

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



**The Holy Trinity
June 4, 2023**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

This is Trinity Sunday, the bridge today from the Season of Easter to 'Ordinary time' or what I like to call the 'Season of the Sending.' As disciples we are equipped to send Christ's word into the world. We rejoice in the Trinity, One God in Three Persons, the center of our faith, with us in every moment of our lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Potluck Brunch after church today in the Fellowship Hall.


Lisa Griffith joins us with Special Music today.

*HYMN ~ *Glory Be to God the Father!* Vrs 1, 4, 5


LBW # 167

Glory Be to God the Father!

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1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther! Glo - ry be to God the Son!
 2 Glo - ry be to God who loved us, Washed from us each spot and stain!
 3 Glo - ry to the king of an - gels! Glo - ry to the Church's king!
 4 Glo - ry, bless-ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of an - gels sings.



Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it! God e - ter - nal, Three in One!
 Glo - ry be to him who bought us, Now with God on high to reign!
 Glo - ry to the king of na - tions! Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring!
 Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion! Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings.

- 5 Glory be to God the Father!
 Glory be to God the Son!
 Glory be to God the Spirit!
 God eternal, Three in One!

***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,

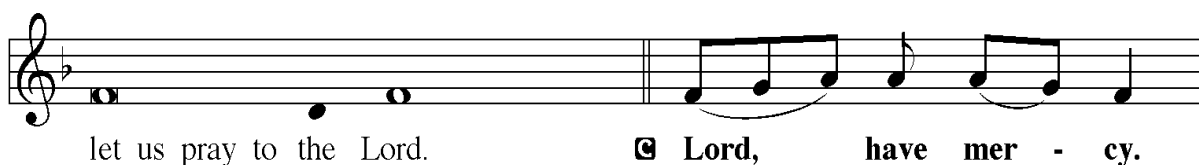
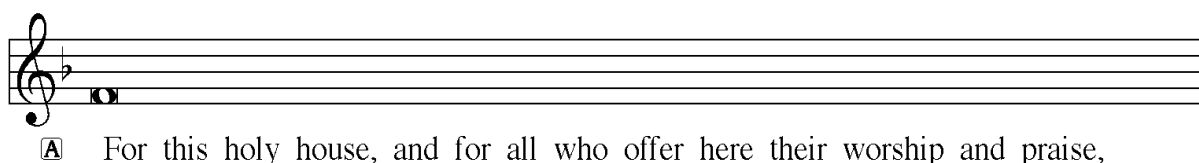
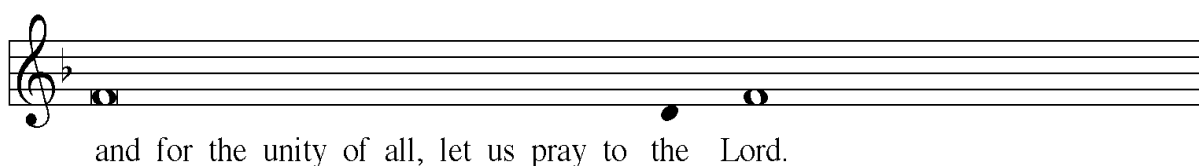
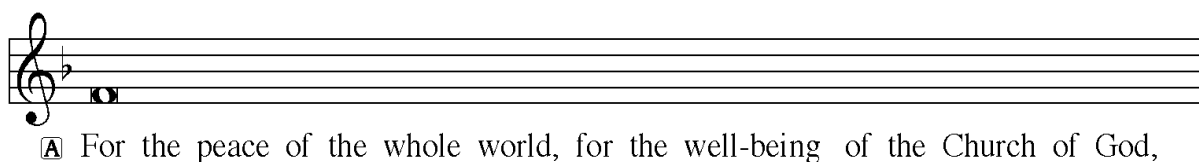
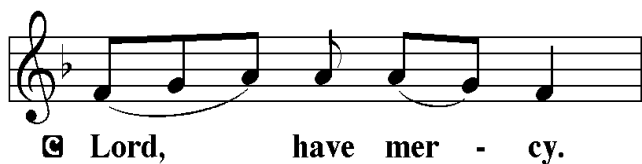
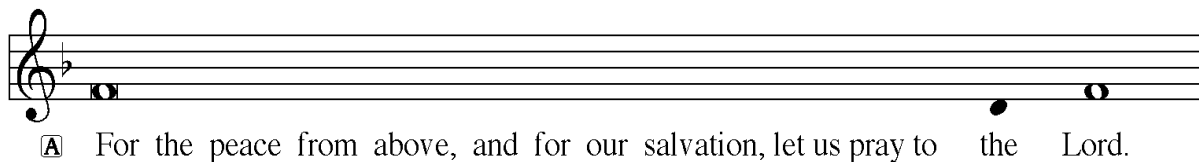
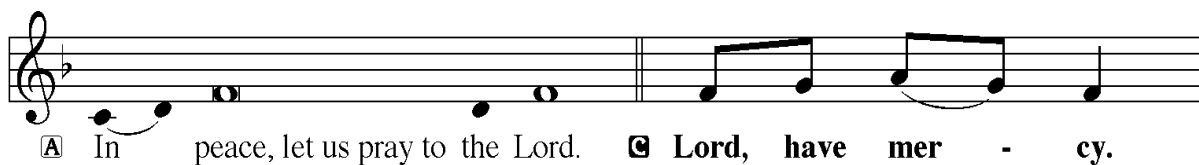
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus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

