



**January 9, 2022**

**Baptism of Our Lord**

*8:00 Worship Service p. 1*

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Welcome to our church family, we're glad that you could come.  
We're honored to share this day with you, as we worship God's risen  
Son. We hope that God touches your life as we worship side by side.  
And that you leave this place today with the peace of God inside.

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**GATHERING**

**Bell**

**Announcements**

**Prelude:** *The Star Proclaims the King is Here*

-Johann Pachelbel

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.**

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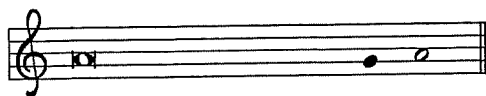
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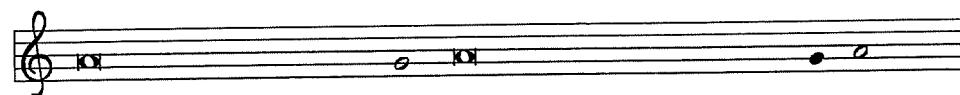
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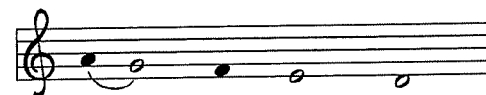
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For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

## Canticle of Praise

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



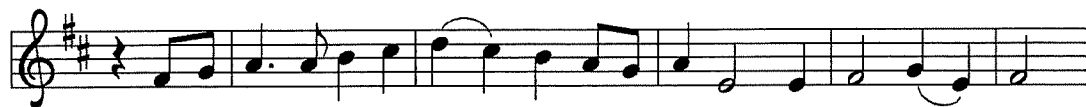
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



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

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

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<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

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the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"

and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

*The word of the Lord.*

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### Gospel Acclamation

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<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

### Hymn of the Day: *Crashing Waters at Creation* p. 32

### Installation of Church Council Members

*The assembly is seated. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

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, Andrew Grim, Ken Gross, Dan Heckman, Bill Hendricks, Ingrid Martz, Andrea Russell, Donna Stark, Jeff Steiner, John Weremedic, Julie Williams*

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

*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. Those being installed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*



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.**

*Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.*

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.

### **NICENE CREED**

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

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all, and protect the land from drought and flood. God of grace,  
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Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. God of grace,  
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We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. God of grace,  
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You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace. Comfort us in grief and release us from fear. God of grace,  
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You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need *especially Reed, Clint, Jean, Ron, Lois, Clark, Jane, Fred, Jeff, Helen, Peter, Daniel, Sue, Susan, Will, Dave, Gladys, Shirley, Tyler, John.* God of grace,  
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For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Louise, Joan, Tyler, Lori, Christopher, Steve, Aubrey, Marie.* God of grace,  
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For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever, *especially Tom & Carina.* God of grace,  
**hear 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 Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries, Allentown. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

**Offering:** *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

-arr. Kevin Sadowski

## Offertory

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,  
maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves,  
our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with  
your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## 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.

## SENDING

### **Blessing**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized p. 33*

### **Dismissal**

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

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

-Johannes Brahms

*Worship Service with Communion*  
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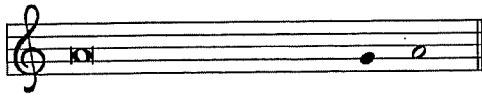
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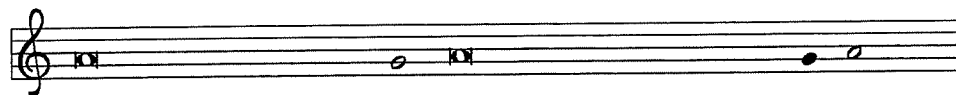
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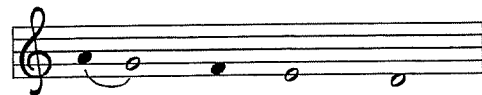
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# Canticle of Praise

*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



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*Final refrain*



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**Installation of Church Council Members**

*The assembly is seated. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

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, Andrew Grim, Ken Gross, Dan Heckman, Bill Hendricks, Ingrid Martz, Andrea Russell, Donna Stark, Jeff Steiner, John Weremedic, Julie Williams*

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

*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. Those being installed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

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.**

*Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.*

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.

