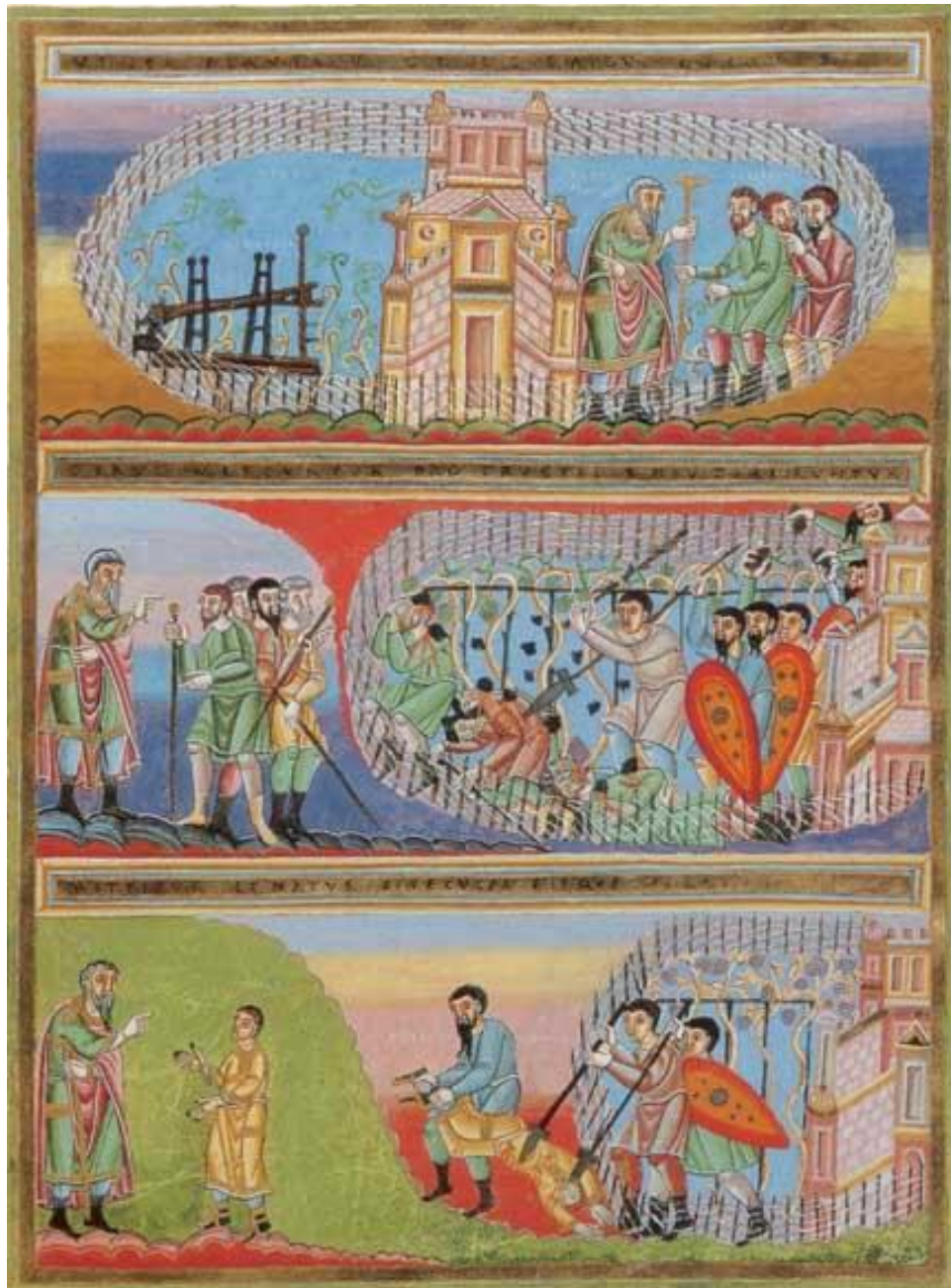


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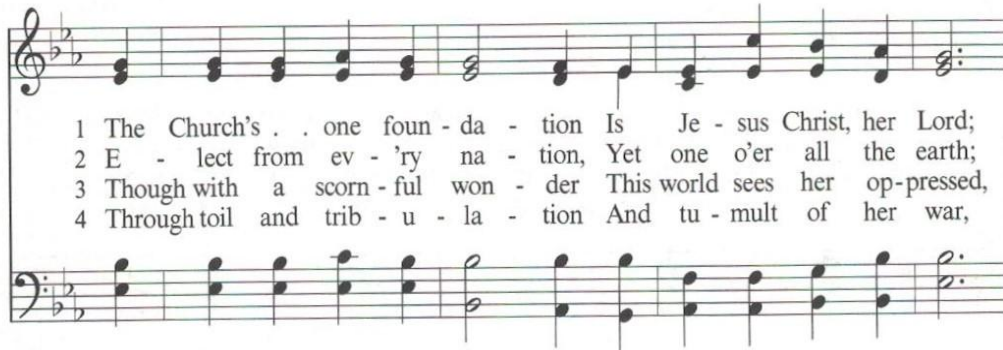
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 8, 2023**

**PRELUDE  
WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

