

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



**Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Father's and Men of the Church Sunday  
June 18, 2023**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

Welcome on this Third Sunday after Pentecost. In this season of discipleship, we also recognize the need for retreat, rest and time at the feet of Jesus. May we give thanks for God's great abundance today as we celebrate the gifts of Fathers and Men of the Church.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*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**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN ~ This is My Father's World**

LBW # 554

**This Is My Father's World****554**

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in D major, 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three parts of the hymn. The chords are indicated above the treble staff.

**System 1:** Chords: D, F#m, D, Em, A, A7. Lyrics: 1 This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-t'ning ears All; 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; The birds their car-ols raise; The; 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; Oh, let me not for-get That,

**System 2:** Chords: D, F#m, Bm, A, D, A7, D. Lyrics: na-ture sings, and round me rings The mu-sic of the spheres. morn-ing light, the lil-y white, De-clare their mak-er's praise. though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.

**System 3:** Chords: A7, D, G, A7, Bm, D, G, D, A, E7, A, A7. Lyrics: This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of; This is my Fa-ther's world; He shines in all that's fair. In the; This is my Fa-ther's world; Why should my heart be sad? The

**System 4:** Chords: D, F#m, Bm, A, D, A7, D. Lyrics: rocks and trees, of . . skies and seas; His hand the won-ders .wrought. rus-ling grass I . . hear him pass; He speaks to me ev-'ry-where. Lord is king, let the heav-ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be . . glad!

**\*GREETING**

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** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**\*HYMN of PRAISE**

☞ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Ⅰ 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.



☞ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



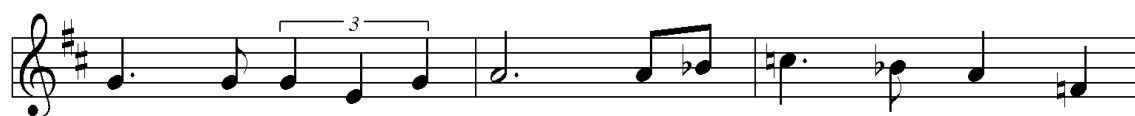
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Ⅱ 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



I For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,  
II



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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**THE LESSONS**

First Lesson ~ A reading from Exodus 19:2-8

*after the reading*

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

Psalm 100 ~ *with response*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from Romans 5:1-8

*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?

Al - le - lu - ia. 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 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*The Gospel is read. After the reading*

P The Gospel of the Lord

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

**MESSAGE**



HYMN ~ *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

WOV # 731

## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
 when my life is . . . al - most . . . gone,  
 and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,  
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.



**\*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.*

**\*THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us extend the Peace of Christ to those here and beyond the walls of the sanctuary into the world.

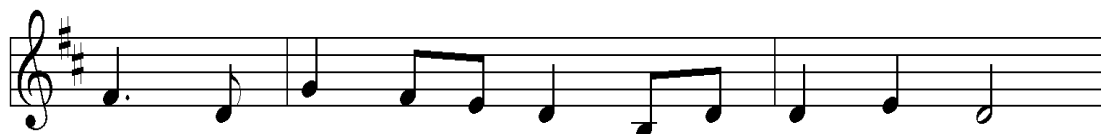
**OFFERING** ~ you may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews on your way out.



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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, 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.

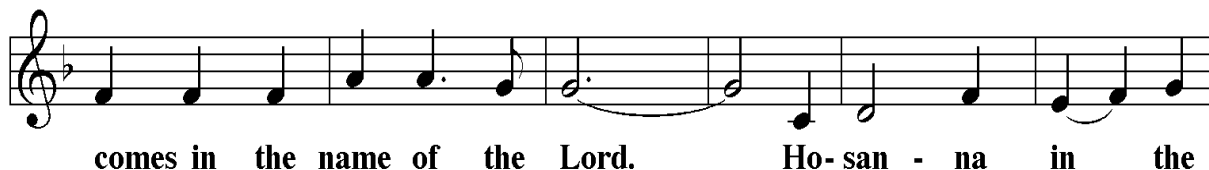
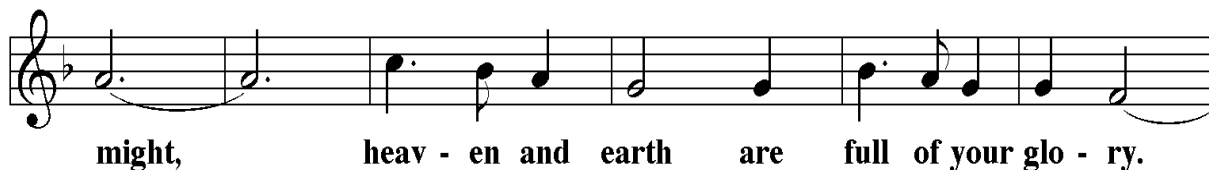
**C** And also with you.

**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 our thanks and praise



## **\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion we may know  
the unity we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C **Amen**

## **\*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 is 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  
for 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.