### **NICENE CREED**

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

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all, and protect the land from drought and flood. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace. Comfort us in grief and release us from fear. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need *especially Reed, Clint, Jean, Ron, Lois, Clark, Jane, Fred, Jeff, Helen, Peter, Daniel, Sue, Susan, Will, Dave, Gladys, Shirley, Tyler, John.* God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Louise, Joan, Tyler, Lori, Christopher, Steve, Aubrey, Marie.* God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever, *especially Tom & Carina*. God of grace, **hear 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 Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries, Allentown. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## MEAL

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**Offering:** *Jesus, the Light of the World*  
-The Jordan Chorale

-Wesley and Elderkin

### Offertory

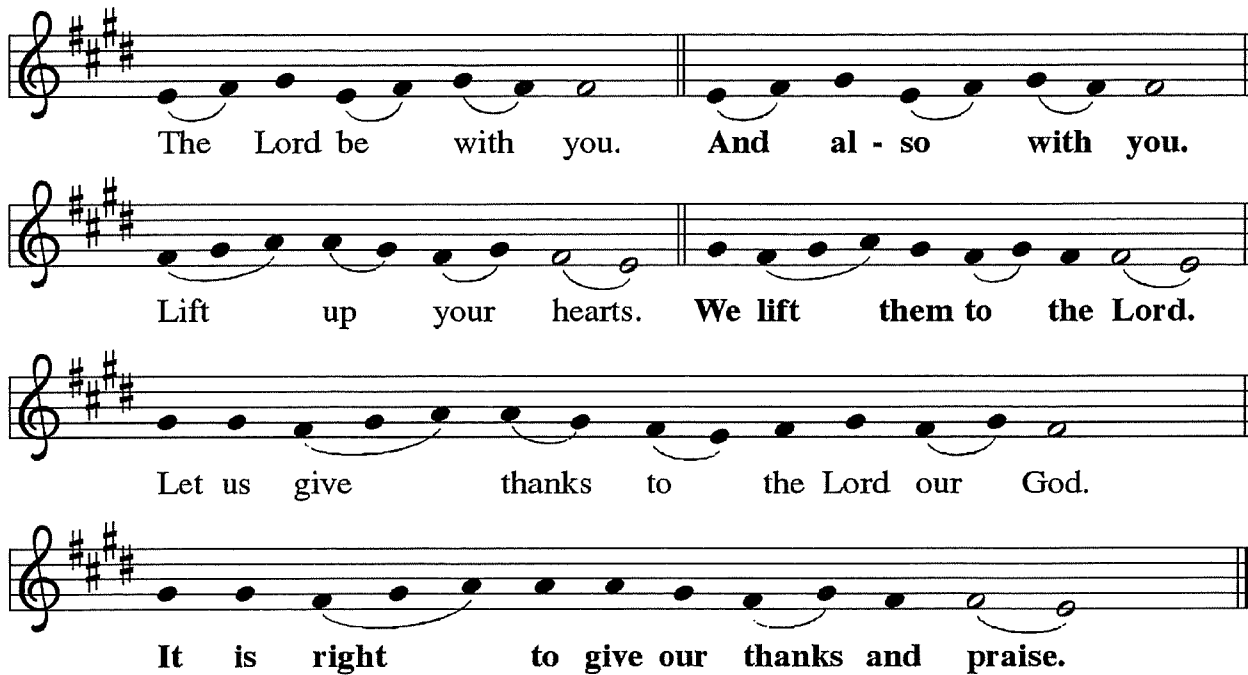
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,  
maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves,  
our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with  
your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## The 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.

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.