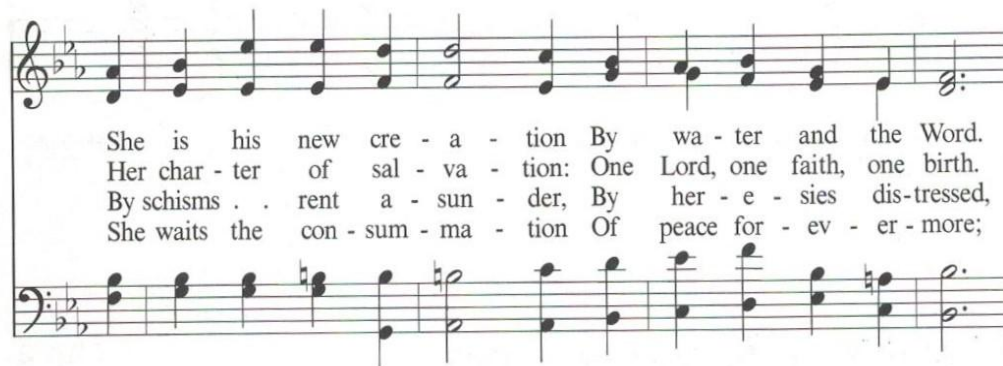
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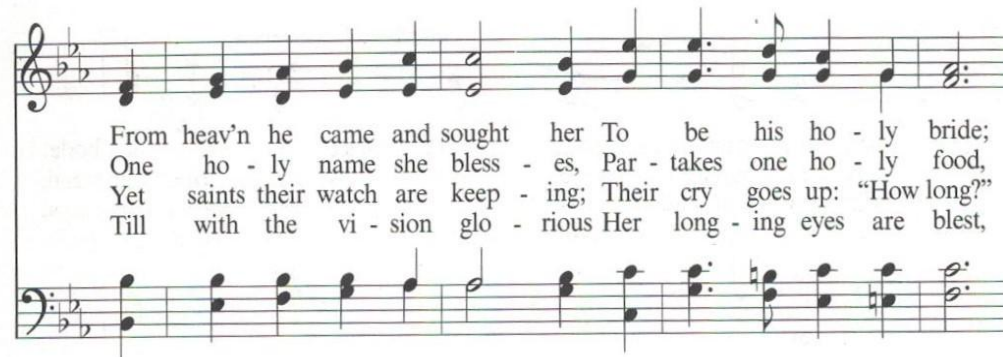
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*The Church's One Foundation*


