



**January 8, 2023**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**

*8:00 a.m. Worship Service p. 1*

*10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion, Baptism p. 13*  
*Installation of Church Council*

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**Our Mission**

**CELEBRATING**

**GOD**

**CONNECTING**

**PEOPLE**



*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

# GATHERING/ 8:00 a.m. Service

[congregation reads bold]

## Bell

## Announcements

**Prelude:** *Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich*

-Johann Gottfried Walther

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

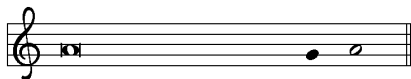
**Gathering Hymn:** *Crashing Waters at Creation p. 30*

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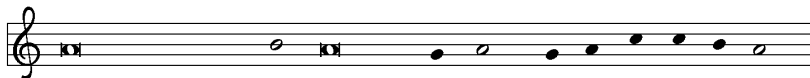
# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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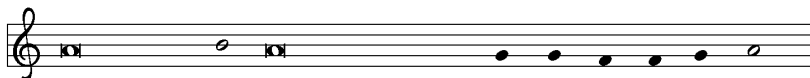
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,




let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



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

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
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from the prison those who sit in darkness.

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my glory I give to no other,  
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and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

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worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
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**Thanks be to God.**

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*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

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**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All may be seated*

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Sermon**

### **Time of Silent Reflection** *(remain seated)*

*All who are able are invited to stand*

### **Hymn of the Day:** *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized p. 31*

### **Installation of Church Council Members** (all council members may not be present at each service)

*The assembly is seated.*

The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

*Doug Clark, Karen Boardman, Ken Gross, Dan Heckman, Bill Hendricks, Kathy Leonard, Ingrid Martz, Andrea Russell, Donna Stark, Jeff Steiner, John Weremedic*

*A reading from First Corinthians:* There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)



You have been elected to positions of leadership to serve on church council and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the church council to which you have been elected?

**Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

*The assembly stands.*

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ. Amen.

## **Apostles Creed**

In the words of the Apostles' Creed, let us confess our faith:

**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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, trusting that we will be united with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving, experiencing crisis, or are ill *especially Reed, Clint, Lois, Clark, Helen, Susan, Gladys, Rachelle, Kim, Tammy, Vanessa, Michael, Neil, Larry, Dean, Lester, John, Jane, Bishop Deforest, Ulla, Anna, Donna, Grace*. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years *Bonnie, David, Caitlin, Louise, Joan, Tyler, Lori, Christopher, Stephen, Aubrey*. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray especially for Good Shepherd, Kreidersville, and their pastor, Gary Walbert. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

**The Peace** – *Please share the peace in any manner comfortable to you.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Offertory:** *St. Patrick's Breastplate (I Bind Unto Myself Today)*

-Irish melody

## Offering

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*After the offering is gathered, all who are able are invited to stand.*

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Liberating God,

**you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Lord 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.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise p. 35*

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Arise and Shine in Splendor*

-Johannes Brahms

# GATHERING/10:30 a.m. Service w/communion

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## Bell

## Announcements

**Prelude:** *Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich*

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## Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.**

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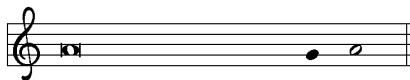
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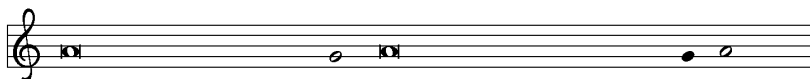
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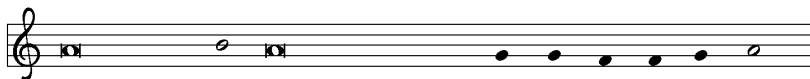
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# This is the Feast

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



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All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

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2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



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*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus

answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All may be seated*

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

### Time of Silent Reflection *(remain seated)*

*All who are able are invited to stand*

### Hymn of the Day: *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized p. 31*

## HOLY BAPTISM *(flash photography is not permitted during the ceremony)*

### **Presentation**

God who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

**Parents/Sponsors:** I present Lily Rose Turkos for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

**Parent(s): We do.**

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents: We do.**

Sponsor(s), do you promise to nurture Lily in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Sponsor(s): I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Lily and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**Congregation: We do.**

