

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



"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Matthew 13:44

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
with Service of Healing and Wholeness
July 30, 2023**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome on this 9th Sunday after Pentecost. In the tradition of 5th Sundays we will do something a little different in our service today. We call upon the healing power of songs and favorite hymns to offer healing balm to us, as we receive the Chrism oil and offer healing prayers for ourselves and our world. Our message today will be interspersed among and comment upon our songs, prayers and readings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Music and Worship Committee has chosen camp songs and favorite hymns for this service. If there are any others you would like to sing we will weave them into the rest of the summer. Just list them and put the slip in the offering plate or in the office.

*GATHERING SONG ~ *In the Garden*

130 **In The Garden**

C. A. M. C. AUSTIN MILES

1. I come to the gar-den a-lone, While the dew is still on the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their
 3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him Tho' the night a-round me be

ros-es, And the voice I hear, Fall-ing on my ear, The
 sing-ing, And the mel-o-dy That He gave to me, With-fall-ing, But He bids me go; Thro' the voice of woe His

CHORUS
 Son of God dis-clos-es.
 in my heart is ring-ing. And He walks with me, and He
 voice to me is call-ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the
 joy we share as we tar-ry there, None oth-er has ev-er known.

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***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.

MESSAGE 1: *Reflection on the Origins of 'In the Garden'*

***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...

C Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LESSONS

Psalm 119:129-136 ~ *with response*

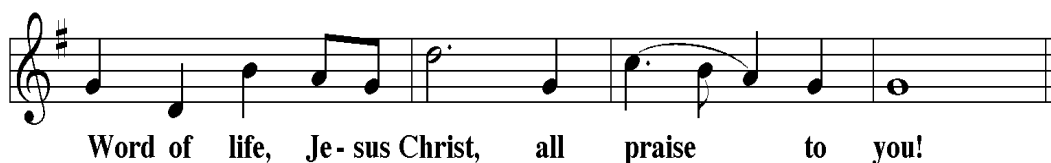
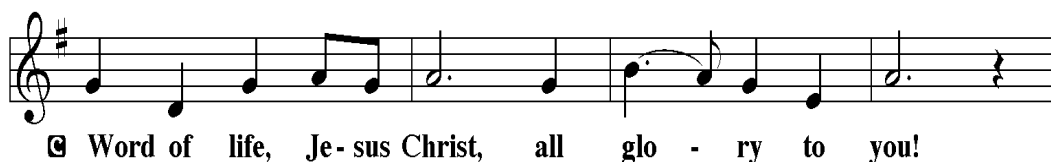
Second Lesson ~ A reading from Romans 8:26-39

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL READING**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE 2: Reflections on 'Joy Down in Our Heart'

HYMN ~ Joy in My Heart

336 Joy in My Heart GEO. W. COOKE

1. I have the joy, joy, joy, joy, Down in my heart,
 2. I have the peace that pass-eth un-der-stand-ing, Down in my heart,
 3. I have the love of Je-sus, love of Je-sus, Down in my heart,
 Down in my heart, Down in my heart, I have the joy, joy,
 Down in my heart, Down in my heart, I have the peace that pass-eth
 Down in my heart, Down in my heart, I have the love of Je-sus,
 joy, joy, Down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay.
 un-der-stand-ing, Down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay.
 love of Je-sus, Down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay.

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***RESPONSE to the WORD**

Affirmation of Faith

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**

SERVICE of HEALING and WHOLENESS

Call to Confession

P: You are our creator, knitting us together and breathing life into dust.

You are our redeemer, healing our diseases and delivering us from death.

You are our sustainer, strengthening us to serve you with freedom and joy.

We come to you with our communal sins with confidence in your forgiveness
and love.

Confession (congregation)

When you parted the waters

you had not intended for nations to fight against one another

When you created man and woman

you had not intended for their offspring to live in conflict.

