



January 29, 2023
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship w/Healing Service

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Our Mission

CELEBRATING

GOD

CONNECTING

PEOPLE

Blessed
ARE THE
poor in spirit,
for theirs
IS THE
Kingdom
OF
Heaven.
MATTHEW 5:3

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

GATHERING

[congregation reads bold]

Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *The Star Proclaims the King is Here*

-J. Pachelbel

All who are able are invited to stand

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.

Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

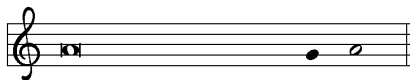
Gathering Hymn: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life p. 13*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



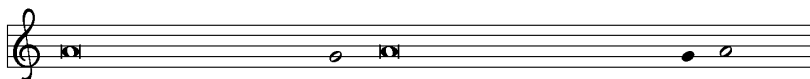
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



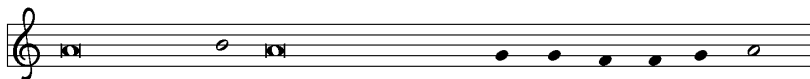
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

All may be seated

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³"O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 15 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your ¹ tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do ¹ what is right,
who speak the truth ¹ from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ¹ to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- ¹ on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who ¹ fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take ¹ back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- ¹ gainst the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be ¹ overthrown.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

All who are able are invited to stand

The Gospel Verse



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



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against

you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." *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: *Oh, Praise the Gracious Power p. 14*

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.

Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place. Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need or ill, *especially Reed, Clint, Lois, Helen, Susan, Gladys, Rachelle, Kim, Tammy, Vanessa, Dean, Lester, John, Jane, Bishop Deforest, Ulla, Anna, Grace.* Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years *Jillian, Clint, Lee, Justin, Ronald, Carol.* Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Chris & Bob. 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 Union Lutheran, Schnecksville, and their pastor, Gordon Camp. 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: (8:00) *Adagio*

(10:30) *Now We Worship*

-Canon Choir

-G. F. Handel

-A. Rose

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first system of music has the lyrics 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right' written below the notes. The second system of music has the lyrics 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your' written below the notes. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

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.

SERVICE of HEALING

Introduction

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing – with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Laying on of Hands & Anointing

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Hymns: (sung during laying on of hands & healing)
We Come to You for Healing, Lord p. 15
Thy Holy Wings p. 16

In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, receive this oil as a sign of forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ. May you be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit.

Amen.

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands, and the presiding minister continues.

Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on the hands and anointing,
grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.
When they are afraid, give them courage;
when afflicted, give them patience;
when dejected, give them hope;
and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing for Healing

The presiding minister concludes the order for healing.

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* p. 17

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *In Peace and Joy I Now Depart*

-D. Buxtehude

In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community, nor does it promise a cure. The church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.

The “Souper Bowl” on Feb. 12th 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.

Use the link below to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4babad2aabf85-souper#/>

Family Movie Night for all ages on Feb. 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Use the link below to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BABAD2AABF85-movie2>

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the

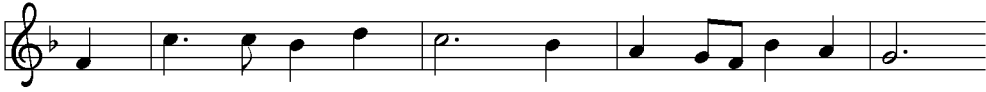
cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

- 5 O Master, from the mountainside
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
 among these restless throngs abide;
 oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
 and follow where your feet have trod;
 till glorious from your heav'n above
 shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.
 Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
 the love, the word, the tide.
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
 praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936

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We Come to You for Healing, Lord

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824

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Thy Holy Wings

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
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Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing;
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's sur - ing praise,
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain

Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

5 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
 the Lord whom we adore:
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

THIS WEEK (Jan. 29 – Feb. 5)

TODAY (29)

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

MON (30)

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

TUES (31)

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

WED (1)

- 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 (2)

- 12:00-8pm, Rising Roots Homeschool, Fam. Ctr.
- 7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall



FRI (3)

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

SAT (4)

- Confirmation Retreat

Stop by the Memory Room to pick up your 2022 Giving Statement. After today, the remaining statements will be mailed.

