

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



**Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 11, 2023**

**PRELUDE
WELCOME**

Welcome on this Second Sunday after Pentecost. Today we continue on the theme of the Trinity and incorporate into our service some resources and aspects of the order of the liturgy from the June 1 Bishops Retreat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa Griffith continues to welcome people to Choir practices 11AM Saturdays at West Kish Church. Choir will rehearse Saturday, June 10, 17, 24, July 1

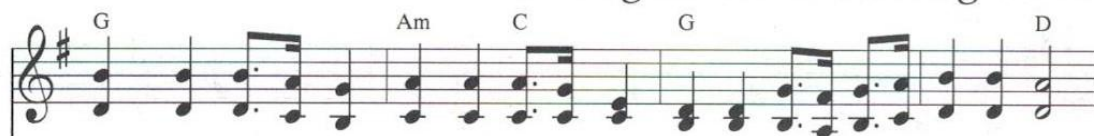
***GATHERING SONG ~ What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine** WOV # 780

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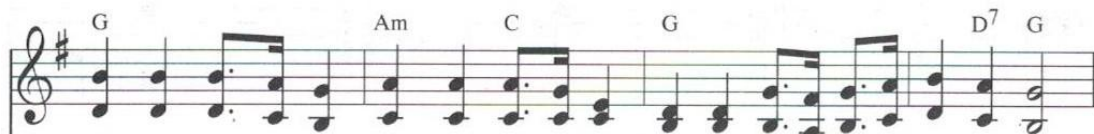
What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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- 1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine,
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,



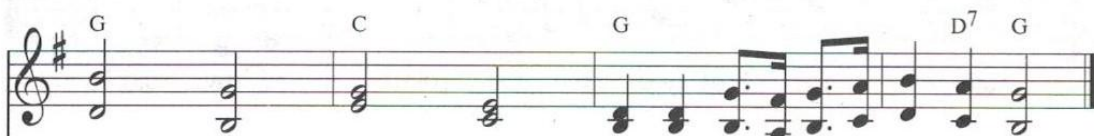
Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms;



Lean-ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



lean-ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

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

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P To you, O God,

C All hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy and remember us in your love.

Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth,

For the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

***GREETING**

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

P You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C a people holy to the LORD our God.

P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

***SCRIPTURE SONG**

☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Hosea 5:15-6:6

after the reading

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

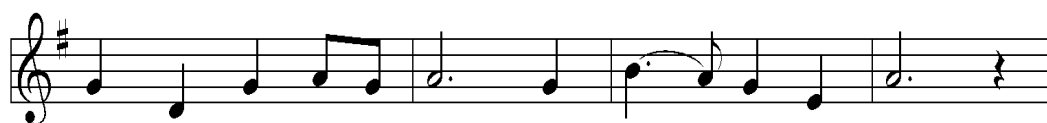
Psalm 50:7-15 ~ *with response*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from Romans 4:13-25

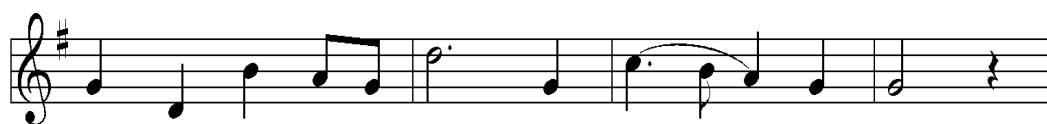
after the reading

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

***GOSPEL READING**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

***RESPONSE to the WORD Athanasian Creed (excerpts)**

Congregation recites first lines in bold

C **We worship one God in trinity**

and the Trinity in unity,

neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

C **For the Father is one person,**

the Son is another,

and the Spirit is still another.

C **But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,**

equal in glory,

coeternal in majesty.

C **What the Father is,**

the Son is,

and so is the Holy Spirit.

C **Uncreated is the Father;**

uncreated is the Son;

uncreated is the Spirit.

C **The Father is infinite;**

the Son is infinite;

the Holy Spirit is infinite.

C **Eternal is the Father;**

eternal is the Son;

eternal is the Spirit:

C **And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;**

as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings,

but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

C Almighty is the Father;
almighty is the Son;
almighty is the Spirit:

C And yet there are not three almighty beings,
but one who is almighty.

C Thus the Father is God;
the Son is God;
the Holy Spirit is God:

C And yet there are not three gods,
but one God.

C Thus the Father is Lord;
the Son is Lord;
the Holy Spirit is Lord:

C And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.
As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God
and Lord,
so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

C The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;
the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father;
the Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the
Father and the Son.

C Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;
one Son, not three sons;
one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

C And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other;
but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;
and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three
persons.

***THE PEACE**

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree
with one another, live in peace.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

HYMN ~ Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*Bill Cullingford - whistles***Come, Join the Dance of Trinity****412**

1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
 when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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 Music: English folk tune
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OFFERING ~ you may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews on your way out.

***OFFERTORY**



Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature.

With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care.

Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ *Found in Celebrate

P Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.
A brief silence.

***LORD's PRAYER**

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

***THE BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

*SENDING SONG ~ *On Eagle's Wings*

WOV # 779

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You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

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On Eagle's Wings

1 You who . . . dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
 3 For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to

bide in this shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My . . .
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your . . .
 guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, . . . my . . . rock . . . in whom I . . . trust!"
 ref - uge . . . with . . . faith - ful - ness . . . your . . . shield.
 bear you up, lest you dash . . . your foot a - gainst a stone.

Chords: G, DM⁷, Bm, G, DM⁷, F, B^b, Dm, C, Dm, Gm, Asus⁴, A

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Refrain

“And I will raise you up on ea - gle’s wings,

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

Chords: D, Em, A⁷, D, A, G, D⁷, G, Em, A, Bm, F^{#m}, Em, A⁷, D

***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

Greeters: Mike and Michele Harshbarger; **Lay Reader:** Mike Harshbarger

Altar Care: Georgianna Buchanan; **Sound:** Joe Kanagy

Next Sunday, June 18

Greeters: John and Brenda Boring; **Lay Reader:** John Boring

Altar Care: Georgianna Buchanan; **Sound:** Jay Byler

This coming week:

Monday June 12: Pastor Robertson will not be in during her regular hours as she will be officiating a funeral.

Wednesday June 14 10AM - 1PM Pastor Ela will be in the office as usual.

Wednesday June 14 6PM Council is invited to join the Call committee's meeting with Synod representative Stina Schaeffer Wednesday

Wednesday June 14 approx 7PM Council will meet for regular business meeting

Friday and Saturday June 16 and 17.

Joe Kanagy and Pastor Robertson will be attending Synod Assembly

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.

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Jami Zook and Reba Harmon in memory of
Susie Smoker, Susanne Stroup, Gwen Hornberger and Bev Bigelow.

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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's has Meals on Wheels this week. Still needed for Thursday is 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.

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 June 8, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 27 Offering ~ \$1,475.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 123,309.23 Expense \$ 132,088.89
Net Income \$ -8,779.66

Daycare ~ Income \$ 158,661.05 Expense \$ 163,241.21
Net Income \$ -4,580.16