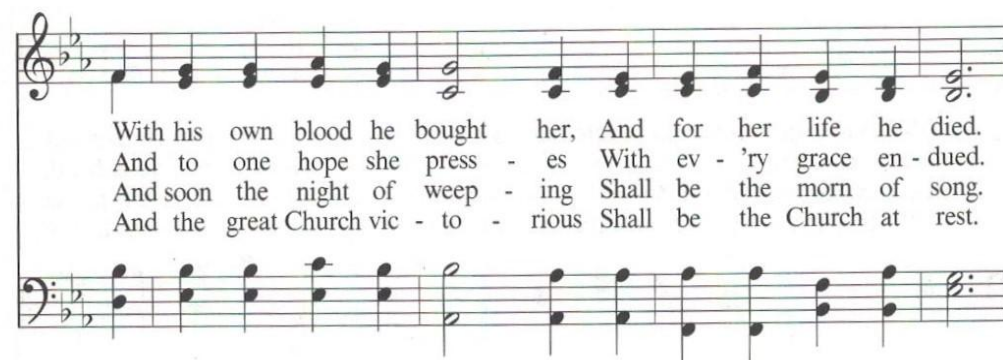
1 The Church's . . one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der This world sees her op-pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war,



She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.  
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 By schisms . . rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis-tressed,  
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;



From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.  
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.  
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

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5 Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.

O blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see you face to face.

**\*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,

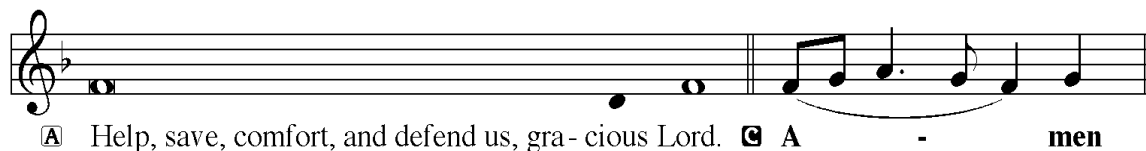
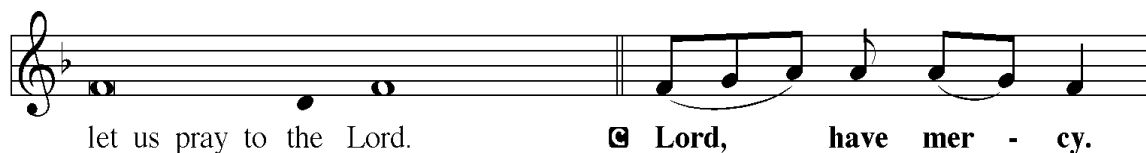
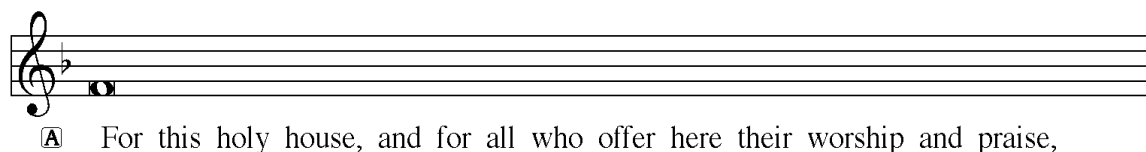
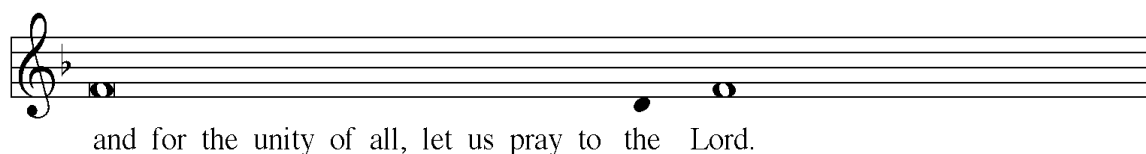
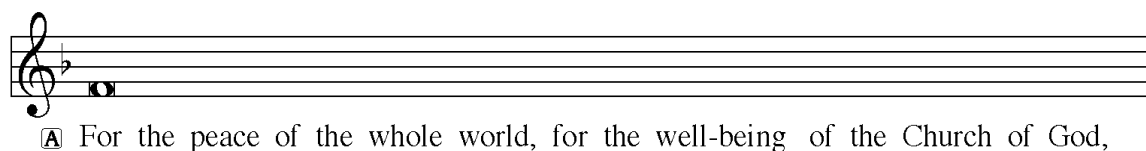
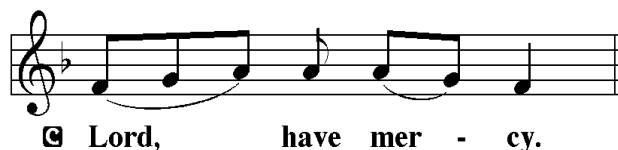
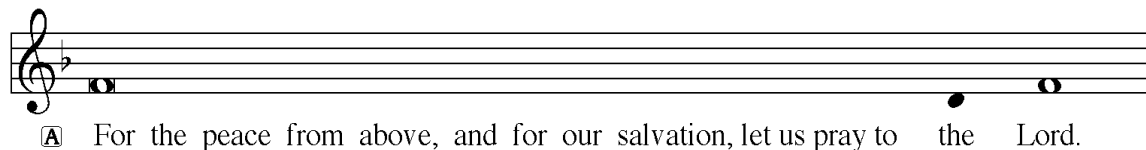
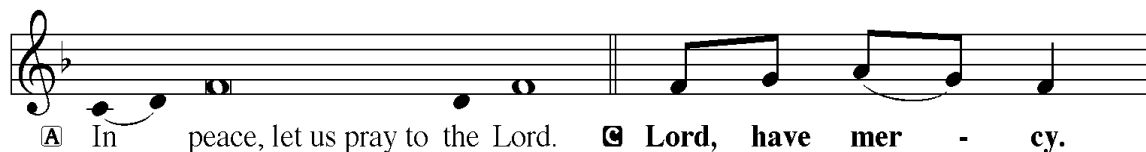
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus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