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
Parkland Manor: Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman
Heather Glen: Herb & Anna Bieber, Sonny Laudenslager
Home: Margaret Smith, Olive Wood

Please keep these people in your prayers: Reed Klotz, Clint Trumbauer, Lois Heisler, Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Rachele Shollenberger, Kim Demarest, Tammy Harding, Vanessa Mace, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, John Weremedic, Jane Laudenslager, Bishop Christopher Deforest, Ulla Martz, Anna Bieber, Grace Keller, Donna Burkett

Birthdays this week: Jillian Miller, Clint Trumbauer, Lee Green, Justin Grim, Ronald Kistler, Carol Wendling

Anniversaries this week: Chris & Bob Heilman (51)

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

Attendance
Sunday, 1/22/23
8:00-45 10:30-63

Sponsors
Altar Flowers are given in honor of the 51st wedding anniversary of Robert (Bob) and Christiane (Chris) Heilman. (T)

<i>Found in the Literature Racks This Week</i>	
<i>Last week's bulletins</i>	<i>This month's newsletter</i>
<i>2022 Annual Reports</i>	<i>Endowment Request Forms</i>
<i>Seasonal Devotionals</i>	<i>Last Month's Treasurer's Report</i>

Worship Assistants

DATE	1/29	2/5	2/12	2/19
Altar Guild	8:00-J Murphy, B Albright 10:30-I & G Martz	9:15-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Lector	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-K Gross	9:15-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Acolyte	8:00-G Schuler 10:30-O Wozniak	9:15-N Heckman	8:00-M Schafer 10:30-J Kerschner	8:00-G Schuler 10:30-O Wozniak
Ushers	8:00- J Laudenslager, B Lutterschmidt 10:30-	9:15-D & C Rabenold	8:00-D & C Rabenold 10:30-	8:00-D & C Rabenold 10:30-
Bell Toller	8:00-G Schuler 10:30-B Stettler	9:15-B Lutterschmidt	8:00-G Schuler 10:30-B Stettler	8:00-D Stark 10:30-S Hamil
SAT	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-K Boardman	9:15-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Video	10:30-K Gross	9:15-T Daniels	10:30-K Gross	10:30-

Please take a look at the dates we have no one scheduled and give a call to the name listed below for the area(s) you can help with!

Altar Guild/Lynn Daniels lj2137@aol.com // Lectors/Julie Boscia Julie.boscia@gmail.com // Acolytes/Stephany Heckman sgarboglio@yahoo.com // Ushers /John Weremedic miner70@ptd.net // Bell Toller/Sandie Hamil hamsire@gmail.com // SAT/Karen Boardman/kjb59@ptd.net // Video/Julie Williams jbwill02@gmail.com

The Second Congregational Meeting & Annual Reports

will be on Sunday, February 5th immediately following the 9:15 a.m. service (one service/no Sunday School this day). A limited number of printed **Annual Reports are available today in the foyer** – please take just one per family. All members with emails on file should have received a copy and it is always available on the website under the WORSHIP tab. You are encouraged to print or view yours at home to help keep expenses low.

Family & Youth coming events

The “Souper Bowl” on Feb. 12th 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. 10th at 6:00 p.m.

SPONSORSHIPS

2023 Altar Flowers: Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; Mar. 19, 26; April 2, 16, 30; May 7, 21, 28
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 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 DECEMBER 2022				
	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
Income:			Month	YTD
Operating Income	\$ 57,860.00	\$ 406,364.00	\$ 30,947.00	\$ 366,360.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 11,072.00	\$ 1,333.00	\$ 16,000.00
Property	\$ 4,428.00	\$ 19,142.00	\$ 2,083.00	\$ 30,000.00
Total Income	\$ 63,838.00	\$ 436,578.00	\$ 34,363.00	\$ 412,360.00
Expenses:				
Administration	\$ 4,741.00	\$ 22,692.00	\$ 1,742.00	\$ 20,900.00
Benevolence	\$ 3,325.00	\$ 21,250.00	\$ 1,813.00	\$ 21,750.00
Payroll	\$ 22,451.00	\$ 262,622.00	\$ 22,326.00	\$ 267,909.00
Ministries	\$ 1,308.00	\$ 11,559.00	\$ 859.00	\$ 10,300.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 20,864.00	\$ 131,106.00	\$ 7,625.00	\$ 91,500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 52,689.00	\$ 449,229.00	\$ 34,365.00	\$ 412,359.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 11,149.00	\$ (12,651.00)	\$ (2.00)	\$ 1.00

