

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



**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome on this fourth Sunday of the Easter Season. As we seek to fully appreciate the healing power of the resurrection of Christ in our lives, on this fifth Sunday of April we include a service of healing and wholeness. We seek renewal, guidance and health from God in a month which has seen a swath of allergies, colds, illness and loss in our Valley, and sadly, yet almost not shockingly, forty-two ‘mass shooting’ events in our country as of April 25. We call upon the Good Shepherd to comfort us and lead us this day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN ~ Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**

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WILLIAM BACHELDER BRADBURY, 1816-68

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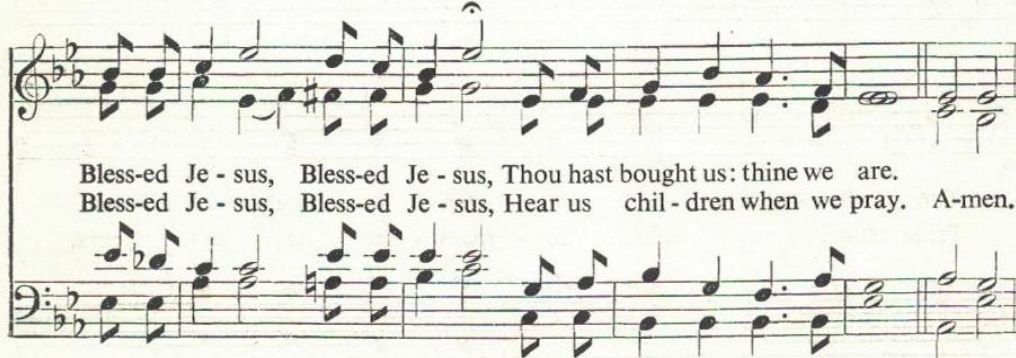
1. Sav-iour, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need thy ten-der care;
2. We are thine; do thou be-friend us, Be the guard-ian of our way;



In thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use thy folds pre-pare:
Keep thy flock, from sin de-fend us, Seek us when we go a-stray:



Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us: thine we are.
Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je - sus, Hear us chil-dren when we pray.



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Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray. A-men.

3 Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to thee.

4 Early let us seek thy favor,
Early let us do thy will;
Blessèd Lord and only Saviour,
With thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Amen.

Dorothy Ann Thrupp, 1779-1847

***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**

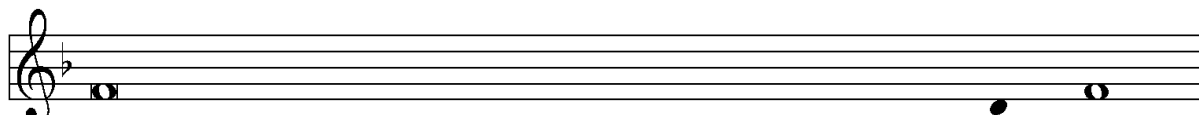
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**


***KYRIE**



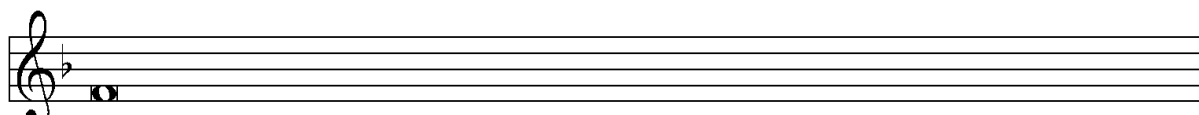
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



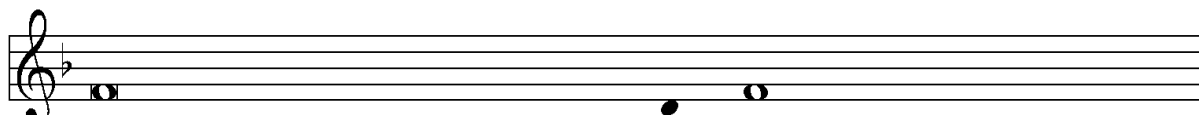
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



