

February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Worship Service w/communion

10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Reception of New Members

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On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

GATHERING

[congregation reads bold]

Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *The Glory of These Forty Days*

-Johann Gottfried Walther

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 writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

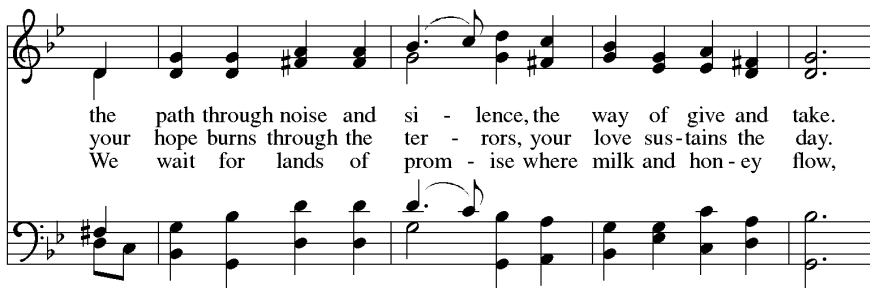
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Bless Now, O God, the Journey



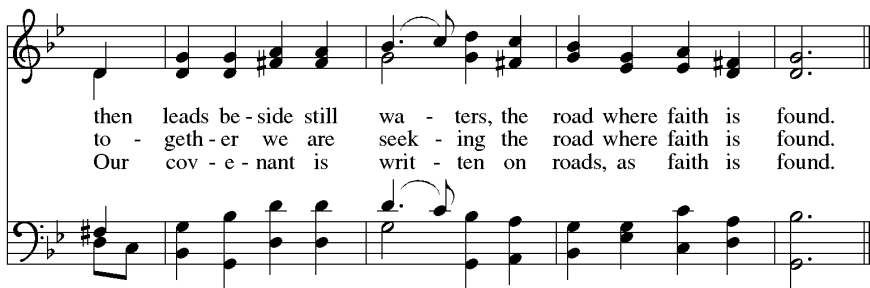
1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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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.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every

living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)

¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

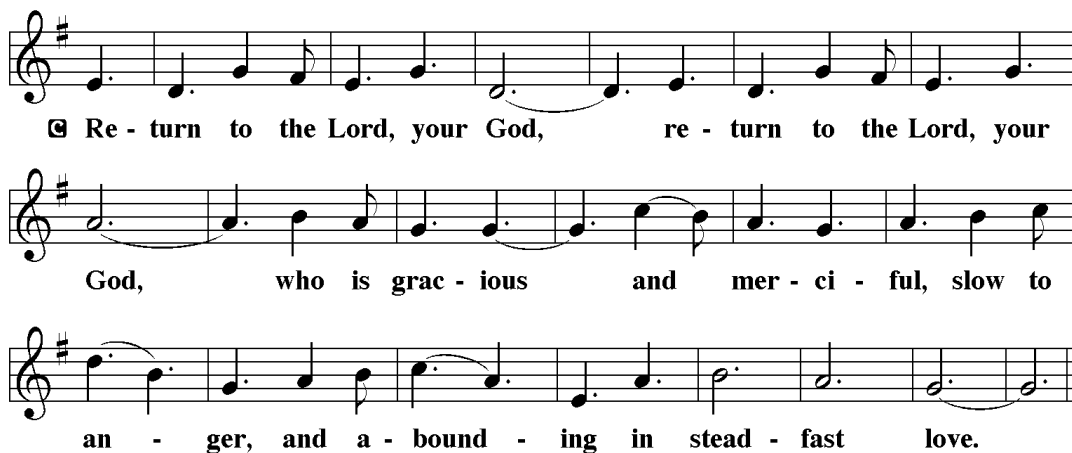
¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in

which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. *The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

All who are able are invited to stand

The Gospel Verse



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your
God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to
an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." *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

When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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[The 8:00 service continues on p. 10 with the Apostles Creed]

[10:30 service only] Presentation of New Members (congregation reads bold)

Dear friends, we gather today with these people who have been called by God's Spirit to inquire into the Christian faith and life. Together, let us welcome them to this community of faith in Jesus Christ.

