



**February 4, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
*9:15 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion*

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**Our Mission**

**CELEBRATING**

**GOD**

**CONNECTING**

**PEOPLE**

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.



# GATHERING

[congregation reads bold]

**Bell**

**Announcements**

**Prelude:** *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

-arr. Robert J. Powell

*All who are able are invited to stand*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,

**we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

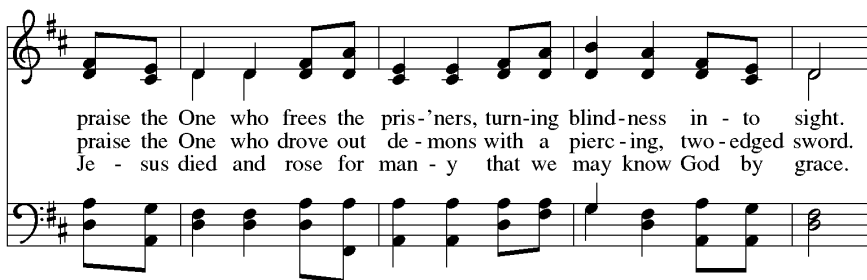
**Amen.**

# Gathering Hymn

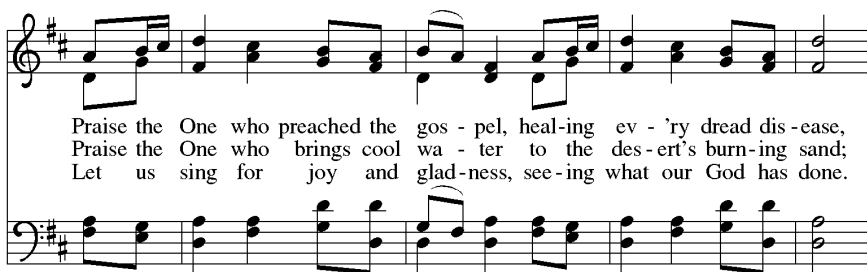
## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



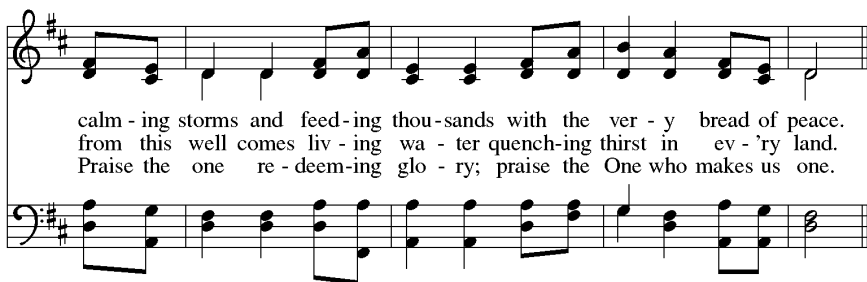
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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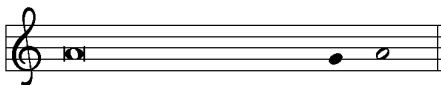
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## Greeting

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.



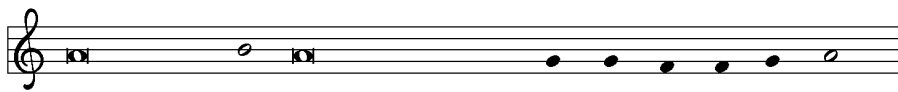
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.  
 All may be seated*

## First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

*The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.*

- <sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
 Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
 Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
 and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
 who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
 and spreads them like a tent to live in;
- <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,  
 and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (read responsively – congregation reads bold)**

*The LORD heals the brokenhearted. (Ps. 147:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises <sup>1</sup> to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor <sup>1</sup> God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD re- <sup>1</sup> builds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the ex- <sup>1</sup> iles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the <sup>1</sup> brokenhearted  
and binds <sup>1</sup> up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number <sup>1</sup> of the stars  
and calls them all <sup>1</sup> by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and might- <sup>1</sup> y in power;  
there is no limit <sup>1</sup> to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts <sup>1</sup> up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked <sup>1</sup> to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD <sup>1</sup> with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp <sup>1</sup> to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heav- <sup>1</sup> ens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- <sup>1</sup> on the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food <sup>1</sup> for the cattle  
and for the young ravens <sup>1</sup> when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might <sup>1</sup> of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed <sup>1</sup> of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c1</sup> Hallelujah!

