

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



**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023**

HONORING MOTHERS and WOMEN of the CHURCH

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;" Exodus 20&21

**PRELUDE
WELCOME**

Welcome. On this 6th Sunday of Easter we are reminded that we are God's offspring, nurtured like tender shoots and "given life and breath and all things." (Acts 17:25) Today and on June 18 we honor mothers and fathers and all from whom we know this nurturance and love given us by God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN ~ *Blessing and Honor*

LBW # 525

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Blessing and Honor

1 Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, Wis - dom and
 2 Let all the heav - ens re - sound with his name; Let all the
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, Ev - er de -
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the

rich - es and strength ev - er - more, Of - fer to him who our
 earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,
 scend-ing the love from on high; Bless - ing and hon - or and
 robe and the harp and the psalm; Sing we the song of the

bat - tle has won, Whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the
 for - est, and flow'r Ech - o his prais - es and tell of his
 glo - ry and praise— This is the theme of the hymns that we
 Lamb who was slain, Dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to

throne; Whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!
 pow'r; Ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
 raise; This is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
 reign; Dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

***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,

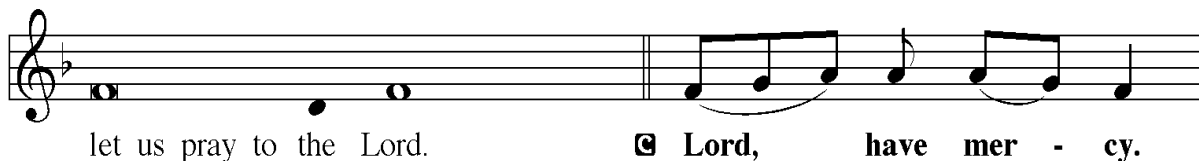
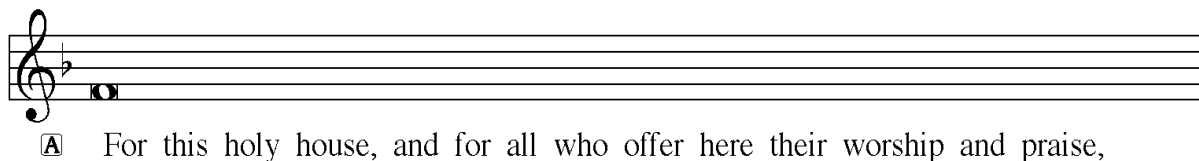
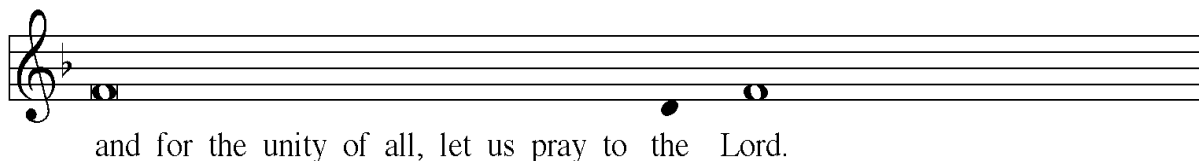
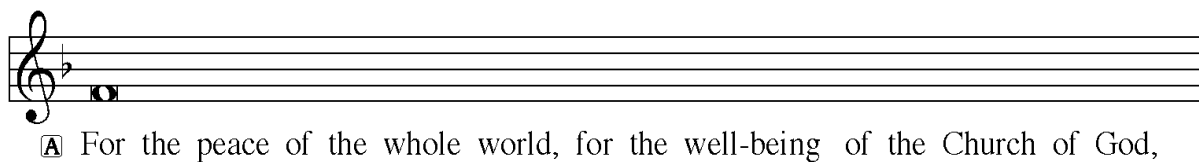
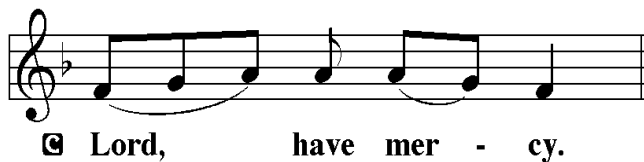
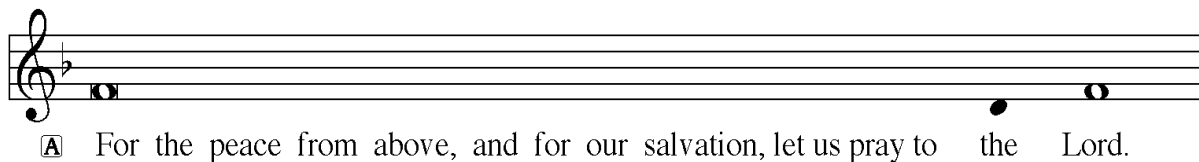
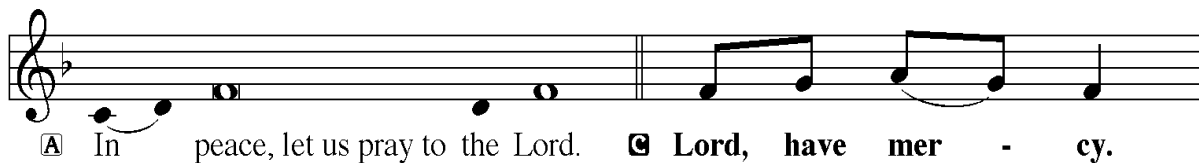
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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**