New members are introduced:

The following have come to our congregation of other communities of faith:

Carol Fredericks Fay James Kurtz Julie McGowan
Bob & Holly Scheffler, Nora, Eva, Lucy

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

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

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

Stir up in these sisters and brothers in Christ, the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

[The 10:30 service continues on p.10 with the Prayers of Intercession]

[The 8:00 service continues here]

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.**

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who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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was crucified, died, and was buried;
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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.**

[The 10:30 service continues here]

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every way. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, traveling, hospitalized, convalescing, or ill, *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lori, Lisa, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Barry, Rumpun Donna, Nancy, Kathy, Carolyn, Robin, Hope, Jenan, Roger, Kris, Roger, Connie, Remy, Kathy, Ed, Sonny, Sandy, Sally.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those celebrating birthdays this week *Reinhard, Rachel, Erica, Marlene, Dennis, Barry.* May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week, *Kathy & Bruce.* May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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 St. John, Nazareth, and their pastors, Scott & Jennifer Hall, and deacon, Patrice Kidd. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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) *Come Unto Him*

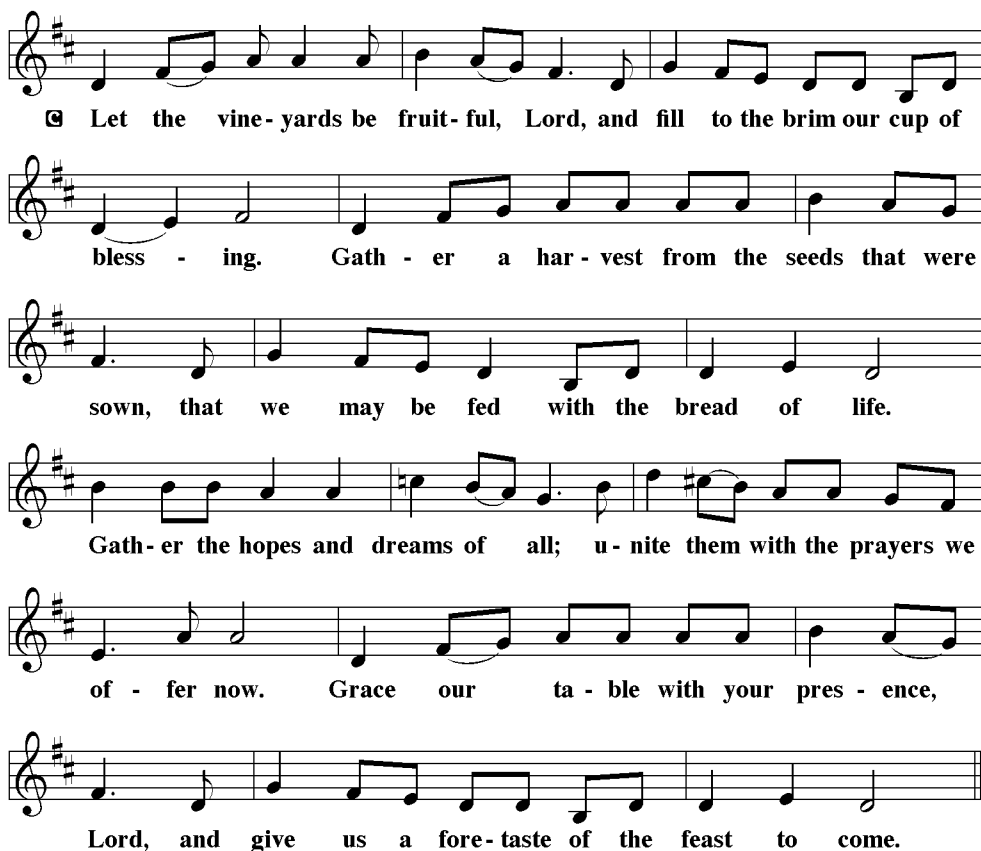
-J. H. Maulder, arr. Benton Price

(10:30) *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* -traditional spiritual, arr. Carlton R. Young
-The Jordan Chorale

(8:00) 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.



