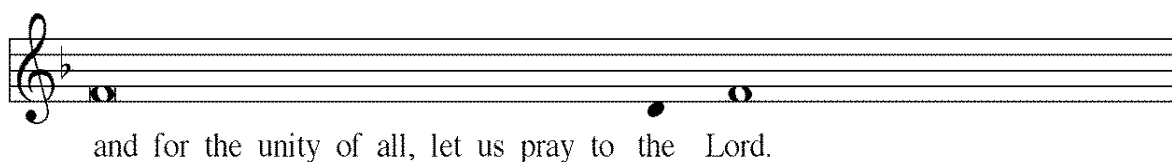
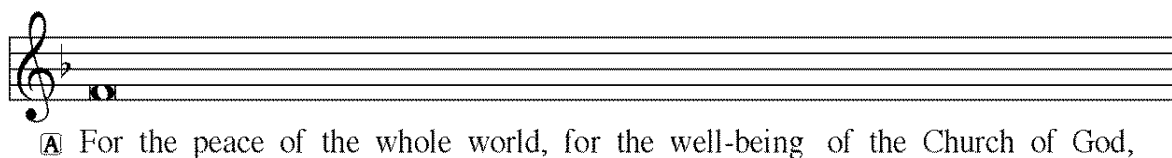
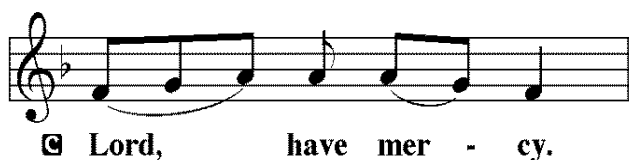
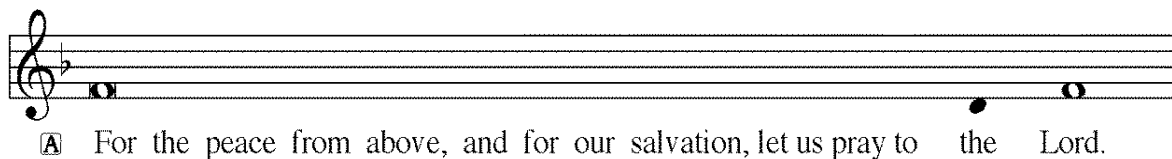
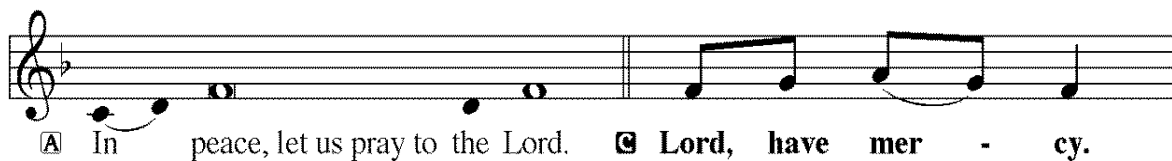
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

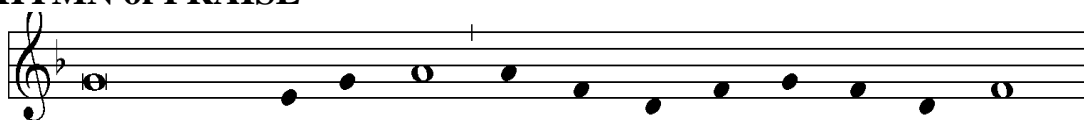
***GREETING**

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...

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 37:1-9 ~ 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 2 Timothy 1:1-14

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 17th chapter:



After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord



MESSAGE

HYMN ~ In Christ There Is No East or West

LBW # 359

In Christ There Is No East or West **359**

1 In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,
 2 In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry-where Their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 Join hands then, broth-ers of the faith, What - e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, In him meet south and north;

But one great fel - low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
 His ser - vice is the gold - en cord Close - bind - ing all man-kind.
 Who serves my Fa - ther as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.
 All Christ-ly souls are one in him Through-out the whole wide earth.

BLESSING the BLANKETS

Leader: Let us pray. God of great love who taught us all compassion, we continue to share the blessings that we have received from you with our neighbors.

People: Who are our neighbors?

Leader: A mother sheltering her children from the cold. A family looking for a new home. A homeless person living on the streets. May we recognize them as God's children.