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

*God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people.*

*Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.*

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one



outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings. *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. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

*Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.*

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” <sup>38</sup>He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. *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

### On Eagle’s Wings



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: “My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!”

*Refrain*



And he will raise you up on ea-gle’s wings, bear you on the breath on dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no

*Refrain*

fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

*Leader or All*

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

*Refrain*

day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

*Leader or All*

4 For to the an-gels God's giv - en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Final refrain*  
*All*

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath on dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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## Apostles' Creed

In the words of the 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

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Bring your creation into harmony and balance. Give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for your people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives. Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives challenge our own. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who calls each star by name, we remember all who have died. Shelter all who mourn with your mercy and care, and give us hope in your promised salvation. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand any who are suffering. Heal those who are brokenhearted and strengthen the weak and all in need *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lori, Lisa, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Barry, Rumpun, Donna, Nancy, Kathy, Jim, Carolyn, Robin, Hope Marie Grace & family, Jenan, Roger, Jennifer, Kris, Roger, Connie, Remy, Kathleen, Ed, Larry, Sonny.* God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Tara, Carol, Braydon, Landon, Margaret, Diane, John, Eleanor, Tammy, Payton.* God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

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

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**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** : *Touch That Soothes and Heals*      -Gregg DeMay, arr. Thomas Keesecker  
-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

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

## THE MEAL

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

*All may be seated*

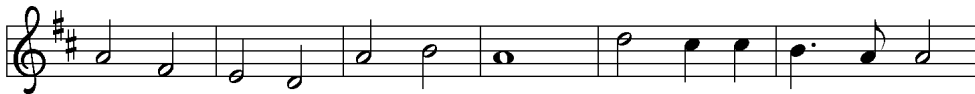
## Great Thanksgiving

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.

## 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.

## 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

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.  
Come and see.

*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

# 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.

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# In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

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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

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

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

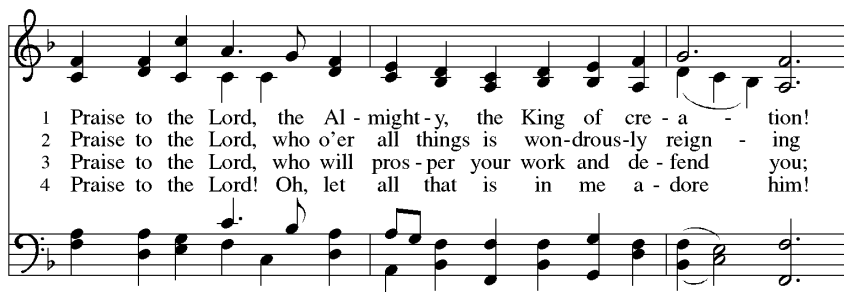
## Blessing

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

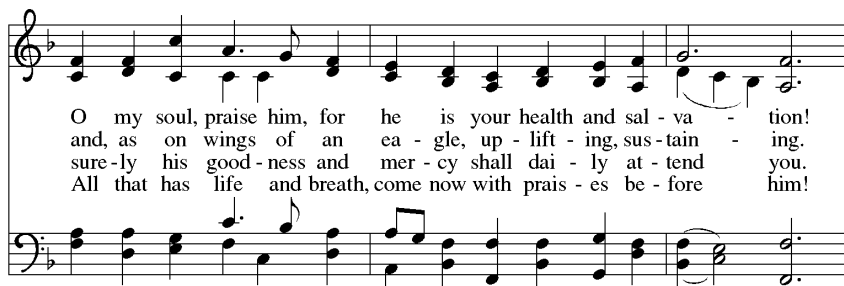
**Amen.**

# Sending Hymn

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



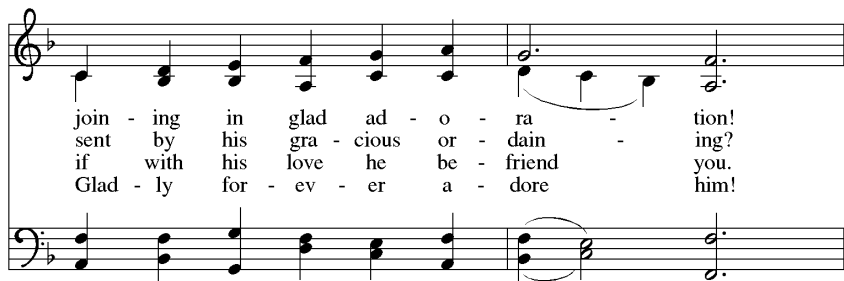
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

## Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

***Please remain for the Congregational Meeting.***

## EASTER TRIBUTES

To honor or memorialize a loved one, please fill out this form and return it (along with your check or cash) to the church office or place in the offering plate no later than Palm Sunday. All tributes will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletins. Additional forms are available in the foyer or church office.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number or email \_\_\_\_\_ Env. No. \_\_\_\_\_



\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Flowers (\$12.00 per memorial flower)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hunger Donation  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Fund Donation  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Pantry Donation  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total



*One tribute per form, please*

In honor of (living)

\_\_\_\_\_  
In memory of (deceased)

By \_\_\_\_\_

For office use only – do not detach

Easter Tributes

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. or EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ENV. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Please check:  Flower (F51)  Hunger Fund (F849)  Memorial Fund (F700)  Pantry (F600)

**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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.



# JELC NEWS for the Week of Feb. 4 - Feb. 10

## TODAY (4)

-9:15am, Sunday School & Circle of Faith  
 -9:30am, Chorale  
 -6:30pm, AA Meeting

## MON (5) 9-10 AM FOOD PANTRY

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

## TUES (6)

-1:30pm, Game Day, M6/8  
 -5:30pm, Basketball, Family Ctr.  
 -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## WED (7) 6-7 PM, FOOD PANTRY

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

## THU (8) 8am-4pm Rising Roots Home School

-5:00pm, Youth Lacrosse, Family Ctr.  
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.  
 -7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall  
 -7:00pm, Council

## FRI (9)

-4:00pm, Youth Badminton, Family Ctr.  
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.  
 -9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## SAT (10)

-3:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## Save the Dates

March 12th to 24th - Collection of candy for the Easter Egg Hunt - Memory Room boxes

March 24th - stuff eggs - between services - Memory Room

March 30th - Easter Egg Hunt - 10 am

## Attendance

1/28/24  
 8:00 - 33  
 10:30 - 45

## Sponsors

no sponsors today

Don't forget to check the literature racks in the narthex and Memory Room for last week's bulletins/news pages, newsletters, treasurer's reports, Endowment request forms, Easter Tribute Forms, and other timely information.

## Church Council meeting minutes

are now available on the website. Go to the MORE tab, choose Church Council from the drop down menu, and the minutes can be found by date.

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

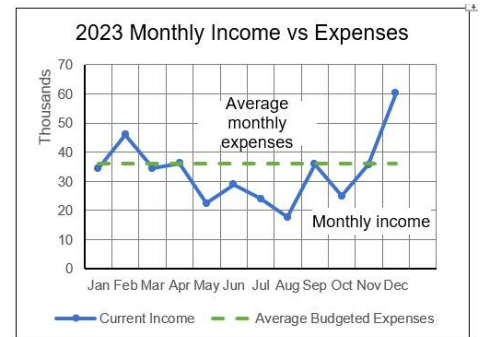
**Fellowship Community:** Lillian Semmel, Donald Laudenslager  
**Mosser:** Carolyn Flemish  
**Lehigh Commons:** Janet Stettler  
**Parkland Manor:** Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman  
**Heather Glen:** Sonny Laudenslager, Anna Bieber  
**Home:** Margaret Smith, Reed Klotz, Dale Gogel, Richard Seltzer, Roger Schoemaker

**Please keep these people in your prayers:** Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Nat Hager, Lori Kocher, Lisa Williams, Kim Friend, Bethany Friend, Jon Conrad, Barry Dorney, Rumpun Heller, Donna Stark, Nancy Troutman, Kathy Attieh, Jim Siegfried, Carolyn Flemish, Robin, Hope Marie Grace & family, Jenan, Roger Shambough, Jennifer Adam, Kris, Roger, Connie, Remy Sedlock, Kathy Lutterschmidt, Ed Rabenold, Larry Bear, Sonny Laudenslager

**Birthdays this week:** Tara Cawley, Carol Derr, Braydon Epting, Landon Epting, Margaret Grover, Diane Crouthamel, John Evans Jr., Eleanor Gross, Tammy Krueger, Payton Shafer

**Anniversaries this week:** [none]

Average weekly expenses: \$8,259	
Current annual surplus/(deficit):	
Weekly collections	
Jan 1-7	\$1,967
Jan 7-13	\$1,699
Jan 14-20	\$14,170
Jan 21-27	\$27,811



## SPONSORSHIPS

**Altar Flowers:** Feb. 18, 25; Mar. 3, 10, 31; Apr 7, 14; May 19, 26

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.

