

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Belleville, PA 17004**



**Day of Pentecost
May 28, 2023**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome on Pentecost Sunday as we celebrate the Holy Spirit sent to the disciples. This is also the Sunday before Memorial Day. For our Pentecost service today we bookend the liturgy with patriotic songs honoring our God as Creator and protector of our country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN ~ *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

LBW #566

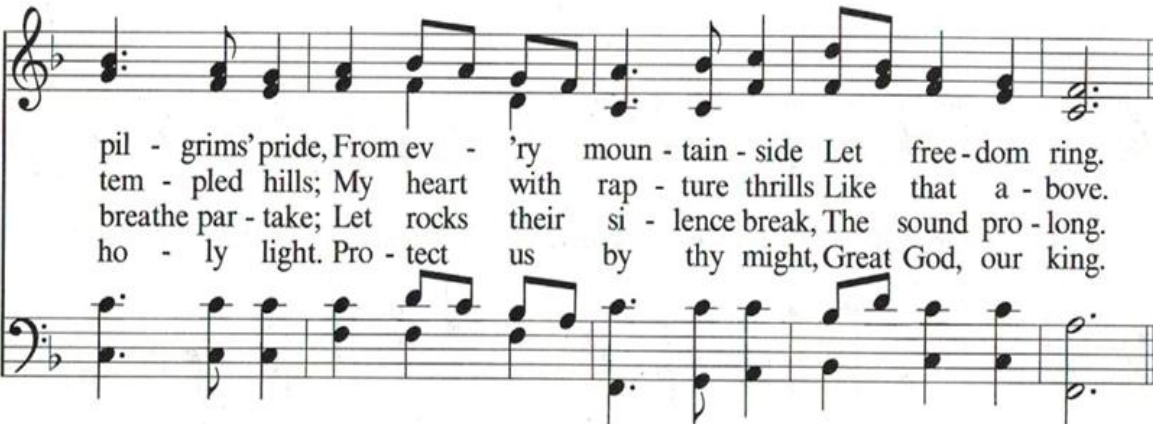
566

My Country, 'Tis of Thee


1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
 4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,



Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the
 Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
 Sweet free-dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake; Let all that
 To thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain - side Let free - dom ring.
 tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.
 breathe par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.
 ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, Great God, our king.

Text: Samuel F. Smith, 1805-1895
 Tune: Thesaurus Musicus, London, 1744

NATIONAL ANTHEM
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***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS for PENTECOST**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships and promises to show us mercy.

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 **Holy and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know too well our constant failures to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way, keep us in your care, and lead us into faith. We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace. 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.**

INVOCATION for PENTECOST

Veni Sancte Spiritus: Holy Spirit, Come to Us

WOV # 686

Veni Sancte Spiritus Holy Spirit, Come to Us

PENTECOST, THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Ostinato (repeated continuously)

A Bm⁷/A A Bm⁷/A

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

After the ostinato has begun, verses may be sung over it; space is left between the verses as the ostinato continues.

Leader

1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, from heav-en shine forth

with your glo - rious light. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

2 Come from the four winds, O Spir - it, come, Breath of

God; dis - perse the shad - ows o - ver us, re -

new and strength-en your peo - ple. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

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

P Let us pray...

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN ~ Spirit of the Living God (one verse)

Spirit of the Living God 322

LIVING GOD Irregular

Daniel Iverson, 1935; adapted Daniel Iverson, 1935

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me;

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Acts 2:1-21

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

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b ~ *with response*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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 7th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

John 7:37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN ~ *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* *verses 1, 2 and 4*

WOV # 684

684 *Refrain* **Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the wil - der-ness

call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,

stir me from plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

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D Bm E A

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

D G A G D

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Bm Gmaj⁷ Em⁷ A⁷ D *Refrain*

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

***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.

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

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

***THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The peace is shared

OFFERING ~ You may place your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews on your way out.

***OFFERTORY**


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***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

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*** PREFACE**

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Communion Song: *Something Opens Our Wings (2x)*

Something Opens Our Wings
Something Makes Hurt Disappear
Someone holds the cup before us
We test only sacredness

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



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

P 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

*BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind, and the blessing of the One who made us and loves us and goes before us be upon you and all those whom you love, this day and always. **Amen.**

***HYMN**

“God Bless America”

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer:

God Bless America, land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God Bless America, my home sweet home.
God Bless America, my home sweet home.

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

Music Ministry: Seulki Susie Yoo

Today

Altar Care: Joy Byler; **Greeter:** Carol Fultz

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

Next Sunday, June 4

Altar Care: Georgianna Buchanan; **Greeters:** Jim and Georgianna Buchanan

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

June

Altar Care ~ Georgianna Buchanan

Altar Flower Delivery ~ Georgianna Buchanan

Bulletin Delivery ~ Jim and Georgianna Buchanan

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.

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

Memorial Service at Church Hill Cemetery, Reedsville 2PM **TODAY**
Parade and VFW Commemoration Memorial Day, Monday May 29

During the week of **May 29 - June 2**,

Monday May 29: Kelly will be out of the office for Memorial Day

Tuesday May 30: Pastor Ela will be in the office at St. Johns 1:30 - 4PM and
West Kish 10 - 12:30PM

Wednesday May 31: The pastor will be out of the office for dentist appts and will
be in Tuesday (see above)

Thursday June 1: Pastor will be at the Bishops Retreat at Camp Mt. Luther.

Thursday June 8: Council Meeting 6:30 PM

Upcoming events: (Bold indicates Church calendar celebrations)

Monday May 29 Memorial Day observed

Sunday June 4 **Trinity Sunday** – Communion
Mothers/Fathers Brunch after Church

Sunday June 18 Fathers and Men of the Church Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mother/Father Brunch is being held following worship next Sunday, June 4. Place settings and beverages are being provided. A sign-up can be found in the narthex for those planning to attend (***if attending, please sign-up today***), and help provide the following ~

breakfast casseroles
breakfast pastries, donuts, coffee cake
or monetary donations to purchase a fruit tray

There are still a few bottles available in the narthex, for anyone who would like to participate in the *Baby Bottle* fundraiser for Crossroads Pregnancy Center. Please take one, fill it with your spare change or other monetary donation and return it to the church by Father's Day, June 18th.

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 25, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 24 Offering ~ \$ 940.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 69,729.94 Expense \$ 74,045.10

Net Income \$ -4,315.16

Daycare ~ Income \$ 147,698.58 Expense \$ 150,342.20

Net Income \$ -2,643.62