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [1] Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [2] Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
 strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [3] Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

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C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,
 al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. **II** For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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

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

***PRAYER for TRINITY Sunday**

P Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Genesis 1:1-2:4a

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8 ~ *with response*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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 Matthew the 28th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC *Oh Love* arr. Elaine Hagenberg

Lisa Griffith,
Seulki You, Pastor Ela

***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

Prayers

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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.

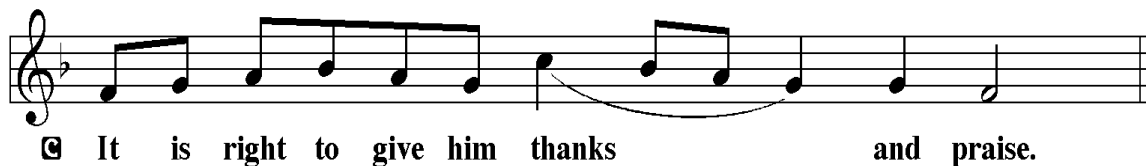
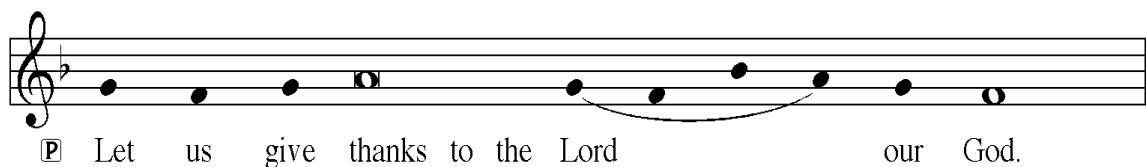
***OFFERTORY**

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.

