



**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
June 23, 2024**

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Bath, PA**

**Flowers Presented In Honor of Brian's  
Birthday, by the W. Family**

Prelude: "His Guiding Hand"

arr. Bertha R. Frick

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

\*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**

*The minister addresses the congregation.*

\*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**

**\*Hymn ELW #870 “We Praise You, O God”**

**\*The 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.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

\*P: O God of creation,

\*C: **Eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading: Job 38:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: <sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man, will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, →

in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. <sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

**\*Gospel Verse** (sung)

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***“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia”***

**\*P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

**\*C:** (sung) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel: Mark 4:35-41**

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

**\*P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**\*C:** (sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## Children's Sermon/Sermon

**\*Hymn ELW #756** "Eternal Father, Strong To Save"

### **\*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**

### **\*The Peace**

**\*P:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**\*C:** And also, with you.

*The Peace will be shared between the Pastor and Congregation.*

### **\*Offering**

*The Offering may be dropped off at the beginning or end of the worship service.*

*We will thank God for our blessings, including the ability to give an offering for  
the work of God's kingdom.*

**Music at the Offering:** "Walk with Me"

arr. Robin Spielberg

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*P:** Risen One,

**\*C:** you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we  
offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your  
witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
Amen

## Prayers of Intercession

\*P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

\*V: Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

\*V: You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

\*V: Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth.

Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

\*V: Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

\*V: Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

\*V: Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Lord, in your mercy,

**\*C: hear our prayer.**

\*P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

\*C: **Amen.**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

\*P: Lord, teach us to pray.

\*C: **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.**

**\*Benediction**

\*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 ELW#785 "It Is Well With My Soul"**

**\*Dismissal**

\*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

\*C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "*Fanfare*"

arr. Gilbert Martin

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**Assisting in Worship Today**  
**Altar Guild** - Phyllis A., Carol H.  
**9:00 AM - Ushers** - Phyllis & Joe A.  
**Lector:** Rich S. - **Acolyte:** Volunteer

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## **Welcome to St. John's!**

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. We are now in the season of the "Sundays after Pentecost." The color of the Pentecost season is green, which leads us to think about the Pentecost season as a time of growth in our Christian faith. Throughout the summer we will read large portions of St. Mark's Gospel, working our way from chapter 2 to chapter 9.

On behalf of Jesus Christ, who was crucified and is now risen from the dead, we welcome you to worship. This morning we will hear the Good News as our lessons are read. We listen and sing to musical selections to worship God who is our creator, redeemer and sanctifier.

We will pray for all of God's people and all of our needs. You are welcome. All are welcome. All are welcome in this place.



## Upcoming Commemorations

**John the Baptist, Monday, June 24, 2024** - John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet. **Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530, Tuesday, June 25, 2024** - On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time. **Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560, Tuesday, June 25, 2024** - Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany." **Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444, Thursday, June 27, 2024** - Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct. **Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202, Friday, June 28, 2024** - This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as Gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together. **Peter and Paul, Apostles, Saturday, June 29, 2024** - These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

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## Today's Announcements - Sunday, June 23, 2024

### This Week at St. John's

### Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

6/23/24 - Sun.	45 Min Bible Study	8:00 AM
	Worship	9:00 AM
	Masked Worship (Library)	10:30 AM
6/24/24 - Mon.	Quilters	9:00 AM - Noon
6/30/24 - Sun.	45 Min Bible Study	8:00 AM
	Worship/Communion	9:00 AM
	Masked Worship/Comm. (Library)	10:30 AM

**Nursery School Enrollment 2024-2025:** Do you know someone looking for a great place to enroll their child in nursery school? Look no further and share the word, we have an amazing program and teachers here at St. John's Bath. Enrollment forms are available through Dawn Mayer at 610-837-9868 or by e-mailing [stjohnbath@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbath@gmail.com). Classes for 2, 3, and 4-year old's.

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**Volunteers Needed:** We are in need of volunteers both youth and adult for this year's Vacation Bible School. We have theme ideas and some volunteers but to make this yearly event happen we need many more. St. John's typically sees around 80-100 children for Vacation Bible School. It is a wonderful week to meet new friends, re-kindle past friendships or even better open your heart by witnessing the love God gives us. If you would be interested in helping please e-mail the office at [stjohnbath@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbath@gmail.com). The dates for VBS this year are July 15-19, 2024, from 9:00-11:30 am.

**Prayers Requested For:** Jim A., Eileen A., Phyllis & Joe A., Amy B., Allen B., Marsha B., Josie B., the B. Family, Barb B., Cory B., Jason C., the family of Bill F., Bev F., Barry F., Laverne F., Kathy F., Lilly F., Arya G., Shawn H., Erin H., Troy H., Ned H., Robert H., Chuck H., Scott & Heather H., Seana I., Dennis K., Gerry K., Stanley K., Danny K., Lee L., Shirley L., Gwyn L., Jorge L., Ruth M., The M. Family, Danielle N., Samantha O., Arlene O., Brent R., Earl & Steve S., Ethel S., Louise S., Barb S., Beth S., Rosalia S., Gloria S., Dolly T., James T., Stacey T., Ann U., Viola W., Rev. Jay W., Lisa W., Brenda W., LaNor W., Cecile W., Galen W., Susan W., Richard Y., Yvonne Y., Pauline Y., The Z. Family, Helen Z., Robert Z., Francis Z.

***If you would like to add or remove a person from the prayer list, contact the Church Office (610-837-1061).***