***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 The Lord be with you.

© And al - so with you.

P Let us pray...

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and 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 Acts 17:22-31

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:8-20 ~ *with response*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from 1 Peter 3:13-22

after the reading

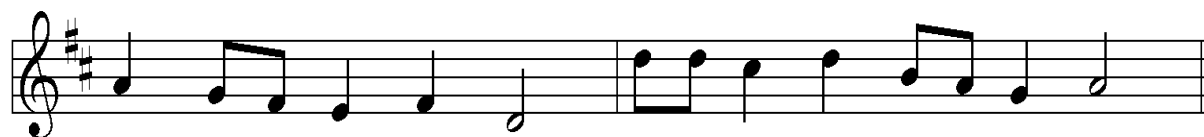
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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



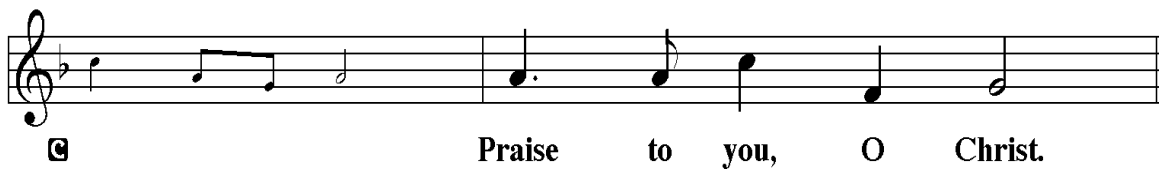
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to John the 14th chapter.



The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord



MESSAGE

HYMN ~ For All the Faithful Women

FESTIVALS, COMMEMORATIONS

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For All the Faithful Women



- 1 For all the faith-ful wom-en who served in days of old,
Insert one or more of stanzas 3-11 or this general stanza 2:
 2 O God, for saints and ser-vants, those named and those un-known,
Last All praise to God the Fa-ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv-en; to all, their stor-y told.

in whom through all the a-ges your light of glo-ry shone,
 All praise to God the Spir-it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad-ness in tasks your wis-dom gave.

we of-fer glad thanks-giv-ing and fer-vent prayer we raise
 With saints who went be-fore us, with saints who wit-ness still,



To you their lives bore wit-ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.

that, faith-ful in your ser-vice, our lives may sing your praise.
 we sing glad al-le-lu-ias and strive to do your will.

Miriam

- 3 We praise your name for Miriam,
 who sang triumphantly
 while Pharaoh's vaunted army
 lay drowned beneath the sea.
 As Israel marched to freedom,
 her chains of bondage gone,
 so may we reach the kingdom
 your mighty arm has won.

Hannah

- 4 To Hannah, praying childless
 before the throne of grace,
 you gave a son and called him
 to serve before your face.
 Grant us her perseverance;
 Lord, teach us how to pray
 and trust in your deliv'rance
 when darkness hides our way.