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

[10:30 Offering on p. 13]

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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

[The 10:30 service continues on p. 16 with The Lord's Prayer]

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

All may be seated

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

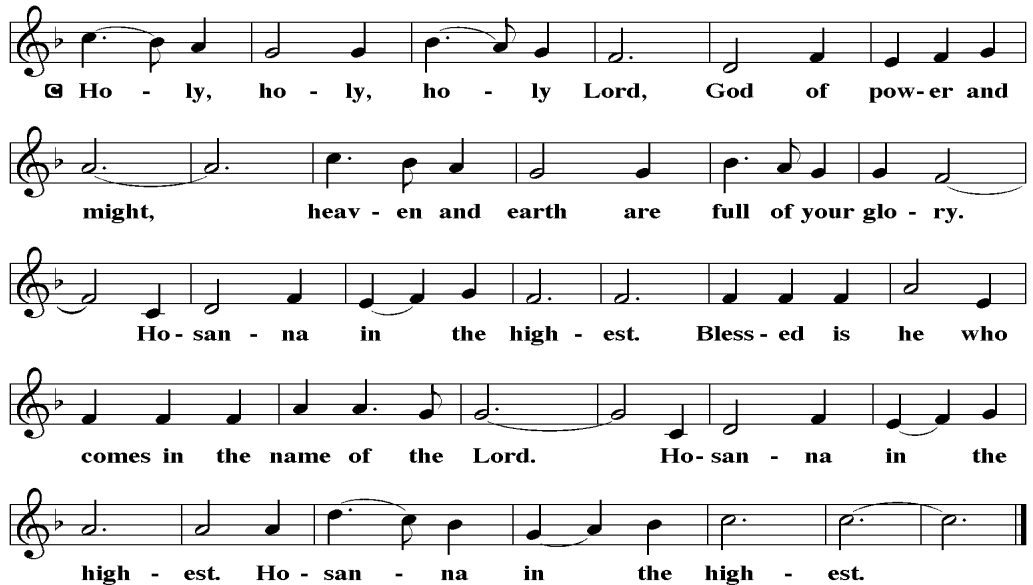
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

[The 10:30 service continues here]

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.**

[The 10:30 service continues on p. 20 with The Sending]

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final two lines and ends with a double bar line.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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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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



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Prayer after Communion

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen.

[10:30 service continues here]

SENDING

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

Blessing

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
me: in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Jesus, Still Lead On*

-arr. Paul Manz

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.

Palm Sunday
is March 24th

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 15th of the month.

JELC NEWS for the Week of Feb. 18 - 24

TODAY (18)

-9:15am, Sunday School & Circle of Faith
 -9:30am, Chorale
 -10:30am, Reception of New Members
 -6:30pm, AA Meeting

MON (19) 9-10 am PANTRY

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

TUES (20)

-5:00pm, Brownies
 -5:30pm, Basketball, Family Ctr.
 -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (21)

-9:00am, Prayer Shawl
 -6:00pm, Lenten Soup Supper, Memory Rm.
 -7:00pm, Mid-Week Lenten Service
 -6:15pm, Friendship Ringers
 -6:30pm, Canon Choir
 -7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

THU (22) 8am-4pm Rising Roots Home School

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

FRI (23)

-4:00pm, Youth Badminton, Family Ctr.
 -5:00pm, Jr. Gyros
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
 -9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

SAT (24)

-10:00am, DAR meeting, Memory Room

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

2/11/24
 8:00 - 41
 10:30 - 70

No sponsors Today

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.

2024 marks the 290th anniversary of Jordan!

