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



# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost <br> October 16, 2022 

## PRELUDE <br> WELCOME

Welcome on this 19th Sunday after Pentecost. As we continue in this season focused on discipleship and the church, we are reminded what it is to wrestle with our faith. Even though we may be wounded, even when we may come limping to the Lord's table we persist.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide
my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill thy law's de-mands;
3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,


Let the wa - ter and the blood, From thy riv - en side which flowed, Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow, Na - ked, come to thee for dress; Help - less, look to thee for grace; When I soar to worlds un-known, See thee on thy judg-ment throne,


## *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


(A) For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

(A) For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

(A) For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,


## *HYMN of PRAISE


*PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)


P Let us pray...
O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Genesis 32:22-31
P The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
*Psalm 121 ~ with response
The psalm is announced, organ plays response $1 x$, cantor or pastor sings $1 x$, congregation sings together $1 x$. As psalm is read, congregation sings response at each $R$.
*Second Lesson $\sim$ A reading from 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 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 $18^{\text {th }}$ chapter:


After the reading
P The Gospel of the Lord


## MESSAGE



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## *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
$P$ In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.
*PEACE
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.
P Let us share the peace with those here and beyond the walls of our sanctuary. Peace of Christ!!

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

## *OFFERTORY



## *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


Heav- en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

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



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


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



1 Je - sus, still lead on, Till our rest be won; And, al-though the 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let no faith-less 3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp-ta - tions 4 Je - sus, still lead on, Till our rest be won; Heav'n-ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, We will fol - low, calm and fear - less; fears o'er-take us, Let not faith and hope for-sake us; come al - lur - ing Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing; still di - rect us, Still sup-port, con - sole, pro-tect us,


Text: Nicolaus L von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.
SEELENBRÄUTIGAM Tune: Adam Drese, 1620-1701

## *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: Mike Boring and Jami Zook; Lay Reader: Jami Zook
Altar Care: Michele Harshbarger and Carol Fultz
Sound: Jay Byler

## Next Sunday, October 23

Greeters: Jay and Joy Byler; Lay Reader: Ed Bilich
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 Mike and Michele Harshbarger in honor of their children.

Please remember in prayer ~ Kathy Eckley (friend of Carolyn Conner), Miriam Williamson (VV), Charles Royer (Greenwood Village), Fred Rodgers, Elliana Byler, Kyung Sun Yim, (Seulki's mother), Bob Treaster, Andrea Kauffman, Don F. Smith, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa), Don Wolfe, Carol Yoder (VVH).

## FROM the PASTOR



Interreligious Prayer for Peace Service East Kish Presbyterian Church of Reedsville November 16th at 6:30pm

Sunday, October 30, Pastor Ela will be away for a family reunion. Sister Marianne Brock will be our speaker. Pastor Ela was delighted to meet her and hear her speak at the Synod assembly in June. She has just returned from a conference of Presbyterian and Lutheran Foundations and estate planners is eager to pass on what they have shared. While we often want to shy away or even run away from any talk about finances an approach grounded in gratitude for God's creation and the love, we have been given to share can lead to planning that brings both security and joy.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Memorial Service for Pastor Kramm will be held here this Saturday, October 22 at 2:00pm. Everyone is invited to stay afterward for "pie and memories" in the fellowship hall.

There is a Property Committee meeting tomorrow, Monday, October 17 at 6:30pm in the library.

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.

January 1 thru October 13, 2022
Last week's attendance $\sim 29$ Offering ~ $\$ 1,355.00$
St. John's ~ Income \$130,827.84 Expense \$130,325.50
Net Income \$502.34
Daycare ~ Income $\$ 273,400.68$ Expense $\$ 285,780.58$
Net Income -\$12,379.90*
*Net income figure is result of ARPA grant spending

