

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Reformation Sunday
October 30, 2022**



**PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* HYMN ~ *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who

to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom
 vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They
 fear it; For God him - self fights by our side With

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 In bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way,

He arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 They can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

***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**

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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

***HYMN of PRAISE**

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

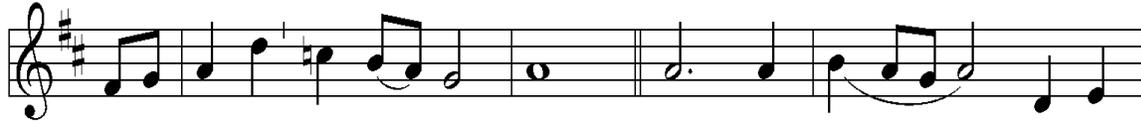
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

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C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,



al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. **II** For the Lamb who was



slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Let us pray...

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Jeremiah 31:31-34
after the reading

R The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46 ~ *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 Romans 3:19-28
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? 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 John the 8th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN ~ *Built on a Rock*

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Built on a Rock

1 Built on a rock the Church shall stand, E - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his own hab - i
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; Crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, Bells still are
 dwell - ing; High in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands, All earth - ly
 ta - tion; He fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, Grant - ing us
 bless - ing; Hith - er we come to praise his name, Faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— Call - ing the young and old to rest, Call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove Deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, He in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, Mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, Long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst would show his grace, Bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, Grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

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5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
 Grant that, when church bells are ringing,
 Many may come to hear God's Word
 Where he this promise is bringing:
 I know my own, my own know me;
 You, not the world, my face shall see;
 My peace I leave with you. Amen

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 Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

*NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, of one being with the Father, through him all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; and He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He shall come again in glory to judge both the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

*The 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 be with you!

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

***OFFERTORY**


Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
 joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***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.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

***THE BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

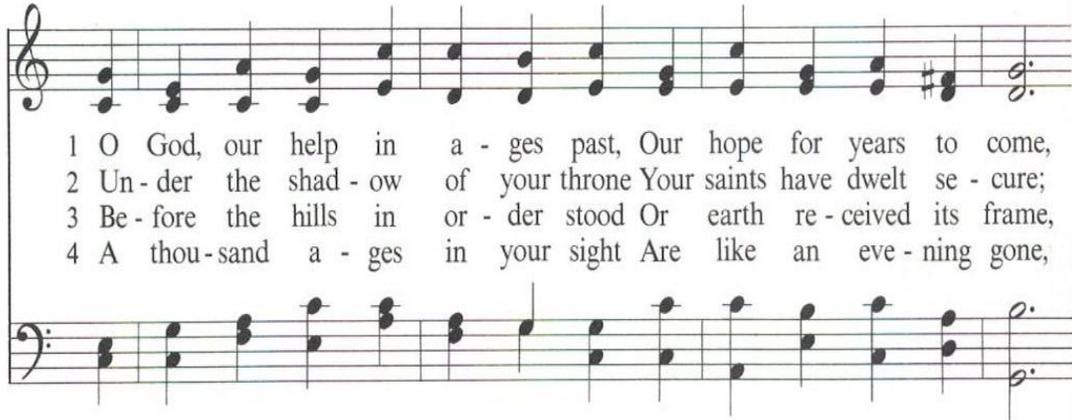
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen