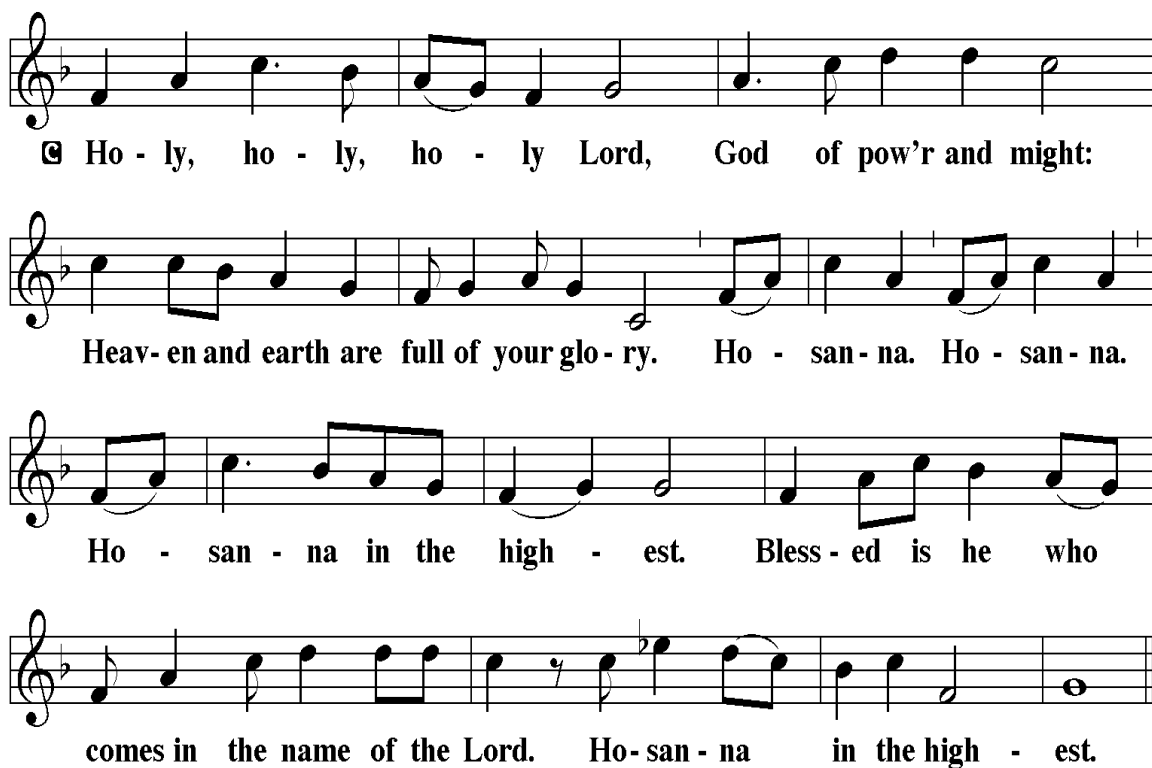
***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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** PREFACE for TRINITY**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father almighty and everliving God. You have revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise you name and join their unending hymn:



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**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**

☞ 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

***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 ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

LBW # 165

Holy, Holy, Holy

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1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Credits: *Oh Love* arr. Elaine Hagenberg

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

Music Ministry: Seulki Susie Yoo

Today

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

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

Next Sunday, June 11

Altar Care: Georgianna Buchanan; **Greeters:** Mike and Michele Harshbarger

Lay Reader: Mike Harshbarger; **Sound:** Joe Kanagy

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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.*

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Carolyn Conner in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Boring,
Samuel Metz, Fay Russler, Dorothy Corbin and Paul and Virginia Conner.

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

FROM the PASTOR***Upcoming events: (Bold indicates Church calendar celebrations)***

Thursday June 8: Council Meeting 6:30 PM

Sunday June 18 Fathers and Men of the Church Day

Lisa Griffith will be leading a choir while she is here through July 1st. It will meet to sing 11AM on Saturdays. The first rehearsal is July 1 at 11AM at West Kish. Everyone welcome. We hope many will be able to attend even if you can't make every rehearsal. Lisa has planned a couple or more a couple or more songs including an arrangement of America - and she hopes to have the choir sing that before or on July 2. Join in Saturday morning 11AM - if you feel rusty she'll get you back in shape.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's has Meals on Wheels the last 2 weeks in June. Please sign-up in the narthex if you can help provide any of the following desserts ~

Tuesday, June 20 ~ 5 Angel Food cakes

(Make your own, or purchase homemade from White Hall Store or Peight's)

Thursday, June 22 ~ 4 cans of cherry pie filling

Tuesday, June 27 ~ 5 dozen cookies (any kind)

Thursday, June 29 ~ monetary donations for pies ~ see Sue Lynch/church office

The summer newsletter will be printed on Thursday, June 22. It will feature pictures from Memorial Day, highlights of Synod Assembly, Call Committee update, upcoming events and other news.

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

The church will once again be paying camp fees for any children who would like to attend CML this summer. Please contact the church office if interested.

January 1 thru May 31, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ No count taken Offering ~ \$1,760.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 71,155.43 Expense \$ 74,045.10

Net Income \$ -2,889.67

Daycare ~ Income \$ 149,195.81 Expense \$ 150,447.78

Net Income \$ -1,251.97