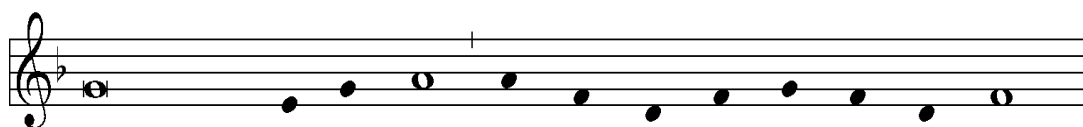
P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

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**

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**B** 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.



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.



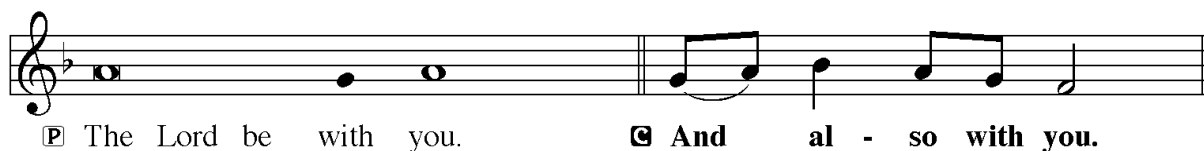
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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

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

P Let us pray...

**Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**LESSONS**

First Lesson ~ A reading from Isaiah 5:1-7

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-15 ~ *read responsively*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from Philippians 3:4-14

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

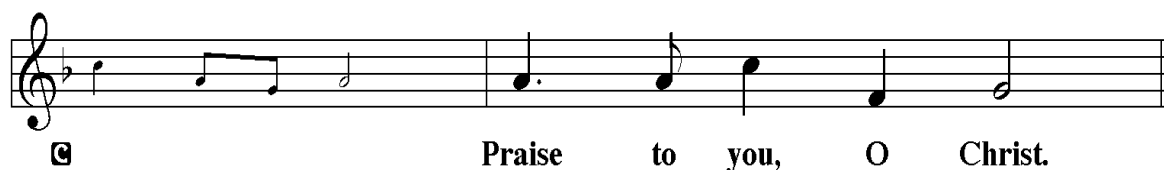
**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.