We are looking for interested people to form a committee to come up with ideas to celebrate this milestone. If you'd like to be a part of it, contact Glenn Hahn at 610-597-8038

or
gandk5124@verizon.net

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

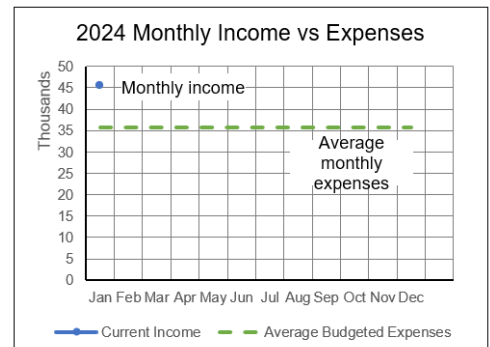
Please keep these people in your prayers: Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Nat Hager, Lori Kocher, Lisa Williams, Kim Friend, Bethany Friend, Jon Conrad, Barry Dorney, Rumpun Heller, Donna Stark, Nancy Troutman, Kathy Attieh, Carolyn Flemish, Robin,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

Birthdays this week: Reinhard Knerr, Rachel Wagaman, Erica Murphy, Marlene Peters, Dennis Barr, Barry Nagle

Anniversaries this week: Kathy & Bruce Leonard (42)

Look for Easter Tribute forms in the literature racks and included with bulletins and your March newsletter.

Average weekly expenses: \$8,259	
Current annual surplus/(deficit): \$4,898	
Weekly collections	
Jan 21-27	\$4,485
Jan 28-Feb 3	\$23,837
Feb 4-10	\$5,528
Feb 11-17	\$5,861



SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: Feb. 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 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	2/18	2/25	3/3	3/10
Altar Guild	8:00-C Rabenold 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-S Wagaman 10:30-I & G Martz-Shelton	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-K Boardman
Lector	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-A Russell 10:30-J Boscia	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Acolyte	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-N Heckman	8:00-L Epting 10:30-C Wozniak	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Ushers	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-Boscia family	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Bell Toller	8:00- M Shafer/J Laudenslager 10:30- J Laudenslager	8:00-J Laudenslager 10:30-S Hamil	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Video	10:30-K Boardman	10:30-D Dreisbach	10:30-O Wozniak	10:30-D Clark
SAT	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-D Wagaman 10:30-D Heckman	8:00- 10:30-	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 // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia julie.boscia@gmail.com // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman sgarbeglio@yahoo.com // **Ushers** /John Weremedic miner70@ptd.net // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil hamilsre@gmail.com // **SAT**/Doug Clark d.clark854@gmail.com // **Video**/Tom Daniels 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.

Mid-Week Lent 2024

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.

The 6th Street Shelter

extends a BIG THANK YOU to Jordan members for their generous donations. Jordan donated 28 twin sheet sets, 16 pillows, 7 twin mattress pads and 1 twin blanket during their January "Sweet Dreams" collection drive for the families at the shelter. This is one more example of how Jordan reaches well beyond our physical walls to eagerly help those having needs in our community.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Choice can have a tremendous impact on organizations like ours. Eligible Thrivent clients with membership: Please consider directing your Choice Dollars to Jordan. You can make a profound impact! Your remaining 2023 Thrivent Choice dollars must be directed **by March 31, 2024**.

Souper Bowl THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generosity of monetary, food, and gift card donations for the JELC Food Pantry to help fight hunger. The total collected during both services was \$474.20 plus 2-\$25 gift cards!! Food donations have already been added to the Food Pantry shelves and we will continue to collect food items in the Memory Room through Feb. 25. Tuna and cereal are specifically needed, however, any and all donations given are appreciated.

Lenten Blessing bags for shut-ins will be made this week. Please volunteer to deliver a bag, **after the 10:30 worship service, Sunday, Feb. 18**. Members are encouraged to add a card or note to the shut-in bags for those below. These bags will be in the Memory Room on the church pew:

Lillian Semmel	Carolyn Flemish	Sonny Laudenslager	Reed Klotz
Donald Laudenslager	Paulette Bassler	Anna Bieber	Dale Gogel
Janet Stettler	Shirley Wertman	Margaret Smith	Richard Seltzer