### \*CANTICLE



Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -

one what God has done. Let all who seek the

Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and

lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C** Amen

**\*BLESSING**

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

**C** Amen

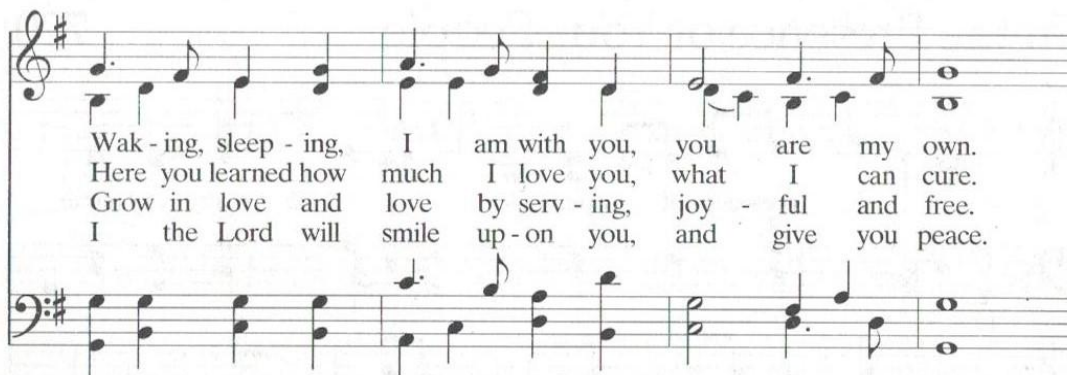
**\*SENDING SONG ~ Go, My Children, with My Blessing** Verses 1 and 3

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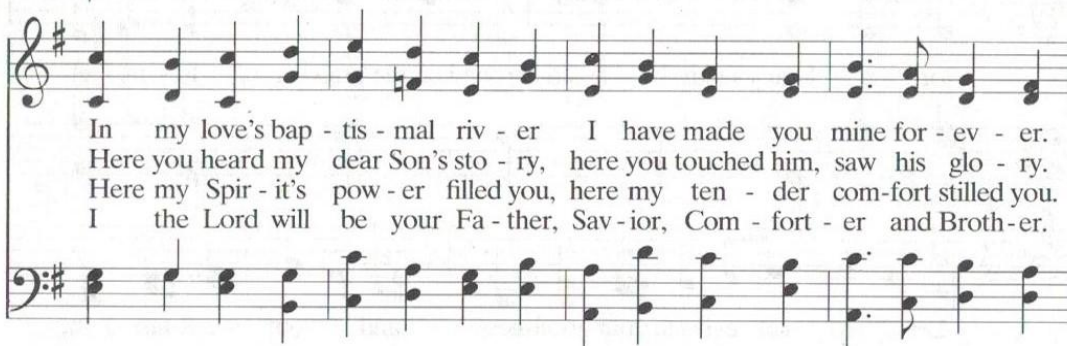
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."



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

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

**Next Sunday, June 25**

**Altar Care:** Georgianna Buchanan; **Greeter:** Deb French

**Lay Reader:** Deb French; **Sound:** Jay Byler

**UPCOMING**

Monday June 19: Communion at Valley View For Terrace, Village and other residents able to attend, in Terrace Activity Room. Call 740 228-7123 if you need assistance getting to the service. Lisa Griffith will provide special music.

Sunday July 2: Special Speaker from the Gideons - Ed Bilich along with assigned lay reader for scripture readings will be leading liturgy. No Communion

Tuesday July 4: Church office and Day Care closed

Sunday July 9: Communion

Sunday July 16: Speaker - Richard Nyakaana from Uganda. No Communion  
Ed Bilich along with assigned lay reader for scripture readings will be leading liturgy.

Sunday July 25: Communion

**Church Office:** 935-2032; **Email us at** [secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org](mailto: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  
Eleanore Rachau in memory of her parents,  
William and Marian Steffey.

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**

Communion will be offered at Valley View on Monday June 19 at 6:30PM . A flyer went out to Valley View residents saying June 11; the correct date is June 19.

Pastor Robertson will be away June 27 - July 3. Pastor Rich Adams will again provide emergency pastoral care. His cell is 717-253-0235.

As July is a 5-Sunday month and the pastor will be away on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, Communion will be held on the 2nd and 4th July Sundays at St. Johns, that is July 9 and July 23.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There will be a Property Committee meeting tomorrow, Monday June 19 at 6:30pm. All members are urged to attend.

The Daycare annual yard sale is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, August 1 and 2. If you have ANYTHING in clean useable condition you are looking to get rid of, please place it on/in front of the stage. No clothing or televisions...PLEASE. Thank you!

January 1 thru June 14, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 23      Offering ~ \$1,145.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 141,454.23      Expense \$ 150,790.27

Net Income \$ -9,336.04

Daycare ~ Income \$ 158,762.56      Expense \$ 163,831.16

Net Income \$ -5,068.60