



St. John Lutheran Church
Bellville, Texas
September 18, 2021 10:30 a.m.
Pentecost 17~ "Slow Learners"
Holy Communion

GATHERING~WE PREPARE AND PRAISE

PRELUDE / BELL

P This is the day that the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Good and gracious God:

C **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.**

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace
in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the
forgiveness of all your sins.

C **Amen.**

* GATHERING SONG “Rise & Shine”

Chorus

**So rise and shine and give God the glory glory
Rise and shine and give God the glory glory
Rise and shine and give God the glory glory
Children of the Lord**

repeat

Verse 1

**The Lord told Noah
There's gonna be a floody floody
The Lord told Noah
There's gonna be a floody floody
Get those children out of the muddy muddy
Children of the Lord**

Chorus

Verse 2

**The Lord told Noah
To build Him an arky arky
Lord told Noah
To build Him an arky arky
Build it out of gopher barky barky
Children of the Lord**

Chorus

Verse 3

**The animals they came
They came in by twosies twosies
Animals they came
They came in by twosies twosies
Elephants and kangaroosies 'roosies
Children of the Lord**

Chorus

Verse 4

**It rained and poured
For forty daysies daysies
Rained and poured
For forty daysies daysies
Almost drove those animals crazies crazies
Children of the Lord**

Chorus

Verse 5

**The sun came out
And dried up the landy landy
Look there's the sun
It dried up the landy landy
Everything was fine and dandy dandy
Children of the Lord**

Chorus

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* OPENING PRAYER

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

READING

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "This Little Light of Mine"

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be

betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Slow Learners”
(a moment of silence follows....)

Rev. Phil Fenton

* SONG OF THE DAY

“He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”

Verse 1

**He’s got the whole world in His hands
He’s got the whole world in His hands
He’s got the whole world in His hands
He’s got the whole world in His hands**

Verse 2

**He’s got the little tiny baby in His hands
He’s got the little tiny baby in His hands
He’s got the little tiny baby in His hands
He’s got the whole world in His hands**

Verse 3

**He’s got you and me brother in His hands
He’s got you and me brother in His hands
He’s got you and me brother in His hands
He’s got the whole world in His hands**

**He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands
He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands
He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands
He’s got the whole world in His hands**

**He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands**

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*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

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*** OFFERTORY**

"I've Got that Joy Joy Joy"

**I've Got that Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart
Down in My Heart Down In My Heart
I've Got that Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down In My Heart
Down In My Heart To Stay**

**And I'm so happy, so very happy, I have the love of Jesus in my heart
And I'm so happy, so very happy, I have the love of Jesus in my heart**

**I've Got that Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart
Down in My Heart Down In My Heart
I've Got that Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down In My Heart
Down In My Heart To Stay**

* COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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Holy Communion is also known as the Lord's Supper or Eucharist. The bread of this special meal is identified by Jesus as his body, given to reunite us with God. The cup (with wine or grape juice) he identifies as his blood, shed for our forgiveness, to give God's grace and life. As a sacrament (sacred act) of the Christian Church, it is open to, and to be received by, all Christians who desire God's assurance and the strengthening of their faith.

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Jesus Loves Me" "This Is the Day" Voices of Praise

SENDING~WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

* SENDING SONG "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Verse

**I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)
Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)
So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO)
I will call upon the Lord**

Chorus

**The Lord liveth
And blessed be my Rock
Let the God of my salvation be exalted
(Repeat)**

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*** DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace and share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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