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Ruth

5 For Ruth, who left her homeland
and ventured forth in faith,
who pledged to serve and worship
Naomi's God till death,
we praise you, God of Israel,
and pray for hearts set free
to bind ourselves to others
in love and loyalty.

The Woman at the Well

8 Recall the outcast woman
with whom our Lord conversed:
Christ gave her living water
to quench her deepest thirst.
Like hers, our hearts are yearning;
Christ offers us his word.
Then may our lips be burning
to witness to our Lord.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

6 We honor faithful Mary,
fair maiden, full of grace.
She bore the Christ, our brother,
who saved our human race.
May we, with her, surrender
ourselves to your command
and lay upon your altar
our gifts of heart and hand.

Mary Magdalene

9 We praise the other Mary,
who came at Easter dawn
and near the tomb did tarry,
but found her Lord was gone.
As joyfully she saw him
in resurrection light,
may we by faith behold him,
the day who ends all night.

Martha and Mary

7 We sing of busy Martha,
who toiled with pot and pan
while Mary sat in silence
to hear the word again.
Christ, keep our hearts attentive
to truth that you declare,
and strengthen us for service
when work becomes our prayer.

Dorcas

10 Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas,
who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness,
her heart an open door.
Send us, O Christ, your Body,
where people cry in pain,
and touch them with compassion
to make them whole again.

Eunice and Lois

11 For Eunice and for Lois,
we sing our thanks and praise.
Young Timothy they nurtured
and led him in your ways.
Raise up in ev'ry household
true teachers of your word
whose lives will bear clear witness
to Christ, our risen Lord.

***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**

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 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

***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 ~ I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry**

WOV # 770

770 I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry

1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger

old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
 on; you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to
 young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -

see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some-one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent-ly clos - es

child, with a faith to suit you well;
 time and you join your hearts as one,
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,

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in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from
I'll be there as I have al - ways been with

find where de - mons dwell."
dusk till ris - ing sun."
just one more sur - prise." 4 "I was there to hear your

born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. I re -

joiced the day you were bap-tized, to see your life un - fold."

***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; **Greeter:** Brenda Boring

Lay Reader: John Boring; **Sound:** Joe Kanagy

Next Sunday, May 23

Altar Care: Joy Byler; **Greeter:** Ed Bilich

Lay Reader: Ed Bilich; **Sound:** Jay Byler

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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.*

Please remember in prayer ~ Miriam Williamson, Anne Peachey, Desa Keiser, Elliana Byler, Kyung Sun Yim, Bob Treaster, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa) and Don Wolfe (VVH).

FROM the PASTOR

Joe Kanagy and Pastor Ela are our representatives for Synod Assembly June 16 and 17. Thank you, Joe. There is still room for one more representative if anyone would like to attend any part of the assembly in person or by zoom.

Upcoming events: (Bold indicates Church calendar celebrations)

Thursday, May 18 Ascension of the Lord

Sunday May 21 Ascension service

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

Veterans hosted at Watt's Memorial

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As you will notice, the mini splits were installed this past week. Unfortunately, drilling through the church's brick exterior created a fine red dust which has blanketed every surface in the sanctuary and even filtered down to the narthex. It will take many hours to properly clean the carpet, walls, stained glass windows, pews and other areas. We ask for your patience during this time.

St. John's is once again participating in the *Baby Bottle* fundraiser for Crossroads Pregnancy Center. The bottles can be found in the narthex.

The Property Committee will be meeting tomorrow, Monday, May 15 at 6:30pm in the blue room. All members are urged to attend.

St. John's is planning to participate in the Memorial Day parade again this year. If you have any ideas and/or would like to help, please contact the pastor or a council member.

There will be a Mother/Father Brunch following worship on Sunday, June 4. Place settings and beverages are being provided. A sign-up can be found in the narthex for those planning to attend, and to help provide the following ~

breakfast casseroles
breakfast pastries, donuts, coffee cake
fruit or monetary donations to purchase a fruit tray
(if possible, please sign-up by Sunday, May 28)

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 May 11, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 27 Offering ~ \$3,360.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 58,374.94 Expense \$ 66,914.48
Net Income \$ -8,539.54

Daycare ~ Income \$ 132,926.26 Expense \$ 137,681.90
Net Income \$ - 4,755.64