St. John's Lutheran Church Name of Jesus January 1, 2023



PRELUDE On to Bethlehem Christ Child Lullaby

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Text: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820–1891, alt. Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820–1891

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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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them 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.



***HYMN of PRAISE**



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



P Let us pray...

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Numbers 6:22-27 after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8 ~ with response

Second Lesson ~ A reading from Galatians 4:4-7 *after the reading* R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



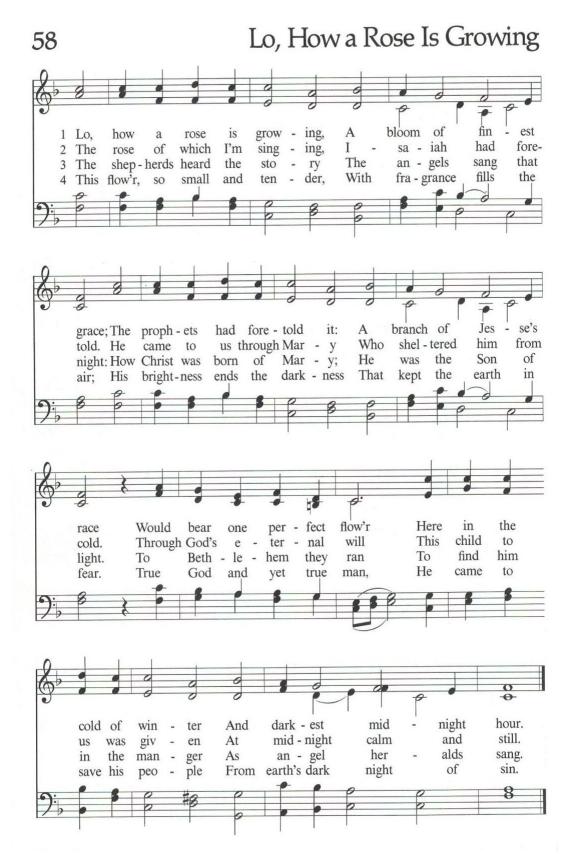
Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 2^{nd} chapter.



The Gospel is read. After the reading



MESSAGE



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- 5 O Savior, child of Mary,
 - Who felt all human woe;
 - O Savior, king of glory, Who triumphed o'er our foe: Bring us at length, we pray,
 - To the bright courts of heaven And into endless day.

***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

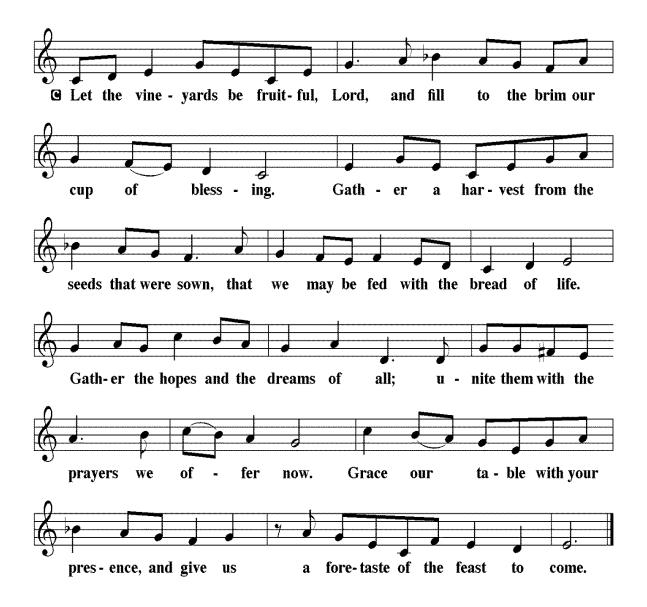
P With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human race. *A brief silence*.

*PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us extend the peace of Christ to those here and beyond the walls of our sanctuary.
- P Peace of Christ.
- C Peace be with you.

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

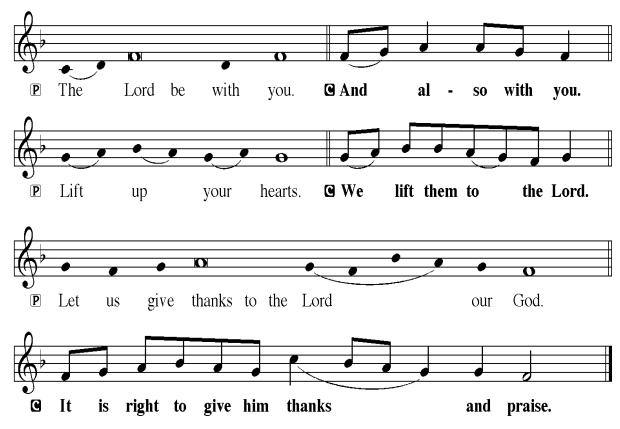
***OFFERTORY**



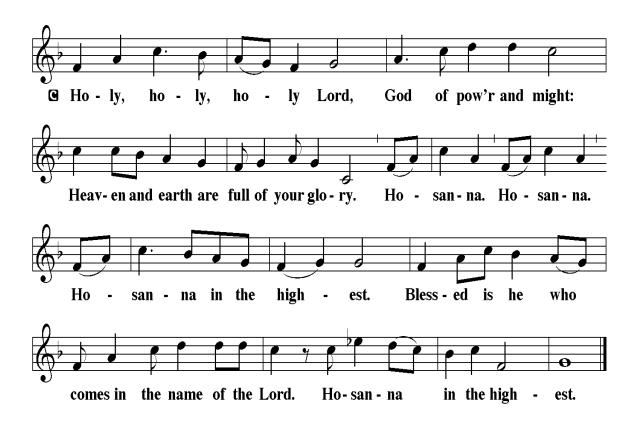
***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- 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





***PREFACE**



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:

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

COMMUNION

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.

