

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

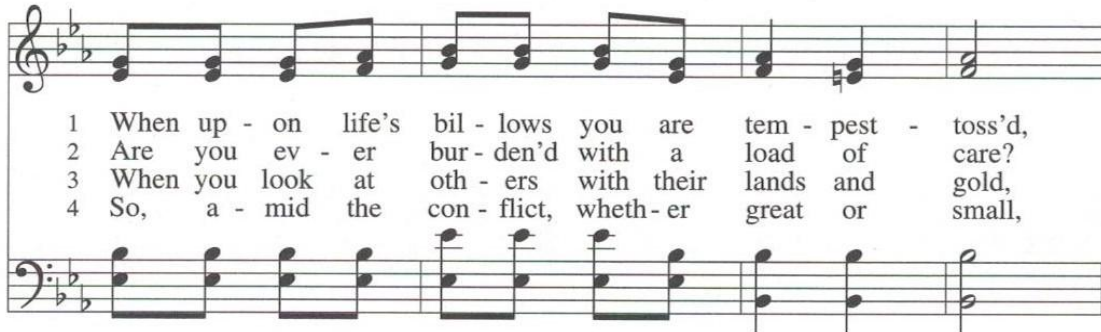


**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 25, 2023**

**PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*GATHERING SONG ~ *Count Your Blessings*

HOPE, COMFORT

When upon Life's Billows*Count Your Blessings***173**


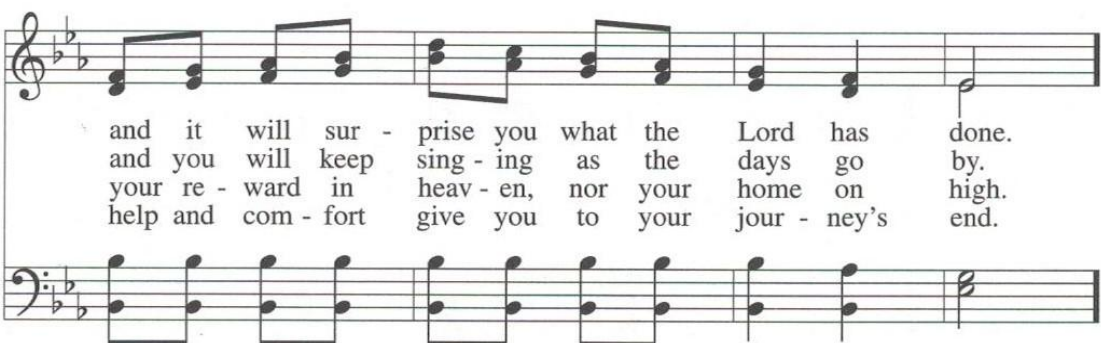
1 When up - on life's bil - lows you are tem - pest - toss'd,
 2 Are you ev - er bur - den'd with a load of care?
 3 When you look at oth - ers with their lands and gold,
 4 So, a - mid the con - flict, wheth - er great or small,



when you are dis - cour - aged, think - ing all is lost,
 Does the cross seem heav - y you are called to bear?
 think that Christ has prom - ised you his wealth un - told;
 do not be dis - heart - en'd, God is o - ver all;



count your man - y bless - ings, name them one by one,
 Count your man - y bless - ings, ev - 'ry doubt will fly,
 count your man - y bless - ings, wealth can nev - er buy
 count your man - y bless - ings, an - gels will at - tend,



and it will sur - prise you what the Lord has done.
 and you will keep sing - ing as the days go by.
 your re - ward in heav - en, nor your home on high.
 help and com - fort give you to your jour - ney's end.

***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.

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.



I 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.



II 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...

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Jeremiah 20:7-13

after the reading

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

Psalm 69:7-18 ~ *with response*

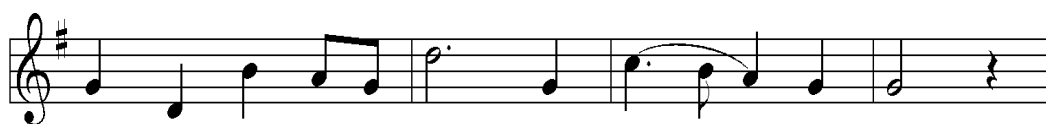
Second Lesson ~ A reading from Romans 6:1b-11

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 10th chapter.