## 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.**

### 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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

### 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.

## Distribution

**Communion Hymn: *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (verses 4-6) p. 31**

*After all have returned to their places:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

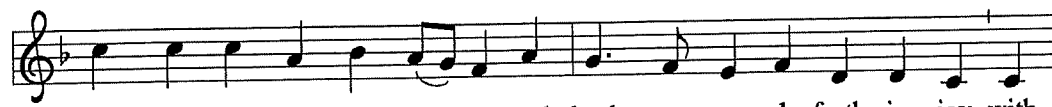
## Canticle



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



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.

## Post-Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song: *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* p. 33**

## Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

-Johannes Brahms

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (verses 1-3)

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O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (Verses 4-6)

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**MASKS ARE A PERSONAL PREFERENCE  
AT JORDAN**

**THIS WEEK (Jan. 9 – 15)**

**TODAY (9<sup>th</sup>) Installation of Church Council Members**

-9:00am, Property Com. mtg., Conference  
-6:30pm, AA Meeting, Memory Room

**MON (10<sup>th</sup>)**

-6:30pm, Jordaniers Bowlers  
-7:00pm, Boy Scouts  
-8:00pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

**TUES (11<sup>th</sup>)**

-5:30pm, Basketball, Family Ctr.  
-7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

**WED (12<sup>th</sup>)**

-9:00am, Prayer Shawl  
-5:30pm, Junior Gyros  
-5:30pm, Soccer, Family Ctr.  
-6:00pm, Cherub Choir  
-6:15pm, Friendship Ringers  
-7:30pm, Chorale

**THU (13<sup>th</sup>)**

-8:00am Rising Roots (home school), Family Ctr.  
-7:00pm, Overeaters Anon., M1  
-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.  
-7:00pm, Church Council

**FRI (14<sup>th</sup>)**

-7:30pm, AA meeting, Memory Room  
-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.  
-9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lida Cottle and Jack Weber by Sue and Bill Weber.

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

**Fellowship Mnr:** Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel

**Lehigh Commons:** Howard & Janet Stettler

**Lehigh Center:** Barbara Diehl

**The Palmerton:** Ferne Rock

**Parkland Manor:** Herb & Anna Bieber, Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

**Home:** Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Warren Gressley, Loretta Hein, Roger Schoemaker

**Please keep these people in your prayers:**

Reed Klotz, Clint Trumbauer, Jean Wisler, Ron Andersch, Lois Heisler, Clark Snyder, Jane Laudenslager, Fred Weidman, Jeff Toth, Helen Shollenberger, Peter Klingman, Daniel, Sue Weber, Susan Mancino, Will Lutterschmidt, Dave Klotz, Gladys Harkins, Shirley Schneider, Tyler Miller, John Weremedic

**Birthdays this week:** Louise Stettler, Joan DuBois, Tyler Keinert, Lori Shortell, Christopher Boscia, Stephen Laudenslager, Aubrey Filipovits, Marie Mikols

**Anniversaries this week:** Tom & Carina Epting (16)

***Assisting at Worship This Morning***

**Lector:** (8:00) Chell Dorney (10:30) Karen Boardman

**Altar Guild:** (8:00) Judy Murphy, Bonnie Albright  
(10:30) Karen Boardman, Kathy Leonard

**Video:**

**Bell Toller:**

**Ushers:** (8:00) David & Carol Rabenold  
(10:30) John Weremedic

**Acolyte:**

**SAT:**

Acolytes may sign up on the church website. See "Acolyte Schedules" on the Worship Tab.

**2022 SPONSORSHIPS**

**Altar Flowers:** Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; Mar. 6, 20, 27; Apr. 3, 10, 17; May 15, 22, 29

**HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS:** Contact Donna Hahn at 610-395-0613 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.

**Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$40/2 vase, or \*\$20/1 vase\*; Bulletins for \$20.**

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 2021**

	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
<b>Income:</b>				
Operating Income	\$ 34,911.00	\$ 335,404.00	\$ 29,261.00	\$ 321,871.00
Benevolence	\$ 852.00	\$ 12,769.00	\$ 1,333.00	\$ 14,663.00
Property	\$ 1,709.00	\$ 20,019.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 27,500.00
Deficit Reduction	\$ -	\$ 2,290.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 37,472.00</b>	<b>\$ 370,482.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,094.00</b>	<b>\$ 364,034.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Administration	\$ 1,444.00	\$ 13,914.00	\$ 1,690.00	\$ 18,590.00
Ministries	\$ 51.00	\$ 6,413.00	\$ 906.00	\$ 9,969.00
Payroll	\$ 20,679.00	\$ 218,824.00	\$ 21,447.00	\$ 236,419.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc:	\$ 2,745.00	\$ 66,177.00	\$ 7,567.00	\$ 83,233.00
Benevolence	\$ 3,333.00	\$ 20,481.00	\$ 1,825.00	\$ 20,075.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 28,252.00</b>	<b>\$ 325,809.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,435.00</b>	<b>\$ 368,286.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 9,220.00</b>	<b>\$ 44,673.00</b>	<b>\$ (341.00)</b>	<b>\$ (4,252.00)</b>
*Operating income includes proceeds from PPP Loan \$47,400.00				

*If you would like to have a contributions statement any time of the year, please contact the church office and we can mail or email you a copy.*

**Check out our website for a new electronic giving opportunity**



This can be a nice advantage when you cannot attend worship and wish to mail in your donation ... saves the price of a stamp (only a \$.30 ACH transaction fee). Or set up regular donations. Look for this button on the Electronic Giving tab of our website!

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

will be on Sunday, **February 27, 2022**. All committees are asked to submit their yearly reports in a timely manner, ***by Feb. 13, 2022***. Reports will be distributed a week prior to the meeting [Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>] for your review

### ***Join the Sunday School Team!***

Teach kids how to play God's way. Volunteer to teach Sunday School once a month starting January 2022! Contact Stephanie Derstine at [jordandff@ptd.net](mailto:jordandff@ptd.net) for information.

### ***Offering Envelopes for 2022 have arrived!***

Please stop by the Memory Room to pick-up you/your family's 2022 boxed sets of offering envelopes at your earliest convenience. We also welcome help from those who are able to deliver additional boxes to friends or shut-ins. This is a change from the past bi-monthly US mail deliveries, but we hope this method will better serve the congregation as postal service continues to be less than reliable. Important note: The weekly envelope has changed. There is a new box added, "Worship". This allows for donations supporting all Worship expenses - Communion, Flowers, Bulletins, etc. The Communion and Flower Fund envelopes were eliminated, so you may include your donations in your weekly giving as you choose. Also, the gold-colored "Property" envelopes have been eliminated - the "Property" box has always been on the Weekly envelope and we welcome donations to support Jordan's regular property upkeep/maintenance expenses. You'll note two annual "Property Improvement Fund" envelopes remain in each box ... please use these envelopes to help Jordan save for large, capital expenditures (outside of Jordan's budget). Any questions, feel free to call Monica or ask either Sally Gross, Kathleen Bacak or Karen Bardman. Thank you!

### ***SOS needs stamps***

Your donation of postage stamps would be greatly appreciated by our SOS (shout out to shut ins) Group.

### ***Memory Room***

Please do not place items in front of the emergency exit doors in the Memory Room (leading to the outside. This is a violation of the fire code.

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

Sunday, January 23, 2022, immediately following the 10:30 service.

### ***Endowment Investment Committee Member Needed***

This committee oversees Jordan's investments and would require a time commitment of approximately 4 – 5 hours per year (4 meetings). If you have some expertise or interest, please contact committee chair, Jeff Berdahl, at [berdahl@rcn.com](mailto:berdahl@rcn.com).

