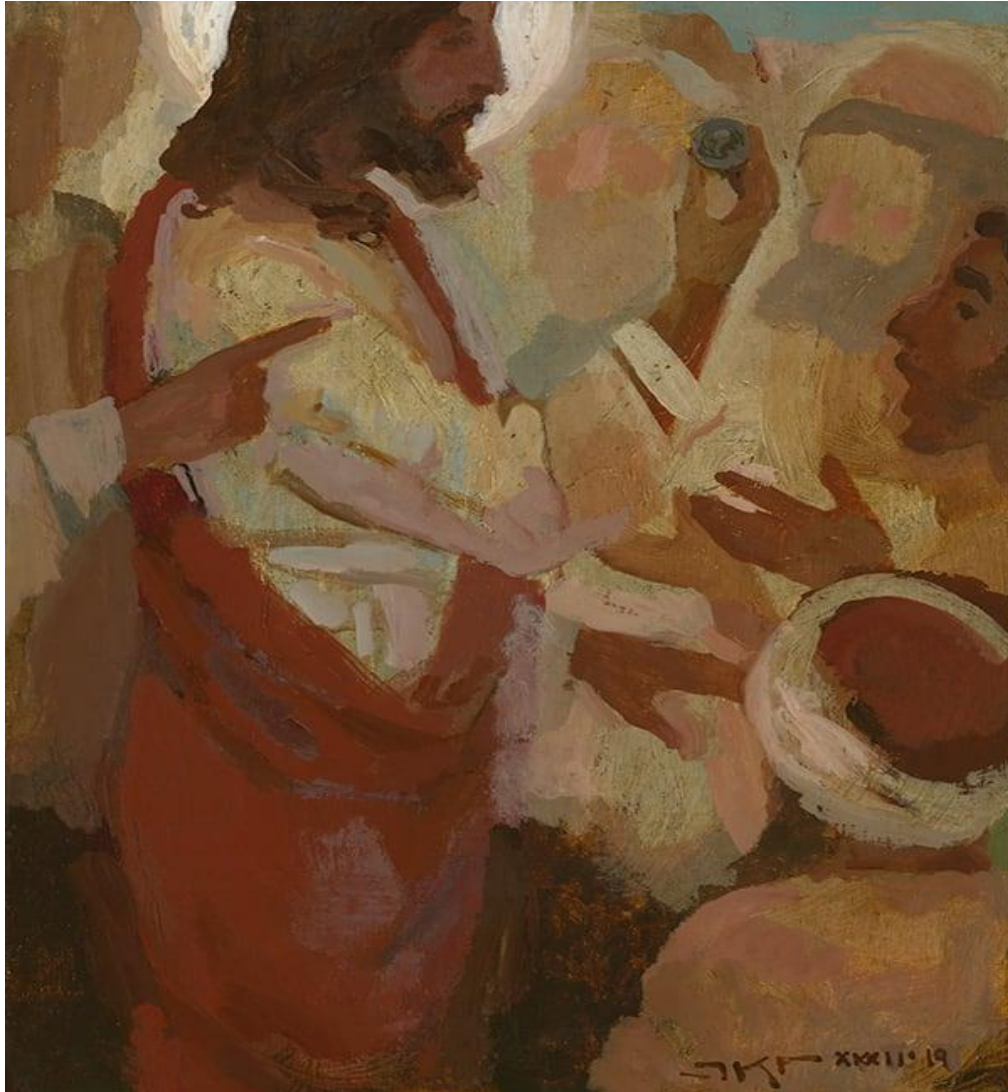


**St. John's Lutheran Church
Belleville, PA**



**Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2023**

PRELUDE

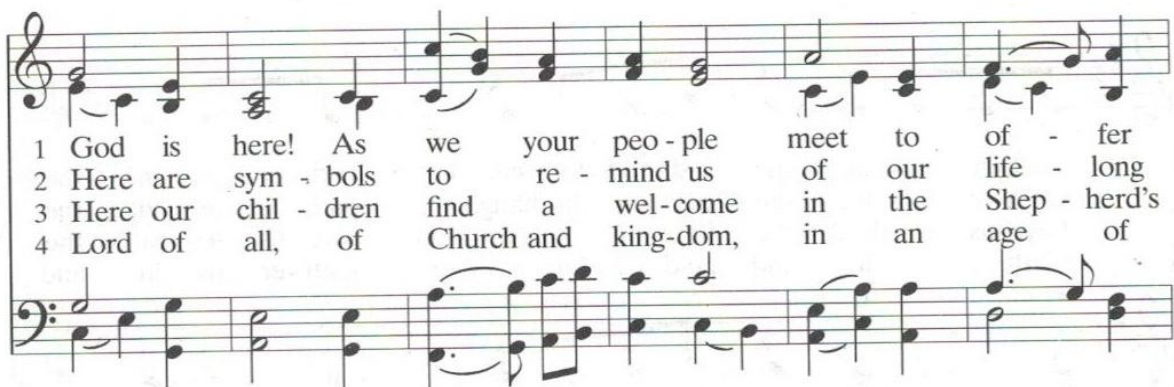
WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Juniata Conference of Upper Susquehanna Synod would like to thank St. Johns for hosting them here in Big Valley for their monthly meeting - the first time they have met here in years. Guest speakers from Lewistown Sheriffs and Social Service offices provided conversation about events in our communities in the recent months and the Bishop offered uplift and direction.