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

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC: *His Eye is on the Sparrow*

Lisa Griffith

***RESPONSE to the WORD**

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal
of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C **Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**
**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*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.**

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 ~ *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

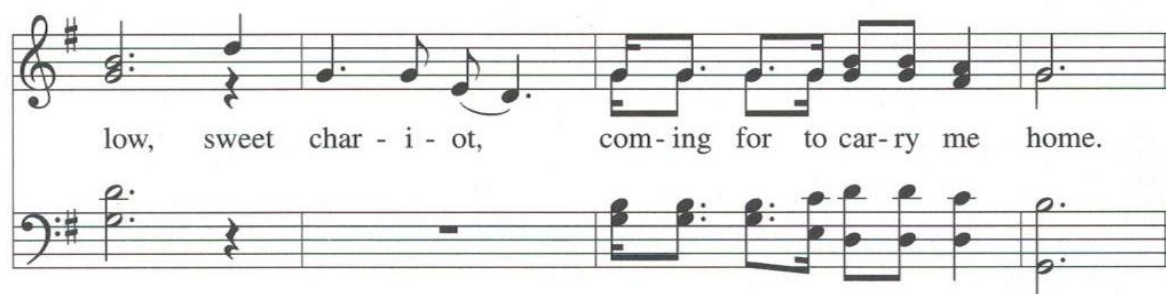
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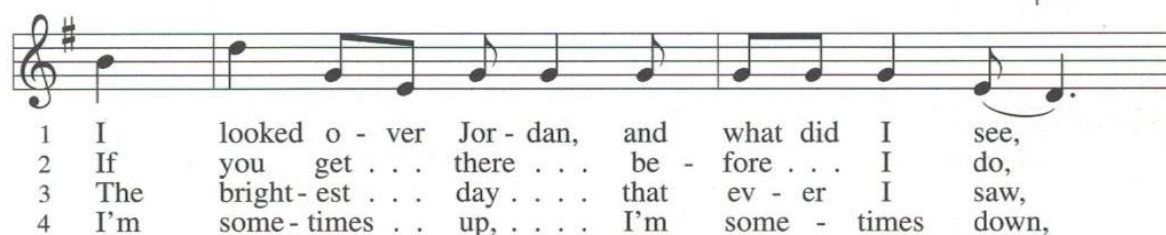
Refrain



Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com - ing for to car - ry me home. Swing



low, sweet char - i - ot, com - ing for to car - ry me home.



1 I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see,
2 If you get . . . there . . . be - fore . . . I do,
3 The bright - est . . . day . . . that ev - er I saw,
4 I'm some - times . . . up, . . . I'm some - times down,



com - ing for to car - ry me home? A band of an - gels
com - ing for to car - ry me home; tell all my friends I'm
com - ing for to car - ry me home; when Je - sus washed my
com - ing for to car - ry me home; but still my soul feels

Refrain



com - ing af - ter me, com - ing for to car - ry me home.
com - ing . . . too, com - ing for to car - ry me home.
sins . . . a - way, com - ing for to car - ry me home.
heav - en - ly . . . bound, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

***POSTLUDE**

* *Credits: His Eye is on the Sparrow* lyrics Civilla Martin, music Charles Gabriel

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

Music Ministry: Seulki Susie Yoo

Today

Greeter: Deb French; **Lay Reader:** Deb French

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

Next Sunday, July 2

Greeters: Bob and Susan Keller; **Lay Reader:** John Chester

Altar Care: Carol Fultz; **Sound:** Ed Bilich

UPCOMING

Sunday July 2: Special Speaker from the Gideon's, Al Imler - 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 , Call Committee installation

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

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 in memory of J.P. Zook, G.I. Yoder,
Bob Bonson and James L. Harmon

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

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

Al Imler, from the Gideon's will be speaking next Sunday. Ed Bilich along with assigned lay reader for scripture readings will be leading liturgy. No Communion

Thank you to all who participated in and volunteered for the Valley View Communion on Monday. Communion was shared with 45! People were hungry to partake in Communion, worship, and music together. Special thanks to Brenda for miraculously providing enough refreshments for the fellowship time afterwards. God is good. God provides. All in God's time.

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

The summer newsletter can be found in the mailboxes of members who do not receive it by email.

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

January 1 thru June 22, 2023
Last week's attendance ~ 23 Offering ~ \$1,295.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 143,569.23 Expense \$ 153,677.05
Net Income \$ -10,107.82

Daycare ~ Income \$ 168,537.69 Expense \$ 176,507.27
Net Income \$ -7,969.58