## O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride - groom, light di - vine, and deep with - in  
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls  
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us, when



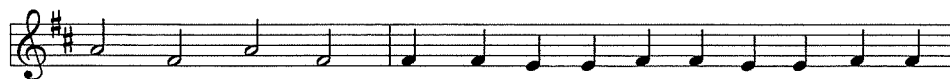
own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



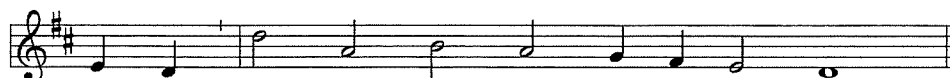
Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's Son, our Lord and mas -  
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch -  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him



ter, you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly!  
 es of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
 here and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich in  
 Now, though dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and dis -  
 Let your mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! for you  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life for -



bles - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 What joy to know, when life is past,  
 the Lord we love is first and last,  
 the end and the beginning!  
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
 transport us to that happy place  
 beyond all tears and sinning!  
 Amen! Amen!  
 Come, Lord Jesus!  
 Crown of gladness!  
 We are yearning  
 for the day of your returning.
- 6 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
 Our joy be all with music crowned,  
 our voices gaily blending!  
 For Christ goes with us all the way—  
 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
 His love is never ending!  
 Sing out! Ring out!  
 Jubilation!  
 Exultation!  
 Tell the story!  
 Great is he, the King of glory!

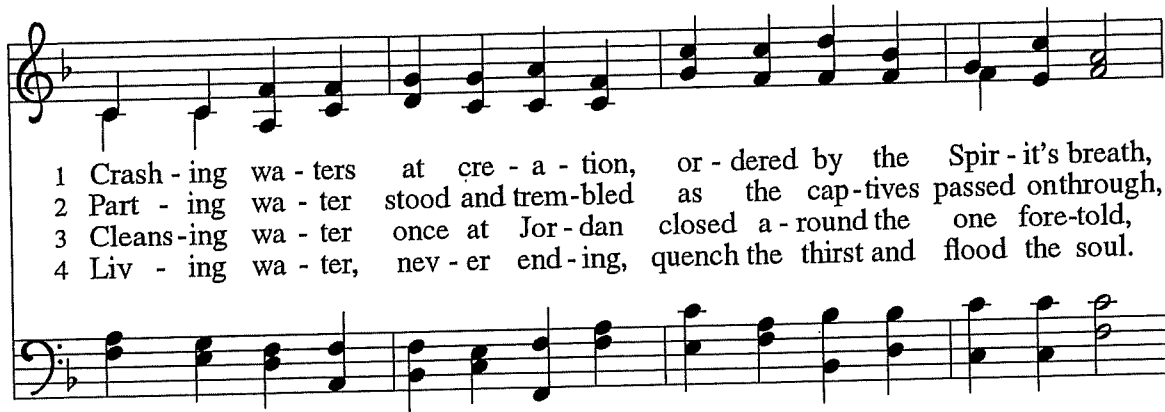
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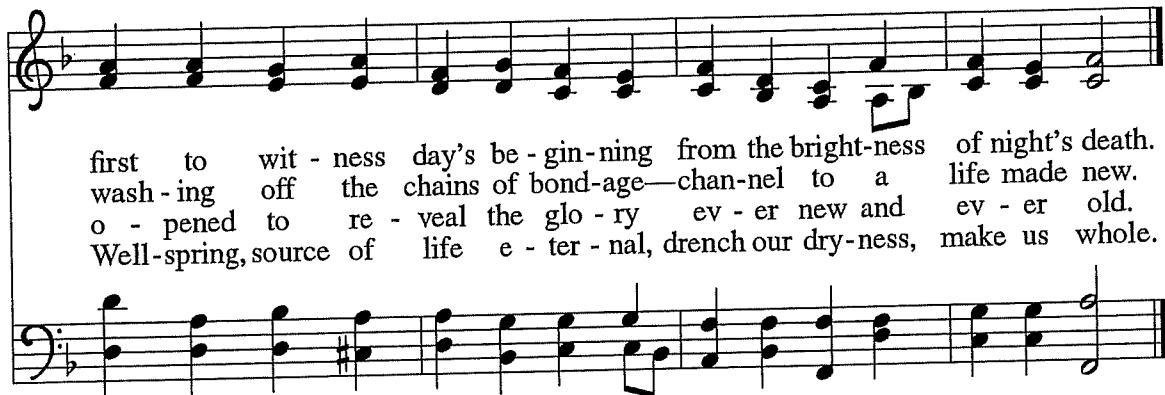
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## Crashing Waters at Creation



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 on through,  
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.