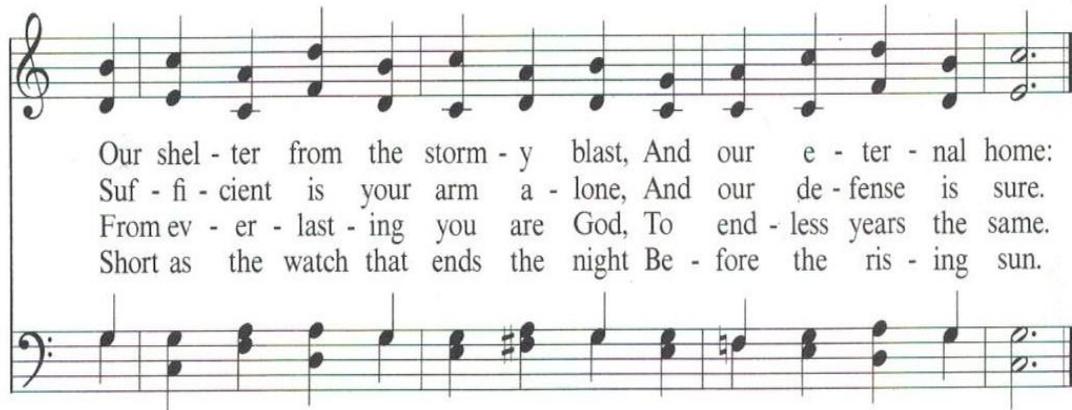
*HYMN ~ *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past 320



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 From ev - er - last - ing you are God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Soon bears us all away;
 We fly forgotten, as a dream
 Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Still be our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home!

***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 ~ Greeters: John and Brenda Boring; **Lay Reader:** John Boring
Sound: Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, November 6 ~ Greeters: Jim and Georgianna Buchanan
Lay Reader: Jim Buchanan; **Sound:** Ed Bilich

Church Office: 935-2032; **Email us at** secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org
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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 Buck and Sandra Metz in honor of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Please remember in prayer ~ Desa Keiser (8 yr old granddaughter of Carol Fultz's cousin, Roxanne Treaster Kauffman. Paralyzed after a drunk driver hit her family in a head on collision) 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

Pastor Ela will be away through Nov 6 for a family reunion and a retreat on the Gospel of John. Emergency Pastoral care will be covered by the following pastors.
Lutheran: Rev. Rick Adams 717-436-6989 (Office), 717-253-0235 (H)
Back-up: Rev. Sarah Sedgewick 814-771-1891

November Communion will be offered on the second Sunday rather than first, November 13, which will be communion with All Saints celebration. We will also have communion as usual on the third Sunday: November 20.

You are invited to attend the Interreligious Prayer for Peace Service at East Kish Presbyterian Church of Reedsville, on November 16th at 6:30pm.

On Nov 10 and December 8, the council will meet for a time of retreat and reflection on feedback and follow through on the Synod Listening Team recommendations. Please pray for the leaders of our church in this work.

*Three members of our current council will be fulfilling their term this year. Consider your call to leadership in the church.

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ed Bilich ~ Treasurer	end of 2024
Joy Byler ~ Secretary	end of 2022*
Deb French	end of 2022*
Carol Fultz ~ President	end of 2023
Nancy Penepacker	end of 2024
Jami Zook ~ Vice President	end of 2022*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Marianne Brock to St. John's this morning. She will be leading the service and providing the message, while Pastor Ela enjoys time away. Pastor Harold Sharp will be preaching next Sunday.

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

Thank you, St. John's for your wonderful support and participation in the Memorial Service for our father, Pastor Tom Kramm. We especially appreciate you permitting us to use the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

*Sincerely,
The Kramm Family*

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday. Please remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour.

St. John's 11th annual gift show is being held November 25 and 26. We are once again selling wreaths. They are approximately 24" with mixed greens including various pine, boxwood, cedar, and cypress. The cost is \$30.00, and a homemade bow of your choice is included.

If you are interested in pre-ordering, please sign-up in the narthex. All wreaths must be picked up at the show; payment can be made at that time.

There are still a few dates available for the advent devotional. Please consider helping to write a meditation. 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.**



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Your passion,
Your gift to those you love, and
Your legacy of a life lived faithfully.**

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January 1 thru October 27, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 27 Offering ~ \$1,510.00

St. John's ~ Income \$133,787.84 Expense \$132,403.72
Net Income \$1,384.12

Daycare ~ Income \$280,357.38 Expense \$296,728.70
Net Income -\$16,370.86*

*(Net income figure is result of required
2021/22 ARPA grant spending)