People: How will these blankets help?

Leader: The blankets we bless today represent our compassion for our brothers and sisters. With the blankets we send our love and our witness to the presence of God's divine nature in our world.

People: We bear witness.

Leader: That the people who donated these blankets will provide a blessing of God's love in this world.

People: We send our love.

Leader: Acknowledging that we first received this love from God and pray that in so sending these blankets that God's grace will spread far and wide.

People: This is our prayer.

Leader: Bless all our Comfort knotters: the cutters, designers, stitchers, patchers, turners, and knotters, and givers. Bless the blankets we provided, and those who deliver them on our behalf. Bless the lives of each person young and old who receive our blankets. Bless them all with God's great comfort and love.

All: Amen.

***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.

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

***OFFERTORY**



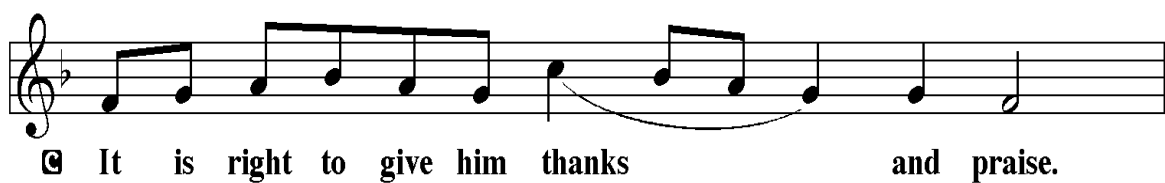
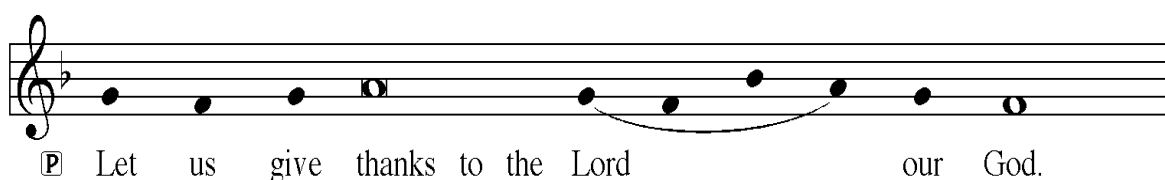
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

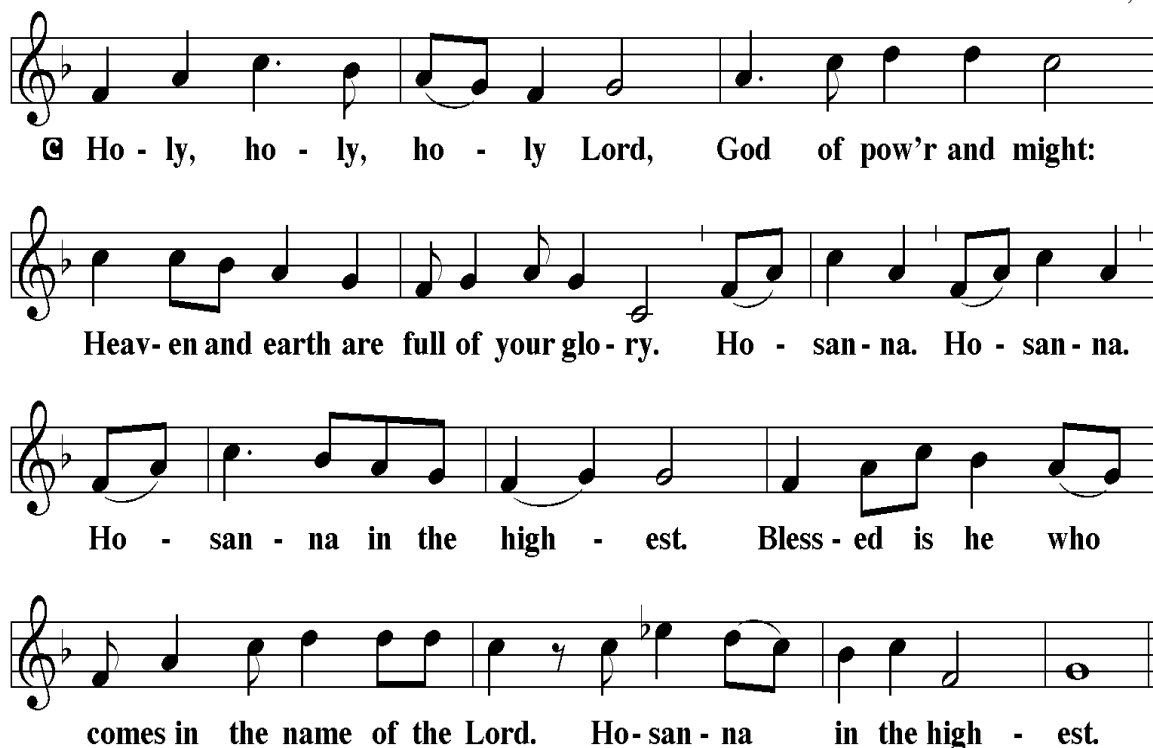
P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