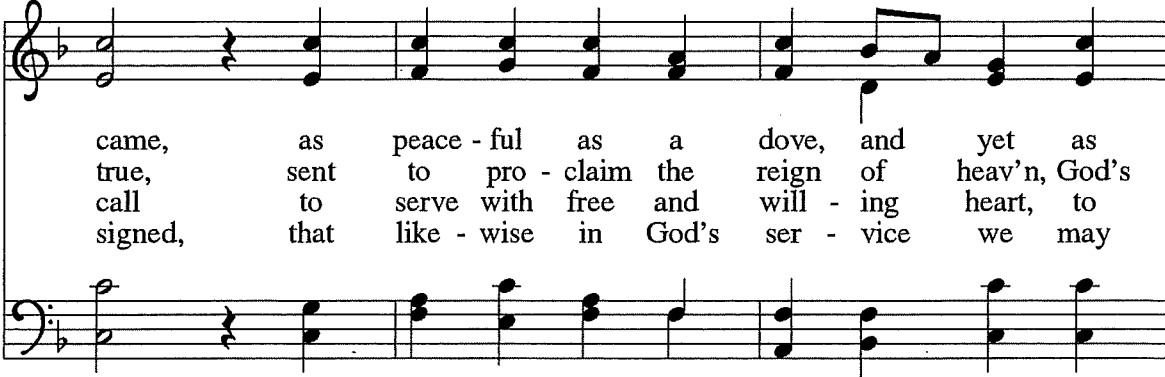
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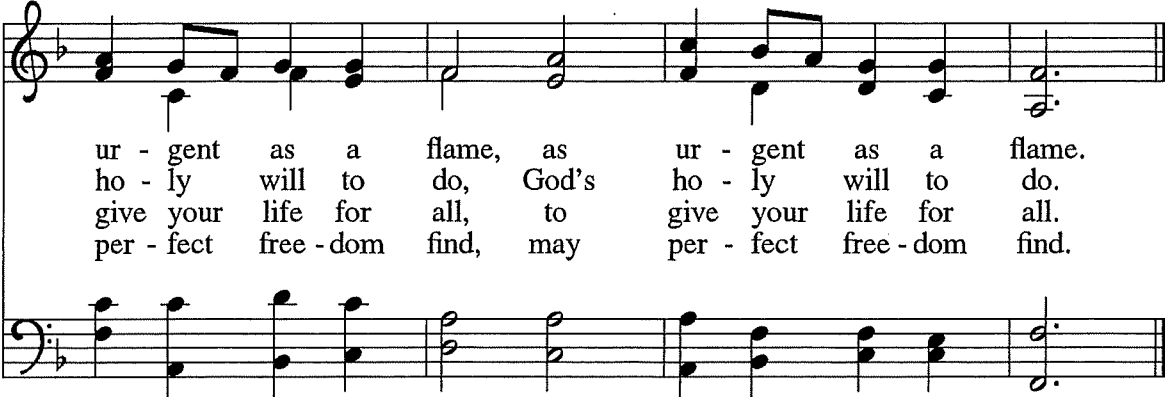
## Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