### ***Profession of Faith***

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*All may be seated*

### ***Thanksgiving at the Font***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the Flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ***Baptism***

Lily Rose Turkos, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain this child with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Lily Rose, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

### ***Welcome***

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome Lily into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Hymn:** *Born Cry p. 32*

## **Installation of Church Council Members** (all council members may not be present at each service)

*The assembly is seated.*

The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

*Doug Clark, Karen Boardman, Ken Gross, Dan Heckman, Bill Hendricks, Kathy Leonard, Ingrid Martz, Andrea Russell, Donna Stark, Jeff Steiner, John Weremedic*

*A reading from First Corinthians:* There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership to serve on church council and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

**Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

*The assembly stands.*

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, you provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds (*local water sources may be named*). Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, you never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Blessing God, in Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and any beginning a new ministry. Inspire synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Promising God, your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, trusting that we will be united with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving, experiencing crisis, or are ill *especially Reed, Clint, Lois, Clark, Helen, Susan, Gladys, Rachelle, Kim, Tammy, Vanessa, Michael, Neil, Larry, Dean, Lester, John, Jane, Bishop Deforest, Ulla, Anna, Donna, Grace*. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years *Bonnie, David, Caitlin, Louise, Joan, Tyler, Lori, Christopher, Stephen, Aubrey*. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray especially for Good Shepherd, Kreidersville, and their pastor, Gary Walbert. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**



*Here other intercessions may be offered*

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

**The Peace** – *Please share the peace in any manner comfortable to you.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## THE MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*All may be seated*

**Offertory** : *The Baptism Carol*

-Donald Busarow

-The Jordan Chorale

## Offering

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*After the offering is gathered, all who are able are invited to stand.*

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Liberating God,

**you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Great Thanksgiving'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two lines of lyrics, the second staff contains the next two lines, the third staff contains the third line, and the fourth staff contains the final line. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy Holy'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff contains the second line, the third staff contains the third line, and the fourth staff contains the final line. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

## Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Lord 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!  
*All may be seated*

### Communion

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you." And each person may respond, "Amen."*

### Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### The Distribution (Altar Rail Distribution)

**Communion Hymns:** *Shall We Gather at the River* p. 33

*This is the Spirit's Entry Now* p. 34

After all have returned to their places

*All who are able are invited to stand*

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Song after Communion



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let  
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

## Prayer after Communion

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise p. 35*

## Dismissal

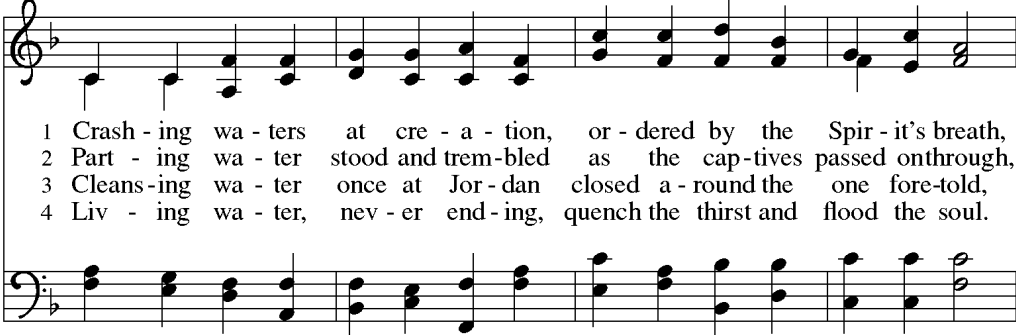
Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

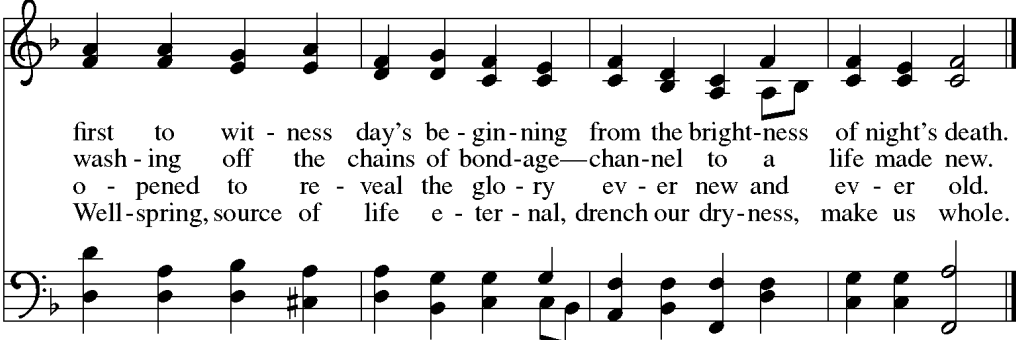
**Postlude:** *Arise and Shine in Splendor*

