

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



**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 6, 2022**

**PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***GATHERING SONG ~ Come, We that Love the Lord**

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CHRISTIAN HOPE

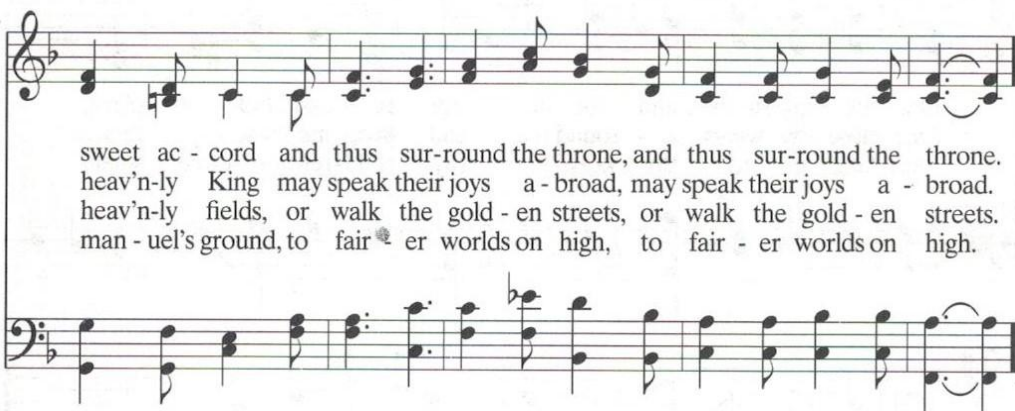
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Come, We That Love the Lord


1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
 we're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Em -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur-round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
 heav'n-ly King may speak their joys a - broad, may speak their joys a - broad.
 heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.



Refrain
 We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;

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we're march-ing up-ward to Zi - on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

MARCHING TO ZION
6 6 8 8 6 6 and refrain

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in G major (one sharp). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The text credits Isaac Watts for the stanzas and Robert Lowry for the refrain and music. A rhythmic notation '6 6 8 8 6 6 and refrain' is provided at the bottom right.

***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.



☐ Great and won- der- ful are your deeds, O God of the u- ni- verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na- tions.



Who can fail to hon- or you, Lord, and sing the glo- ry of your name?



☒ Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.



☐☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re- vealed.



☒ 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, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Malachi 4:1-2

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 ~ *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 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



C Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



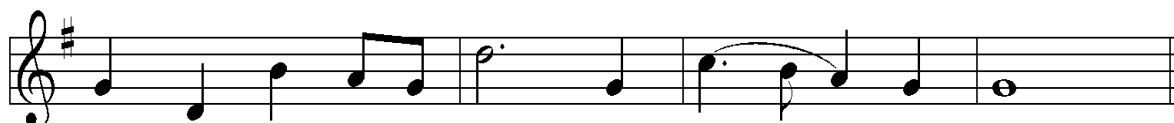
Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

***GOSPEL READING**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE ~ Pastor Harold Sharp

HYMN ~ *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

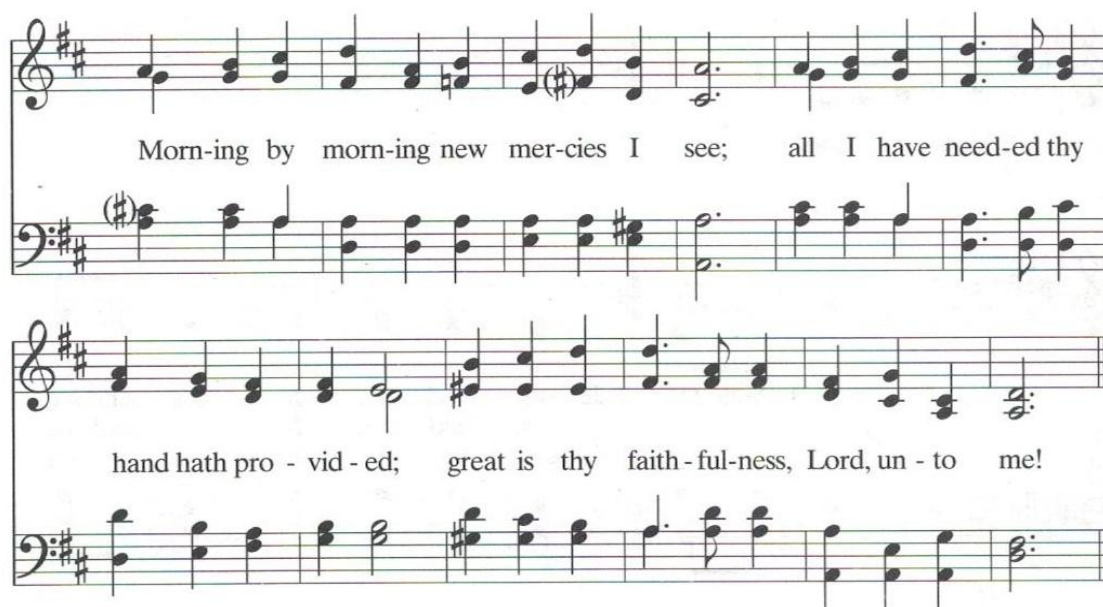
shad-ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

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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.

***OFFERTORY**



G Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

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

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 ~ Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

***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: Jim and Georgianna Buchanan

Lay Reader: Jim Buchanan; **Sound:** Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, November 13 ~ Observing All Saints

Greeters: John and Denise Chester; **Lay Reader:** John Chester

Sound: Joe Kanagy; **Altar Care:** Joy 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 parents and grandparents.

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

November Communion will be offered next Sunday, 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

Thank you to Harold Sharp for delivering the message this morning, and to Ed Bilich for leading worship, while Pastor Ela enjoys time away.

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

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.

Donations of homemade soup, baked goods, candy, and other treats is always appreciated. If you would like to help in this way, please sign-up in the narthex.

There are still three 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 this Friday, November 11...PLEASE.**

Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex for anyone who would like to place Altar flowers next year. We will once again refrain from using them during Lent beginning Sunday, February 27 through Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 2.

Please remember to notate whether you would like to keep the flowers or have them delivered. Currently, the cost remains at \$40.00.

The 2023 birthday calendar will be completed this month. Any member who would like to add/remove persons to/from the calendar is asked to PLEASE contact the church office with the name(s) and birthdate(s) **by Sunday, November 13th.**

Reminder ~ only the names of active members, along with persons they have requested to add will be included on the calendar.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Belleville Hall Ball League is excited to announce dates for registration in the month of November for our upcoming basketball season! **2nd-6th grade registration** dates will be **Tuesday, November 15th** from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm and **Saturday, November 19th** from 10:00am to 12:00pm. All signups will take place at the Belleville Community Hall. We look forward to seeing everyone and getting together to play basketball!

January 1 thru November 2, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 22 Offering ~ \$840.00

St. John's ~ Income \$137,085.90 Expense \$132,718.01

Net Income \$4,367.89

Daycare ~ Income \$287,295.72 Expense \$297,467.71

Net Income -\$10,171.99*

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