Lenten Soup Suppers

Soup Suppers are on! Watch for more information & signup sheets soon! Thank you to Darlene Wenhold, Carol Kuhns, Judy Grim & Ingrid Martz for offering to organize and oversee the Lenten Soup Suppers.

Family Promise

Please take a minute and sign up to help the weeks of Mar 19, Mar 26, Aug 6, Aug 13, Oct 1, & Oct 8 - on the Jordan website → Ministries -> Outreach.



Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 9th, from 7:00 to 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center. Stop by before or after worship for a breakfast of scrambled eggs, homefries and sausage. A freewill donation will be accepted.

All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, April 22nd, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Dinner includes your pasta, meatballs, garlic bread, salad and a dessert for just \$10! Eat in or takeout will be available. The Outreach Committee is sponsoring this dinner and all profits will go to support The Sanctuary at Hoffsville (a non-profit haven for homeless dogs and cats).

4-F Outdoor Worship & Picnic

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

2023 Lenten Bible Study: Finding Jesus in the Psalms



Our Lenten Season will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. This year's **Mid-week Lenten Bible Study** begins March 1st thru April 5th, immediately following worship (7:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m). This study explores selected Psalms as we see reflections of the life of King David and the original context of the writings, along with connections between the psalms and the life and death of Jesus the Messiah.

The author of the study, Barb Roose, states, "The Psalms provide a perfect framework for experiencing Lent through the verses that were Jesus's own scriptures, offering both him and us strength and wisdom in a painful and redemptive season. The Book of Psalms hums with the heartbeat of our humanity with divinely inspired words that find purchase in the tenderest places in our hearts when our human words or wisdom fails us."

Please plan to attend this interesting and thought-provoking Lenten Bible Study. In order to be ready for your participation, please fill out the form below or register by calling the church office. We will be ordering books soon and need your reply no later than February 15th.

Pastor Dody

2023 Lenten Bible Study: Finding Jesus in the Psalms

Please register as soon as possible [no later than Feb. 15th]

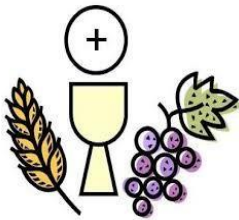
Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

_____ I plan to attend the Mid-Week Lenten Bible Study on March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5, following the 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service.

Breakfast with Thrivent Invitation -- Sunday, February 26th: Save the date: You are invited to enjoy breakfast in the Memory Room! On February 26th, between services, Curt Renner, our Thrivent representative, will briefly review specific and often obscure services offered to Thrivent Members ie. long term planning and financial planning strategies. As well, an Outreach Committee member will be sharing the generous Thrivent Action Grants that select Jordan organizations have utilized over many years to financially support our valuable programs, activities and benevolent events. We encourage Thrivent non-members to attend this casual, beneficial gathering, too. See you then!

First Communion Instruction



All students grade 5 and older who have not yet received First Communion instruction are strongly encouraged to attend a series of three classes on Sundays, Feb. 26, March 5, and March 12 (with a snow makeup date of March 26 if needed). Class time will be

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Please register before February 12th so that we have enough time to order materials.

Students completing the instruction **will receive their First Communion on Palm Sunday (April 2nd)**. Parents/guardians are expected to attend the first 15 minutes of the first class and the last 15 minutes of the last class.

Please fill out and return the form below ASAP to register for the classes or email the church at jordanlutheran@ptd.net.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION REGISTRATION

Please register before February 12th

CHILD'S NAME _____

GRADE _____

PARENTS'

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

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 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.

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 15th of the month.