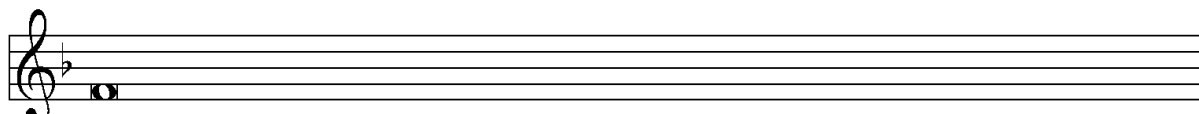
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



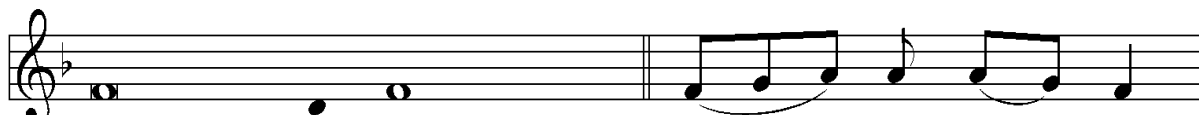
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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**



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Ⓑ 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...

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 Acts 2:42-47

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 ~ *with response*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from 1 Peter 2:19-25

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



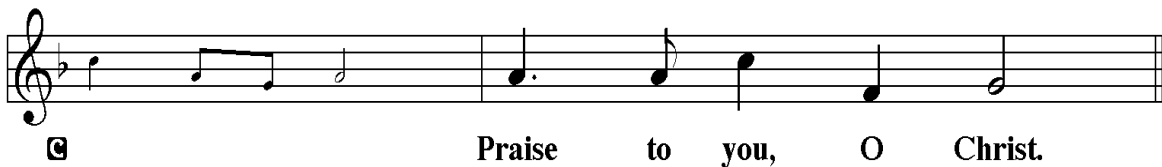
Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter.



The Gospel is read. John 10:1-10

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord



MESSAGE

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**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**

***HYMN ~ He Touched Me**

Shackled by a heavy burden,
'neath a load of guilt and shame;
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,
And now I am no longer the same.

Refrain: He touched me, O, He touched me,
And O, the joy that floods my soul.
Something happened, and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior,
Since He cleansed and made me whole;
I will never cease to praise Him,
I'll shout it while eternity rolls. *Refrain*

***PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ (response Your Mercy is Great)**

P United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

PRAYER SONG: *Heal Us (1x instruments, 2 x or more - all*

Heal us, heal us, heal us now.

Show us, show us, show us how.

Introduction: P: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing - with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

All those who wish to have personal prayers heard and/or receive oil of anointment may come forward as led. You may stand in silence to receive the chrism oil or you may voice a concern for yourself or loved ones; a cause such as survivors of natural disasters, cancer patients, victims of abuse; or request a prayer for healing in our church, community or world.

P: Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of Healing and wholeness in the name of the Triune God. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ and all the angels of the Lord, be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the spirit. (Pastor will also circulate the pews for those not wishing or able to come forward.)

Prayer after healing and anointing with oil:

P: Living God, through this service grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER SONG: *All Things Shall Be Well* (Instruments 1X, All sing 2X)

*All things shall be well
And All things shall be well
Oh, All things shall be well, my friends
Be well my friends, be well*