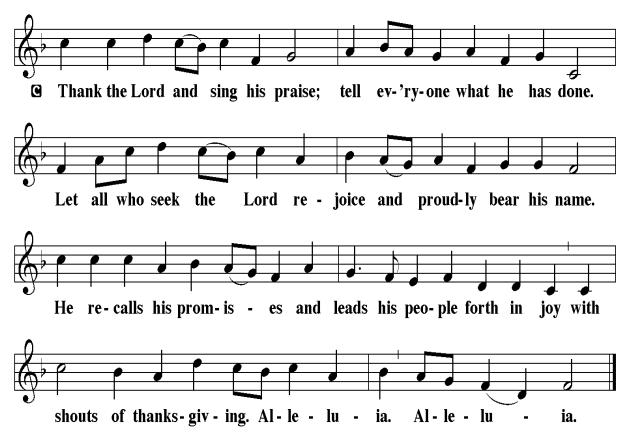
C Amen.

(After all are seated)

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

C Amen.

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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

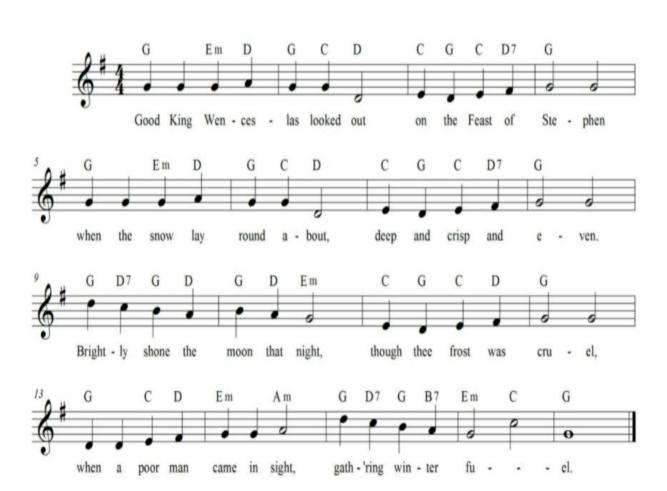
***THE BLESSING**

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 ~ Good King Wenceslas



Good King Wenceslas

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Hither, page, and stand by me, if thou knows it telling, Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling? Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain; Right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes' fountain.

*DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123 **Music:** Bill Cullingford

Today:

Altar Care: Brenda Boring Flower Delivery: Brenda Boring; Greeters: Ken and Nancy Wyland Lay Reader: Ken Wyland; Sound: Ed Bilich

<u>Next Sunday, January 8</u> Altar Care: Brenda Boring; Flower Delivery: Brenda Boring; Greeters: Bob and Susan Keller; Sound: Joe Kanagy

Church Office: 935-2032; **Email us at** <u>secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org</u> **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 Reba Harmon in honor of her children, Holly, Jami and Jim.

Please remember in prayer ~ John Boring, Richard Byler, Desa Keiser, Kathy Eckley, Fred Rodgers, Elliana Byler, Kyung Sun Yim, Bob Treaster, Andrea Kauffman, Don F. Smith, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa), Don Wolfe, Carol Yoder (VVH).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder ~ The office and daycare will be closed tomorrow, January 2.

The next newsletter will be sent out mid-January and will also cover the month of February. It will be available in member mailboxes on Sunday, January 15.

PLEASE NOTE ~ We have discovered that the company who supplies our offering envelopes mistakenly ran the first 20 boxes of our 2023 order with the information for another church, Nazarene Lutheran in Wilcox Pa to be exact. If your box is in the **#1-20 range** please throw it away or bring it back. **New envelopes have been placed in your mailbox.**

All the other boxes numbered 21 and higher appear to be correct. Please contact the office if you did not receive any.

The Belleville Fire Company is holding a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Richard Byler family this Saturday, January 7 from 4:00 -7:00pm at the township activity center. There is no charge for the meal. All donations will go to assist with medical and other related expenses. If you have any questions or would to help, please contact Doug Pierce at 717-994-8021.

The Social Ministry committee continues to collect items for the Mitten Tree along with non-perishable food for the Shelter Service. More information can be found in the newsletter. Please place your food donations on/under the grey table located in the narthex.

There are still quite a few dates left to place altar flowers for this year. Signups can be found in the narthex. **Please remember to notate** whether you would like to keep the flowers or have them delivered. Currently, the cost remains at \$40.00.

January 1 thru December 29, 2022 Last week's attendance ~ no count taken Offering ~ \$665.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 158,867.60 Expense \$ 163,264.55 Net Income - \$4,396.95

Daycare ~ Income \$334,910.37 Expense \$357,187.48 Net Income -\$ 22,277.11 *(Net income figure is result of required 2021/22 ARPA grant spending)