*The Gospel is read. After the reading*

P The Gospel of the Lord



**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**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**

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



**\*OFFERTORY**


Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -

it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take

not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the

joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

**\*PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ See Celebrate**

P Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

**\*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

**\*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 ~ Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

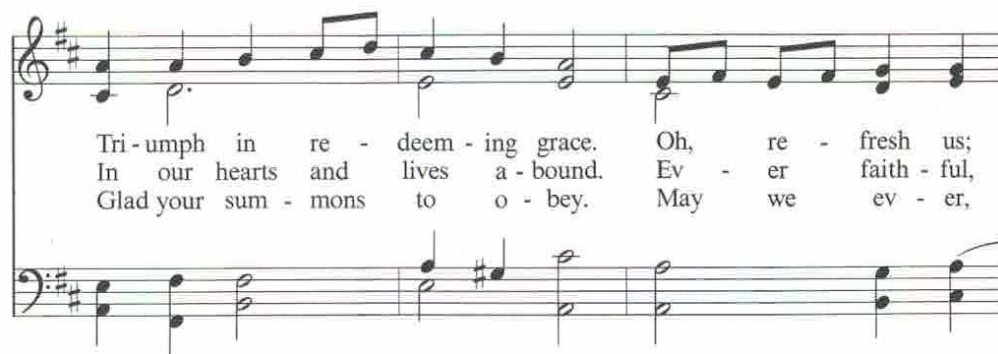
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**Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing 259**


1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For your Gos - pel's  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 pil - grim way, Let no fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us;  
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 Glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful To your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er Reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
 Tune: Sicilian, 18th cent.

SICILIAN MARINERS  
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**\*DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

**R Thanks be to God**

**Congregational Meeting**

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

**Music Ministry:** Seulki Susie Yoo

**Today**

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

**Altar Care:** Carol Fultz; **Sound:** Joe Kanagy

**Next Sunday, October 15**

**Greeter:** Erica Hargenrader; **Lay Reader:** Erica Hargenrader

**Altar Care:** Carol Fultz; **Sound:** Jay Byler

**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  
the Kauffman and Spicher families in loving memory of  
Bruce and Judy Kauffman.

Please remember in prayer ~ Erica Hargenrader, Fred Miller and Buck Metz  
(Greenwood Village for rehab), Sarah Robertson (neck surgery, Pastor's niece),  
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).

**Looking Ahead**

Thursday, October 12 ~ Council meeting

Monday, October 16 ~ 6:30pm Property Committee meeting

Sunday, October 22 ~ Reception for pastor following the service

## **FROM the PASTOR**

Pastor Robertson will be away through this Wednesday, October 11. Pastor Rick Adams (717) 253-0235 is providing emergency pastoral care.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you to Ed Bilich for once again leading our worship, while Pastor Ela enjoys time off.

Joe Kanagy will be leading our worship service next Sunday, and his wife Rufina is providing the message.

Donations to support Blanket Sunday can be made through today. Envelopes can be found in the narthex. Thank you to everyone who supported this mission.

For anyone who cannot attend Pastor Longfield's celebration today, cards may be sent to him at PO Box 127, Reedsville 17084.

There are only four dates remaining to fill St. John's portion of the Advent devotional. Please consider writing a meditation. A sign-up sheet along with scripture readings can be found in the narthex.

January 1 thru October 5, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ no count taken      Offering ~ \$2,990.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 189,498.02      Expense \$ 198,438.35

\*Net Income \$ -8,940.33

\*As authorized by the 2023 budget, \$5,000.00 was transferred from the money market account to cover expenses.

Daycare ~ Income \$ 240,370.76      Expense \$ 263,020.78

\*Net Income \$ -22,650.02

\* Due to the budget impasse this summer, St. John's Pre-K Counts preschool program along with schools and colleges across PA, are still awaiting funding from the state. The daycare has been paying the Pre-K salaries and other expenses until the monies are paid out, which should be this month according to the last update. The net income figure will decrease once funding has been received.