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



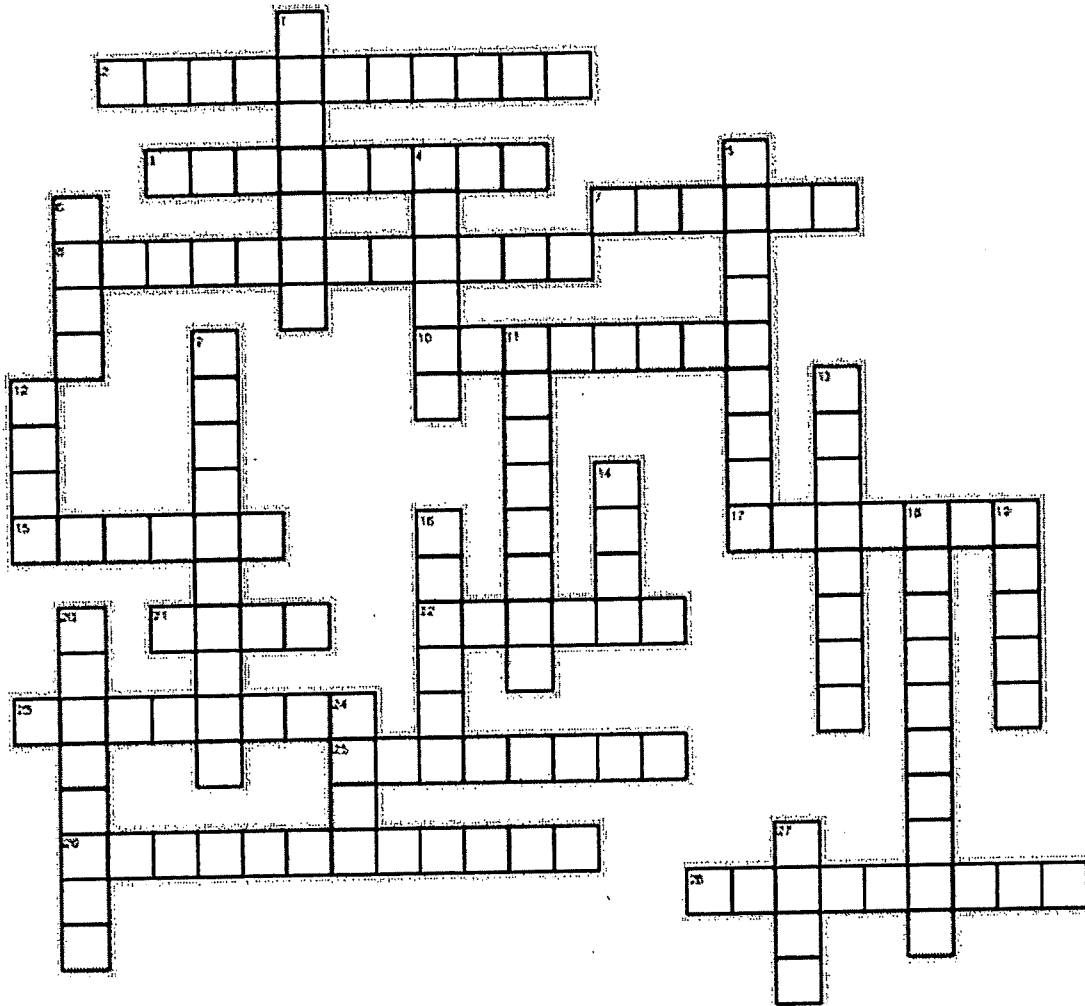
ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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# Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Crossword Puzzle

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## Across

2. Term to describe God becoming human in Jesus
3. The feast of the birth of Christ
7. Foster father of Jesus
8. Church Season before Advent (2 words)
10. "O Come, O Come \_\_\_\_\_"
15. One of Santa's reindeer: 1st on the list
17. Gospel that contains the Christmas story
21. \_\_\_\_\_ of Bethlehem, the guide to the Wise Men
22. Advent Church color
23. Saint associated with children and Christmas
25. Another name for Christmas
26. Popular Advent devotion (2 words)
28. Our Lady of \_\_\_\_\_, Feast Falling on Dec 12

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1. Meaning of "Advent"
4. Mary, \_\_\_\_\_ of God, Feast on Jan 1
5. Where Jesus was born
6. Number of Sundays in the Advent Season
9. The Immaculate \_\_\_\_\_, a feast that falls on Dec 8
11. Traditional name of one of the wise men
12. One of the Gifts of the Wise Men
13. "O Come All Ye \_\_\_\_\_"
14. Special color for the third week of Advent
16. Church season before Christmas
18. Feast Falling on the Sunday after Christmas (2 words)

**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 able 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.

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

**ALTAR 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.

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.