-Johannes Brahms

# Crashing Waters at Creation



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem-bled as the cap-tives passed onthrough,  
3 Cleans-ing wa - ter once at Jor-dan closed a - round the one fore-told,  
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin-ning from the bright-ness of night's death.  
wash - ing off the chains of bond-age—chan-nel to a life made new.  
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
Well-spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry-ness, make us whole.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

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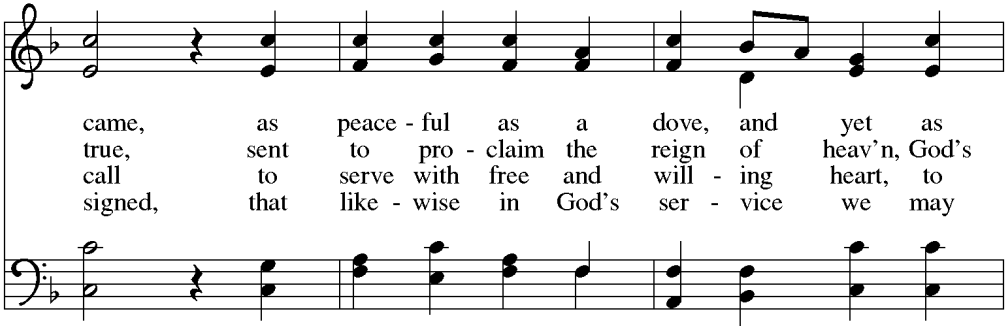
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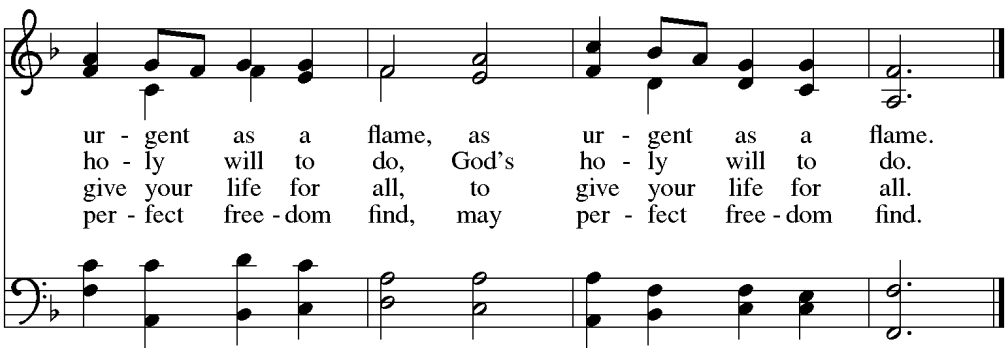
# Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
 3 Straight- way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.  
 Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561  
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# Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker  
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## Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899  
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

## This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,  
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;  
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day  
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r

The first system of music consists of a vocal line in treble clef and a bass line in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass line begins with a quarter note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a quarter note C3. The music continues with various rhythmic patterns and rests, ending with a double bar line.

the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.  
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.  
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.  
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

The second system of music continues the vocal and bass lines from the first system. The vocal line begins with a quarter note D5, followed by a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The bass line begins with a quarter note D2, followed by a quarter note E2, a quarter note F2, and a quarter note G2. The music continues with various rhythmic patterns and rests, ending with a double bar line.

Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933  
Music: North American traditional; arr. hymnal version  
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## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;  
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.  
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

**THIS WEEK (Jan. 8 – 14)**

**TODAY (8)**

- 8:50am, Cherub Choir
- 9:15am, Sunday School
- 9:30am, Chorale
- 6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

**MON (9)**

- 6:30pm, Jordaniers Bowlers
- 7:00pm, Boy Scouts

**TUES (10)**

- 10:30am, Staff Meeting
- 12:30pm, Outreach Mtg,, Rm. 8
- 5:00pm, Daisy Troop, Social Hall
- 5:30pm, Basketball, Family Ctr.
- 6:30pm, Bible Study, Rm. 8
- 7:30pm-Volleyball, Family Ctr.