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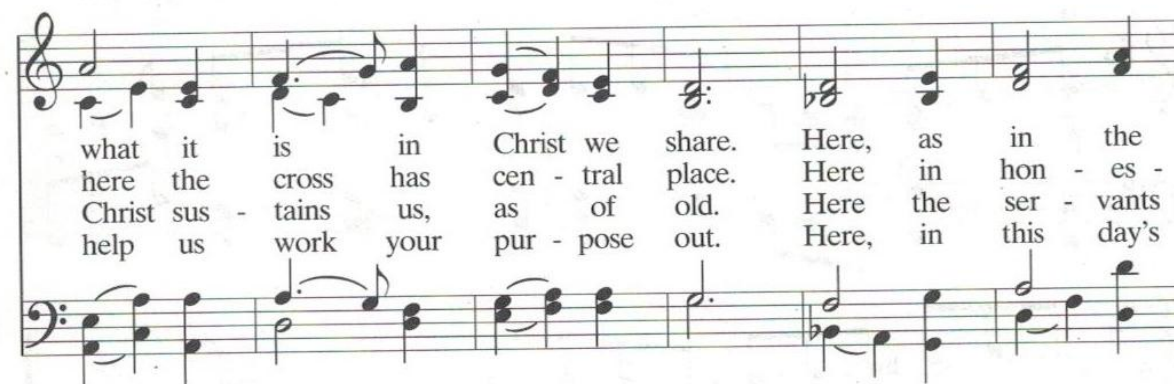
God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of Church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt keep us faith - ful to the Gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us, as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

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*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**

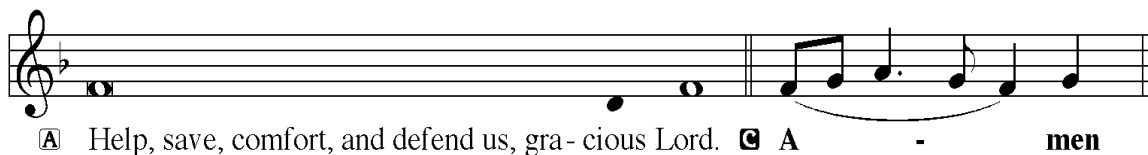
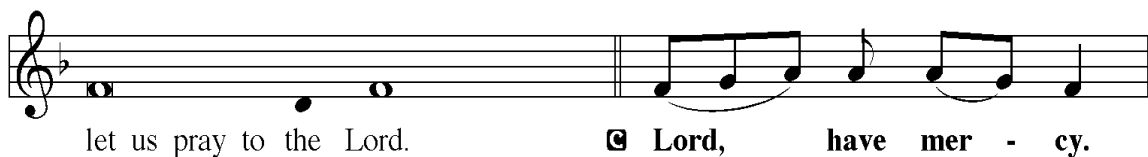
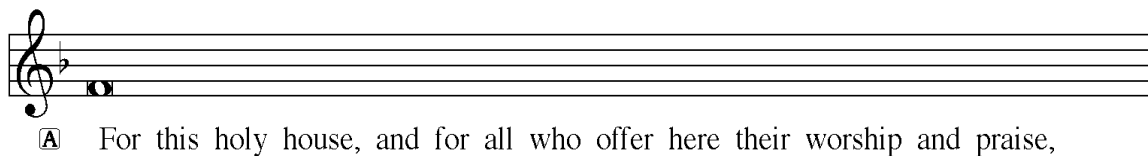
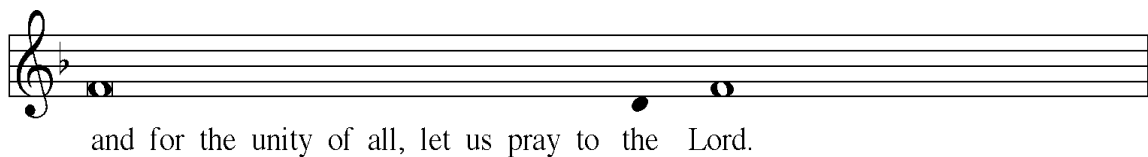
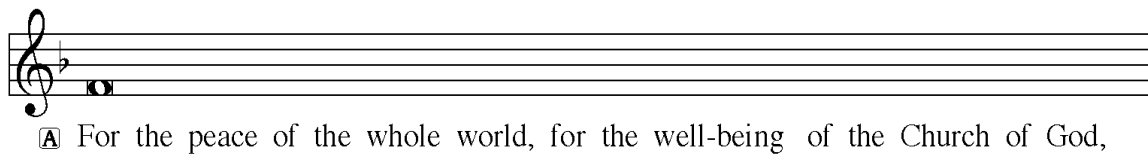
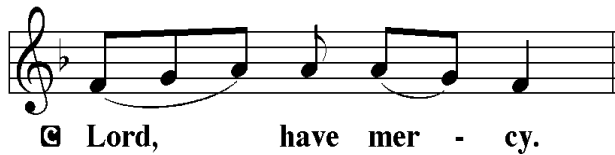
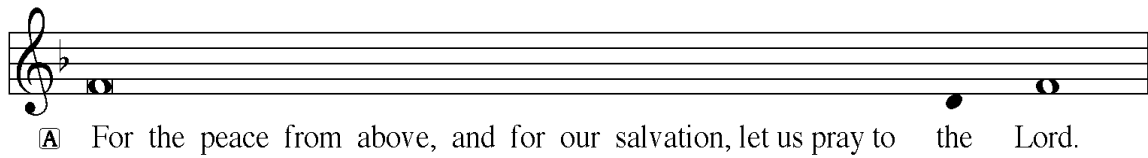
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