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

***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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing 259

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us From our strug - gling

joy and peace; Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let no fear of death ap - pall us,

Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with you in end - less day.

*Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Tune: Sicilian, 18th cent.*

SICILIAN MARINERS
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***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord
R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

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

Organist: Susie Yoo

Today

Greeter: Gwen Hornberger; **Lay Reader:** Gwen Hornberger

Altar Care: Michele Harshbarger and Carol Fultz

Sound: Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, October 9

Greeters: Ken and Nancy Wyland; **Lay Reader:** Ken Wyland

Sound: Joe Kanagy

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 Carolyn Conner and family in loving memory of Ron Conner.

Please remember in prayer ~ Kathy Eckley (friend of Carolyn Conner), Miriam Williamson (VV for rehab). Charles Royer (Greenwood Village, for therapy), Fred 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), Don Wolfe, Carol Yoder (VVH). Family and friends of Pastor Thomas Kramm.

FROM the PASTOR

Pastor Kramm passed away in the early hours of the morning Monday Sept 26. As Pastor Volland passes on: He certainly was ready for this step for a long time. Please keep the family and friends of Tom Kramm in your prayers.

Volunteers for Valley View service 10AM Wednesday, October 5
A service of prayer and song will be held for the Valley View Terrace in the Chapel 10AM October 5. A few volunteers to arrive at 9:30 to help set up communion and greet are needed. Please see Pastor Ela after the service if you can help.

The Monday Fellowship lunches at West Kish have been cancelled due to concerns of staffing and Covid's continued presence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The October newsletter can be found in the mailboxes of those persons who do not receive it by email.

Today is Blanket Sunday. A selection from some of the beautiful comforts the knotters completed this past year, are displayed in the narthex and sanctuary. Envelopes to support this mission were included in last week's bulletin and can be found in the narthex. Donations may be made through next Sunday, October 9.

The knotters are looking for sheets in good, clean, usable condition. No stains, tears, or holes. Sizes ~ full, queen and king. If you have any to donate, please place them on the counter in the blue room.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27 and with help from West Kish members, we are hoping to complete another devotional. Volunteers are needed to help write the meditations. A sign-up sheet along with scripture readings can be found in the narthex.

Submissions can be emailed or handwritten, and are due by Friday, November 11...PLEASE.

St. John's has Meals on Wheels this week and next. Thank you to everyone who helped provide the needed desserts or money for pies. Please remember to have your food donation at the Community Hall by 9:00am the day it is needed.

Pastor Kramm's passing stirs up many memories. He married many of us and even baptized some of us, along with our children and grandchildren. He touched our lives in so many ways, and his ministry blessed not only our church, but the community as well.

Who can forget that memorable Christmas Eve sermon about the *Warm Fuzzies and Cold Pricklies*. Two people have mentioned in the past week, that they still have their *warm fuzzies*. Do you?

While his presence will be missed, Tom Kramm is now with his dear Jane, and our Lord and Savior who he loved and faithfully served.

Currently, the only address we have is for his daughter, Kathy Crownover. Cards for the family may be sent to her at P.O. Box 26, Belleville.

January 1 thru September 29, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 25 Offering ~ \$1,450.00

St. John's ~ Income \$125,418.17 Expense \$120,260.62
Net Income \$5,157.55

Daycare ~ Income \$257,899.88 Expense \$270,330.92
Net Income -\$12,431.04*

*Net income figure is result of ARPA grant spending