**WED (11)**

- 9:00am, Prayer Shawl
- 5:00pm, Soccer, Family Ctr.
- 5:30pm, Jr. Gyros
- 6:15pm, Friendship Ringers
- 6:30pm, Canon Choir
- 7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

**THU (12)**

- 8am-5pm, Rising Roots Homeschool, Fam. Ctr.
- 7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall
- 7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

**FRI (13)**

- 7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
- 7:30pm, AA meeting, Social Hall
- 9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

***Say a Prayer & Send a Card & Pay a Visit***

**Fellowship Community:** Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel, Donald & Jane Laudenslager  
**Lehigh Commons:** Janet Stettler  
**Sacred Heart:** Dale Gogel  
**Lehigh Ctr:** Barbara Diehl     **The Palmerton:** Ferne Rock  
**Parkland Manor:** Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman  
**Heather Glen:** Herb & Anna Bieber, Sonny Laudenslager  
**Home:** Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Loretta Hein

**Please keep these people in your prayers:** Reed Klotz, Lois Heisler, Clark Snyder, Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancion, Gladys Harkins, Rachele Shollenberger Kim Demarest, Tammy Harding, Vanessa Mace, Michael Ross, Neil Snyder, Larry Bear, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, John Weremedic, Jane Laudenslager, Bishop Christopher Deforest, Ulla Martz, Anna Bieber, Donna Hahn, Grace Keller

**Birthdays this week:** Bonnie Albright, David Knotts, Caitlin Wozniak, Louise Stettler, Joan DuBois, Tyler Keinert, Lori Shortell, Christopher Boscia, Stephen Laudenslager, Aubrey Filipovits

**Anniversaries this week:** [none]

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 If you've submitted a name for the prayers, please let us know when that person is well enough to be removed.

**Attendance**  
**Sunday, 1/1/23**  
**9:15 - 42**

***Sponsors***  
**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lida Cottle and Jack Weber by Sue and Bill Weber.

| <b><i>Found in the Literature Racks This Week</i></b> |  |
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| <i>Last week's bulletins</i>                          | <i>This month's newsletter</i>         |
| <i>Christmas bulletins</i>                            | <i>Endowment Request Forms</i>         |
| <i>Seasonal Devotionals</i>                           | <i>Last Month's Treasurer's Report</i> |

## Worship Assistants

| DATE               | 1/8   | 1/15   | 1/22   | 1/29   |
|--------------------|---|--|--|--|
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | 8:00-J Murphy,<br>B Albright<br>10:30-C Heilman   | 8:00-J Murphy,<br>B Albright<br>10:30-C Heilman    | 8:00-J Murphy, B<br>Albright<br>10:30-L Daniels    | 8:00-J Murphy,<br>B Albright<br>10:30-K Leonard    |
| <b>Lector</b>      | 8:00-A Russell<br>10:30-                          | 8:00-C Dorney<br>10:30 K Boardman                  | 8:00-<br>10:30-                                    | 8:00-<br>10:30-                                    |
| <b>Acolyte</b>     | 8:00-M Shafer<br>10:30-L Epting                   | 8:00-G Schuler<br>10:30-J Smith                    | 8:00-P Shafer<br>10:30-B Epting                    | 8:00-C Weidman<br>10:30-O Wozniak                  |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | 8:00-J Laudenslager,<br>B Lutterschmidt<br>10:30- | 8:00- J Laudenslager,<br>B Lutterschmidt<br>10:30- | 8:00- J Laudenslager,<br>B Lutterschmidt<br>10:30- | 8:00- J Laudenslager,<br>B Lutterschmidt<br>10:30- |
| <b>Bell Toller</b> | 8:00-B Lutterschmidt<br>10:30-J Siegfried         | 8:00-D Stark<br>10:30-B Stettler                   | 8:00-B Lutterschmidt<br>10:30-J Siegfried          | 8:00-G Schuler<br>10:30-B Stettler                 |
| <b>SAT</b>         | 8:00-D Wagman<br>10:30-K Boardman                 | 8:00-K Mancke<br>10:30-D Mancke                    | 8:00-D Wagman<br>10:30-D Clark                     | 8:00-B Lutterschmidt<br>10:30-K Boardman           |
| <b>Video</b>       | 10:30-K Gross                                     | 10:30-   | 10:30-   | 10:30-   |