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

***OFFERTORY**



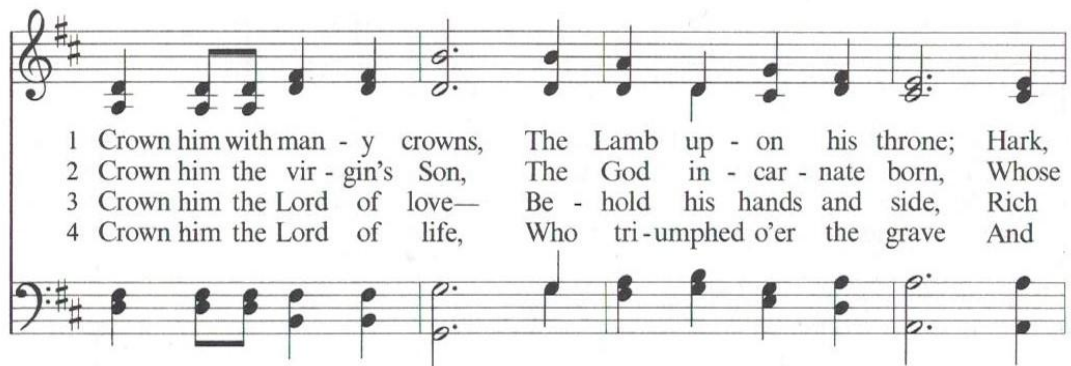
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
 joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***THE BLESSING**

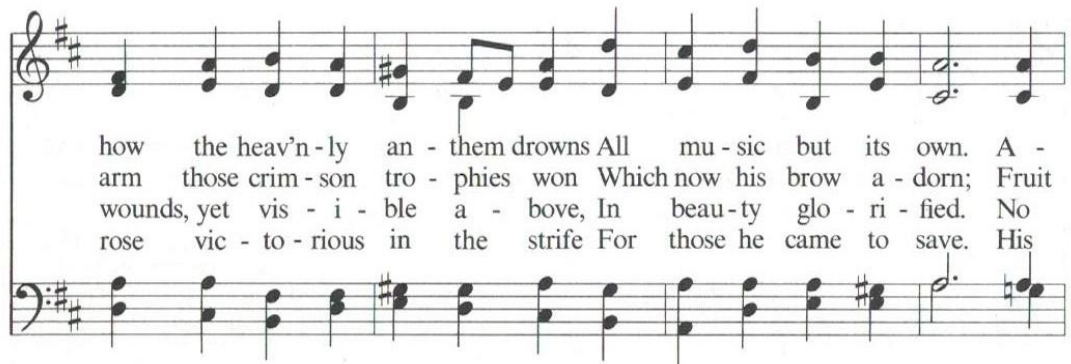
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
 C **Amen**