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)**


 The Lord be with you.


 And al - so with you.

P Let us pray...

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Isaiah 45:1-7

after the reading

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

Psalm 96:1-13 ~ *with response*

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? 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 22nd chapter.



The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord


Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE**HYMN ~** *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

LBW # 410

We Give Thee but Thine Own 410

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'We Give Thee but Thine Own'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3 Hearts still are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
 4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,

All that we have is thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.
 And glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, To thee our first - fruits give.
 And lambs for whom the Shep - herd bled Are stray - ing from the fold.
 To tend those lost in lone - li - ness, Is an - gels' work be - low.

***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**



C 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

Let us continue in an attitude of prayer with our special music

SPECIAL MUSIC: *The Prayer*

SERVICE of FAREWELL and GODSPEED

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Oh Love, That Will Not Let Me Go* by Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that wilt not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

***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**

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Praise the Lord! O Heavens




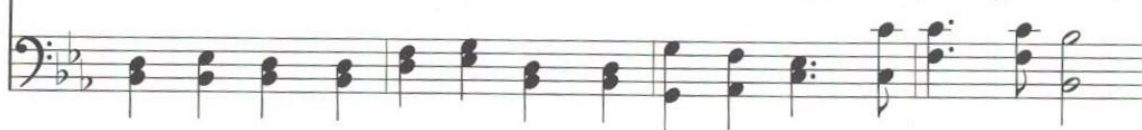
1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; Praise him, an - gels, in the height;
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; Nev - er shall his prom - ise fail.




Sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; Praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; Sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; Worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; Hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



Laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken For their guid - ance he has made.
Heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, Laud and mag - ni - fy his name!



***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

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

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

Next Sunday, October 29 ~ Reformation

Greeter: Jami Zook; **Lay Reader:** Jami Zook

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

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 Mike Boring in honor of their parents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a reception for Pastor Ela following the worship service in the blue room.

West Kish will not be participating in the Advent devotional this year, but council would still like to move forward with this project, so volunteers are needed to fill the additional dates. Please consider writing a meditation. A sign-up sheet along with scripture readings can be found in the narthex.

Thank you to everyone who supported Blanket Sunday, a total of \$565.00 was received.

The Social Ministry committee is collecting items for the Shelter Service. Non-perishables food items (canned and boxed), toiletries for men, women and children, and twin sheets new or gently used.

You may place your donations on the table in the narthex.

The Mission Committee is collecting items to fill shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. Boxes have been placed in the narthex and restroom areas for anyone who would like to participate. **Monetary donations are also needed to help cover the \$10/box shipping cost.**

You can fill your own shoebox or whatever you choose to donate will be combined with other donations. A list of recommended toys and other items can be found in the narthex.

Donations will be accepted through Monday, November 13.

The Gift Show is being held on November 24 and 25. A sign-up to pre-order wreaths along with donations of homemade soups and baked goods will be placed in the narthex next Sunday. More detailed information is included in the November newsletter, which will be emailed/available in member mailboxes next week.

January 1 thru October 19, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 30 Offering ~ \$1,485.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 192,523.02 Expense \$ 199,633.03

*Net Income \$ -7,110.01

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

Daycare ~ Income \$ 255,361.54 Expense \$ 277,458.46

*Net Income \$- 22,096.92

*We were notified that the Pre-K Counts funding will be released tomorrow and checks distributed Tuesday the 24th. The net income figure will decrease once funding has been received.