Help is needed in all areas of worship on Sunday mornings, now that we are back to two services! If you would like to assist at worship in any of these capacities, please contact the person listed: **Altar Guild**/Lynn Daniels [lj2137@aol.com](mailto:lj2137@aol.com) // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia [julie.boscia@gmail.com](mailto:julie.boscia@gmail.com) // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman [sgarbeglio@yahoo.com](mailto:sgarbeglio@yahoo.com) // **Ushers** /John Weremedic [miner70@ptd.net](mailto:miner70@ptd.net) // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil [hamilsre@gmail.com](mailto:hamilsre@gmail.com) // **SAT**/[Karen Boardman/kib59@ptd.net](mailto:Karen Boardman/kib59@ptd.net) // **Video**/Julie Williams [jbwill02@gmail.com](mailto:jbwill02@gmail.com)

We welcome into the family of God **Lily Rose Turkos** through the waters of holy Baptism. We pray God's blessing upon Lily's parents, Michael & Lindsay (Richebacher) Turkos, and sponsors, Michael & Jeanelle Miller and Robert Turkos, Jr. Fill this child with the Holy Spirit and receive her into the family of your Church, that she may walk with us in the way of Christ and grow in the knowledge of your love.



### Family & Youth coming events

**The "Souper Bowl"** on **Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>** is a great time for the Jordan Lutheran team to tackle hunger in our community. Please plan to attend a Soup and Sandwich lunch in the Family Center after the 10:30 a.m. service with a freewill donation. Monetary donations support Jordan Lutheran Food Pantry needs.

**Family Movie Night** for all ages on **Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m.

### SPONSORSHIPS

**2023 Altar Flowers:** Jan. 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9, 16, 30  
Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$40/2 vase, or \*\$20/1 vase\*; Bulletins for \$20.

**HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS:** Contact Donna Hahn at 610-295-9148 or [dhahn16@gmail.com](mailto:dhahn16@gmail.com) with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(s). **Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the last service or want them taken to shut-ins.** If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins. Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

**SPONSORSHIP POLICY:** Flowers and other sponsorships may be reserved no earlier than one year from the chosen date. If you wish to reserve the same weekend for the following year, you may do so the day after the current year's sponsorship. No dates will be held; the first request for a date (within the one year limit) will be taken regardless of the previous year's sponsor.

| TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2022 |                       |                       |                     |                      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
|                                      | Month                 | YTD                   | Budget Amounts      |                      |
| Income:                              |                       |                       | Month               | YTD                  |
| Operating Income                     | \$ 21,010.00          | \$ 348,505.00         | \$ 30,530.00        | \$ 335,830.00        |
| Benevolence                          | \$ 886.00             | \$ 9,522.00           | \$ 1,333.00         | \$ 14,667.00         |
| Property                             | \$ 1,120.00           | \$ 14,714.00          | \$ 2,500.00         | \$ 27,500.00         |
| <b>Total Income</b>                  | <b>\$ 23,016.00</b>   | <b>\$ 372,741.00</b>  | <b>\$ 34,363.00</b> | <b>\$ 377,997.00</b> |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                     |                       |                       |                     |                      |
| Administration                       | \$ 1,071.00           | \$ 17,951.00          | \$ 1,742.00         | \$ 19,158.00         |
| Benevolence                          | \$ 1,688.00           | \$ 17,925.00          | \$ 1,813.00         | \$ 19,938.00         |
| Payroll                              | \$ 25,240.00          | \$ 240,171.00         | \$ 22,416.00        | \$ 245,492.00        |
| Ministries                           | \$ 1,151.00           | \$ 10,251.00          | \$ 858.00           | \$ 9,441.00          |
| Property-Utilities, grounds, etc     | \$ 13,083.00          | \$ 111,871.00         | \$ 7,625.00         | \$ 83,875.00         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                | <b>\$ 42,233.00</b>   | <b>\$ 398,169.00</b>  | <b>\$ 34,454.00</b> | <b>\$ 377,904.00</b> |
| <b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>             | <b>\$ (19,217.00)</b> | <b>\$ (25,428.00)</b> | <b>\$ (91.00)</b>   | <b>\$ 93.00</b>      |

### ***The Second Congregational Meeting***

Will be on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. All committees are asked to submit their yearly reports in a timely manner, by Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Reports will be distributed a week prior to the meeting (Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>) for your review.