***HYMN ~** *Crown Him with Many Crowns. Verses 1,3,5.*

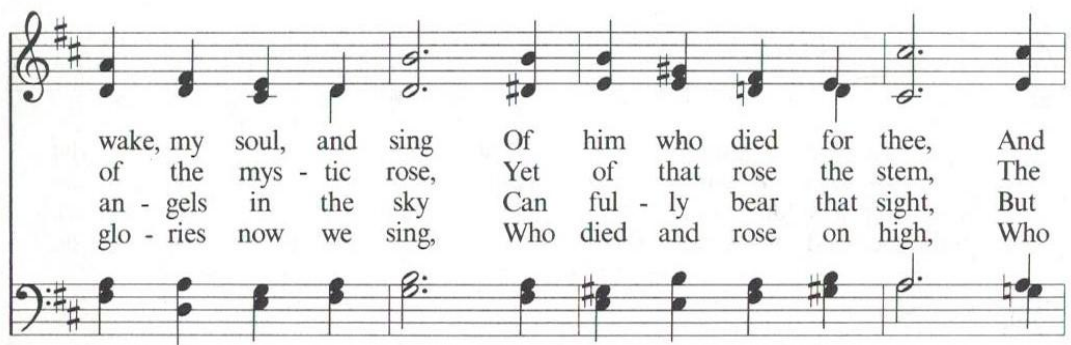
170 Crown Him with Many Crowns



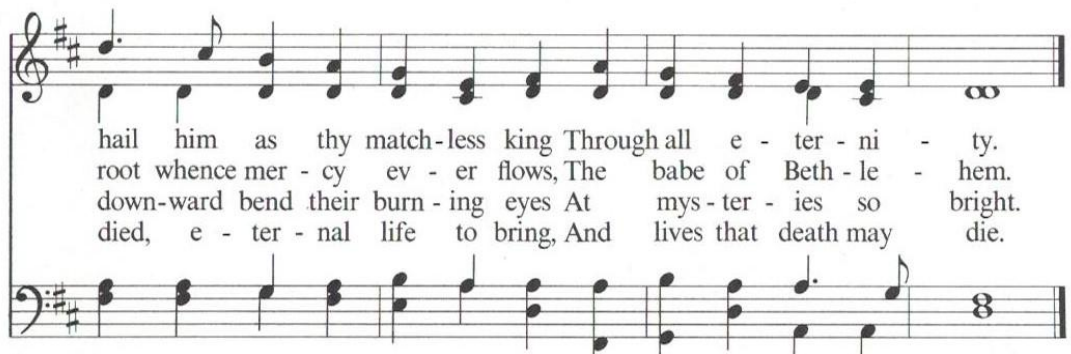
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne; Hark,
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born, Whose
3 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and side, Rich
4 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave And



how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. A -
arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now his brow a - dorn; Fruit
wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No
rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those he came to save. His



wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And
of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

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5 Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

6 Crown him the Lord of years,
The potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity.

***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

Altar Care: Joy Byler; **Greeters:** Jami Zook and Mike Boring

Lay Reader: Jami Zook; **Sound:** Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, May 7

Altar Care: Joy Byler; **Greeters:** Ken and Nancy Wyland

Lay Reader: Ken Wyland; **Sound:** Ed Bilich

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.*

FROM the PASTOR

From Lisa Griffith: “Dear friends, I will be home on May 23rd and if anyone would like to form a small choir to sing a few simple numbers, I would like to start choir practice on Friday, June 2nd at 7:00 pm. It’s probably best to wait until after Memorial Day. In church on May 28th please ask for a show of hands to see how many are interested and also ask if the day and time suits everyone.”

UPCOMING

Sunday, May 7 May Day and Cinco de Mayo

Sunday, May 14 Mothers and Women of the Church Day

Thursday, May 18 Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 21 Ascension service

Sunday, May 28 Pentecost (red is the liturgical color of the day)

Monday, May 29 Memorial Day observed

Sunday, June 4 Trinity Sunday, Mothers/Fathers Brunch after Church

Sunday, June 18 Fathers and Men of the Church Day

SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

Please consider being a representative from St. Johns to the Synod Assembly. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet people from other churches in our area with similar concerns. This might be particularly useful for people on our transition and call committee. Workshops and worship services are enlightening and enlivening. You may attend one or both days in person or online. Speak to a council member, Pastor or Kelly if you would like to be our representative.

The Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly will convene on June 16-17, 2023, in Weber Chapel Auditorium (Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove) under the theme “Baptized into Christ: United, Supporting, Serving.” Assembly workshops will focus on leadership and congregation vitality.

Voting members of the Synod Assembly are the rostered leaders of this synod as well as two lay members from each congregation. Once registered, voting members will receive updates via email, and on the synod website and social media pages.

We encourage our smaller congregations to elect voting members to this assembly: We will spend some of our time in discussion about providing for ministry and pastoral care in creative ways that address our current financial and leadership realities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Camp Mt. Luther ~ The church will once again be paying camp fees for any children who would like to attend this summer. If you bring a friend who has never been there, we can get 25% off the registration fee. Program and registration information can be found at www.campmountluther.org. CML brochures are also available in the narthex. Please contact the church office if interested in attending.

January 1 thru April 27, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 24 Offering ~ \$ 1,335.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 52,595.15 Expense \$ 59,577.31

Net Income \$ -6,982.16

Daycare ~ Income \$ 120,493.16 Expense \$ 119,590.07

Net Income \$ 903.09