## Worship Assistants

DATE	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25
<b>Altar Guild</b>	9:15-L Daniels	8:00-J Suhocki 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-C Rabenold 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-K Boardman
<b>Lector</b>	9:15-Dave Mancke	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-J Boscia	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-	8:00-A Russell 10:30-J Boscia
<b>Acolyte</b>	9:15-B Epting	8:00-P Shafer 10:30-O Wozniak	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-N Heckman	8:00-L Epting 10:30-C Wozniak
<b>Ushers</b>	9:15-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
<b>Bell Toller</b>	9:15-B Stettler	8:00- 10:30-S Hamil	8:00- M Shafer 10:30- J Laudenslager	8:00- 10:30-S Hamil
<b>Video</b>	9:15-T Daniels	10:30-T Daniels	10:30-D Clark	10:30-D Dreisbach
<b>SAT</b>	9:15-K & D Mancke	8:00- 10:30-D Clark	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-K Boardman	8:00- 10:30-

**Please 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 [ljd2167@yahoo.com](mailto:ljd2167@yahoo.com) // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia [julie.boscia@gmail.com](mailto:julie.boscia@gmail.com) // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman [sgarboglio@yahoo.com](mailto:sgarboglio@yahoo.com) // **Ushers** /John Weremedic [miner70@ptd.net](mailto:miner70@ptd.net) // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil [hamilsre@gmail.com](mailto:hamilsre@gmail.com) // **SAT**/Doug Clark [d.clark854@gmail.com](mailto:d.clark854@gmail.com) // **Video**/Tom Daniels [tkdaniels@ptd.net](mailto:tkdaniels@ptd.net)

### Contribution Statements

for your 2023 giving are available to pick up in the Memory Room. Please feel free to pick up for family members, neighbors or friends, too. You may also stop by the church office during the week to pick yours up.

### Second Congregational Meeting, Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>\*

*Please remain after the 9:15 service for the meeting.* Annual reports will be reviewed, and other congregational business conducted. A limited number of 2023 Annual Reports are available in the foyer [ONE PER FAMILY PLEASE] and they have been emailed to all members with an email address on file. The report is also posted to the website on the first page (included in the Congregational Meeting announcement) and on the WORSHIP page. If you can, please print at home or read online to help us keep our costs low.

### Thank you, Jordan members

for supporting Shout Out for Shut-ins (SOS) card ministry. Last year, SOS sent just shy of 300 cards to those feeling ill, shut-ins, couples celebrating 50+ anniversaries and individuals celebrating 80+ birthdays. Your generous donations of cards and postage stamps enabled SOS to be totally self-sufficient! We are always looking for additional volunteers to help us continue with this incredible mission at Jordan. Please consider joining us.

Peace & Blessings, The SOS Committee: Robin Jensen, Kathy Leonard, Carol Nagle and Kay Mancke

### Lent 2024

**Ash Wednesday** is February 14<sup>th</sup> and begins with the *Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes* at 7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer services are scheduled for 7:00 on the Wednesdays of Lent (excluding Wednesday of Holy Week). A Soup Supper precedes each Wednesday service at 6:00 p.m. in the Memory Room. Ingrid Martz, Judy Grim and Darlene Wenhold will oversee the suppers. Look for sign-up sheets to bring soup, salad, bread, or dessert.

### Souper Bowl - February 11

JELC is participating in the Souper Bowl Challenge to fight hunger in our community by participating with a coin and food collection. Coins/bills will be collected during both worship services, February 11 – Feb. 25, to encourage support of this effort. In addition, food items will be collected in the Memory Room for the JELC Food Pantry, specifically cereal and canned tuna. However, any and all donations given are appreciated.

In appreciation of God's blessing of providing food, a lite brunch will be served, February 11 for everyone to attend, between the worship services at 9:15 am. in the Memory Room.

**Look for Easter Tribute forms in the literature racks and included with bulletins.**