### ***Annual Cemetery Lotholders' Meeting***

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, in Room 8, immediately following the 10:30 service.

### ***Save the Date!***

This year's 4 – F Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>! Lots more information to come, but you don't want to miss this day of Faith, Fun, Food, and Fellowship!

### ***Lenten Soup Suppers***

Lent is quickly approaching and we are in need of co-coordinators to organize the Lenten soup dinners. Soup dinners begin at 6:00 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. worship services. The first dinner begins with Ash Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>. There is no dinner or Mid-week worship during Holy Week. Please contact Monica in the church office or Pastor Dody if you can be a part of this rewarding fellowship ministry. (Last year we did a modified version due to lack of leadership).

### ***Family Promise***

We will be hosting families at Jordan for eight weeks in 2023, with St Joseph the Worker. The hosting weeks are Jan 8, Jan 15, Mar 19, Mar 26, Aug 6, Aug 13, Oct 1, & Oct 8. Please take a minute and sign up for a shift or two the weeks of Jan 8 & 15 - on the Jordan website → Ministries -> Outreach. All of the families we hosted in October have graduated – we will see four new families in January. The bus is running again to deliver families between the Day Center and congregations.

## Masks are a PERSONAL PREFERENCE at Jordan

**The Lord's Table** at Jordan Church is an open table. If you are a baptized Christian of any church, believe in the Lord's presence in the sacrament and have received the sacrament before, you are welcome to receive with us. If you are not to receive, please come forward for a pastoral blessing. To come forward, simply follow the direction of the ushers. **Distribution method** is noted in the order for worship.

**ALTAR RAIL DISTRIBUTION:** As you come forward, please take an empty cup with you to the altar rail. If you choose not to consume wine, grape juice is available. Come to the altar rail without a glass and a communion assistant will offer you the grape juice in a pre-filled glass.

**INTINCTION DISTRIBUTION:** Come forward and receive a wafer. Then dip it into either the wine (the cup in the center of the bread plate) or the grape juice (in the separate cup held by the second assistant). If you want additional time at the altar, please step to center of the altar rail out of the flow of other worshippers. You are invited to kneel if you wish.

**Gluten-free wafers** are available – please indicate your need to the communion assistant.

You are asked to fill out **communion cards** clearly and completely, one card per person. Visitors are asked to fill out the address of their home church (if you identify with one) so we may forward the card there. Take a moment also before leaving to sign our guest book, located in the entrance area.

If it is necessary to **leave the sanctuary** during worship, please refrain, if possible, from doing so during the reading of scripture or the Eucharistic prayers so as not to distract other worshippers.

The use of **electronic devices** during worship is discouraged. Please turn off cell phones or place on vibrate before the start of the service.

**Hearing assistance** is available for members and visitors to Jordan. Please see an usher to arrange to use a receiver. A Koala Bear **baby changing station** is located in the handicapped restroom across from the church offices (in the new section). Children's welcome bags and bulletins are located in the narthex. Please ask ushers for help.

**Restrooms** are located through the left side doors of the chancel; then left through the french doors; restrooms located in the foyer on the right.

**Children in grade 9 and younger** are asked to remain in the Memory Room when consuming refreshments during the fellowship hours.

**Please be sensitive** to the fact that many people are allergic to or bothered by **strong scents** (perfume, aftershave, etc.), particularly when many people are gathered closely together, as for **worship services**.

**For Parents of young children:** We are grateful that God has blessed Jordan with so many young children. Worshiping with young children is a special privilege and joy for all of us. We enjoy the sounds of children in our worship. However, if you sense the need for a "calming break" feel free to take him/her to the Memory Room or Nursery (located through the doors on the left side of the altar) where you can continue to hear and be involved in the worship.

If you are interested in **becoming a member of Jordan**, please speak with the pastor following the service or call the church office (610-395-5912).

**Announcements** for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office before 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.