**Yet, we continue to turn away from the places you would lead us
where we could stand for unity in the world.**

**We continue to be irritated and annoyed with others
when we could practice listening, patience and humility.
We strive to solve our own problems, or heal ourselves,
forgetting you are there to hear our prayers
and lead us to those who can help us.
Let us know your forgiveness and your healing love.
Our Lord, Our God. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Because Jesus lived and died and rose again for us, we know that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: *There is a Balm in Gilead*

Verse 1 together, then continue singing or humming as we come up for Anointing

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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Refrain
F

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

F B^b F/C C⁷ F

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

B^b F C

1 Some-times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

B^b F B^b F⁷ Gm F/C C⁷ Dm *Refrain* B^b

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge he'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

Receiving Anointment with the Chrism oil

All those who wish to receive the Chrism oil and offer prayer requests may come forward (much as we do at communion) and stand or kneel as you choose. Your prayers may simply be unspoken or you may voice a concern for yourself, loved ones, a cause such as cancer patients, grieving parents, or prayers for healing of divisiveness in family, church, community, country or the world.

(When all have returned to their seat)

***PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

God of mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive these petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage.

[Pastor offers prayer petitions]

[Prayers of the People, concluding with congregation in unison:]

**Life-giving God,
heal our lives,
that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds
and offer you thanks from generation to generation
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer Song:

Come and Fill Our Hearts with your Peace (Organ 1x, pastor 1x, congregation 3x)

Pastor 1x:

Confitemini Domino, Quo-ni-am bonus
Confitemini Domino, Allelulia

Congregation 3x:

**Come and fill our hearts with Your peace
You alone O Lord are Holy
Come and fill our hearts with Your peace
Alle -lu-u-u-lia**

Congregational Prayer: (unison)

**You are our creator, knitting us together and breathing life into dust.
You are our redeemer, healing our diseases and delivering us from death.
You are our sustainer, strengthening us to serve you
Be with us, comfort us, heal us and help us to share the balm
of your healing love with others.**

Message 3: *God's Healing is Always with Us*

***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**

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are as follows:

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**

***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 Our Way Rejoicing
 Christ with us our safety, Christ within our joy.

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On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing Glad - ly let us go.
 2 Un - to God the Fa - ther Joy - ful songs we sing;

The first system of musical notation for the song. It features a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The piano part consists of chords and single notes, with a final measure containing a whole note chord marked with an '8'.

Christ our Lord has con - quered; Van-quished is the foe.
 Un - to God the Sav - ior Thank-ful hearts we bring;

The second system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment includes a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, with a long note in the left hand in the final measure.

Christ with-out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
 Un - to God the Spir - it Bow we and a - dore,

The third system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment includes a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, with a long note in the left hand in the final measure.

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Who, if we be faith - ful, Can our hope de-destroy?
On our way re - joic - ing Now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; As we for-ward move,

Hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

***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: Carol Fultz; **Greeter:** Jami Zook

Lay Reader: Jami Zook; **Sound:** Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, August 6

Greeter: Chelsea Reed; **Lay Reader:** Chelsea Reed

Altar Care: Susan Keller; **Sound:** Ed Bilich

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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
Edna Chester in honor of her parents, J. Frank and Savilla Smith.

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

Its Liberia Tuition Sponsorship time and Joe Kanagy will be in the narthex with student profiles. If you are not already, please consider becoming a new sponsor in the program. YOU can make the difference in the life of a child.

The Daycare yard sale is this **Tuesday, noon-7pm Wednesday, 8am-1pm.** We have a nice selection this year, along with lots of treasures on our popular *free tables* located outside. Thank you to ‘everyone’ who donated items for the sale.

The 103rd Annual Belleville Fireman’s Festival is this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Friday, Chicken BBQ (halves and dinners) will be ready by 4PM at the Belleville Activity Center. Take-out or eat at the center. Saturday, enjoy chicken corn soup at the Center. The Fireman’s Parade will begin at 5PM starting at Locust Grove Church and ending at the Festival Grounds.

January 1 thru July 26, 2023

Last week’s attendance ~ 27	Offering ~ \$1,705.00
St. John’s ~ Income \$153,496.91	Expense \$ 165,127.05
Net Income \$ - 11,630.14	

Daycare ~ Income \$ 187,950.45	Expense \$ 200,761.05
Net Income - \$12,810.60*	

* June was a 3-pay period month