

February 19, 2023 Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:00 a.m. Worship w/communion p. 1 10:30 a.m. Worship p. 15

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Our Mission

CELEBRATING

GOD

CONNECTING

PEOPLE



Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

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Amen.

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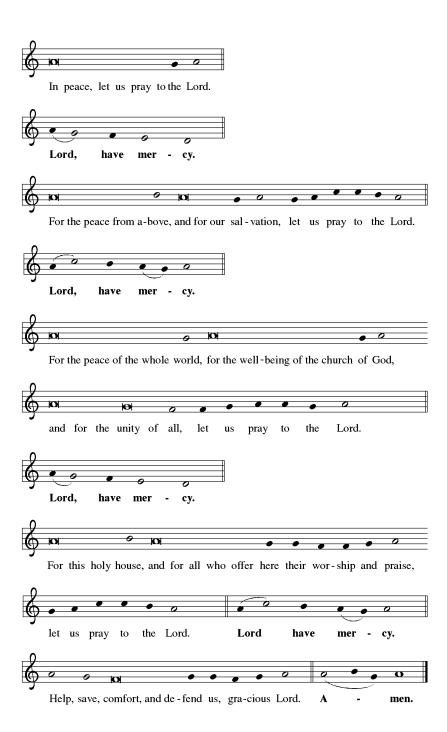
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Kyrie



This is the Feast



Prayer of the Day

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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.

Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,

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Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayors and local leaders, our governor and state legislators, our president and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,

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Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, isolated or sick, especially Reed, Clint, Lois, Helen, Susan, Gladys, Rachelle, Kim, Tammy, Vanessa, Dean, Lester, Anna, Grace, Nat. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

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THE MEAL

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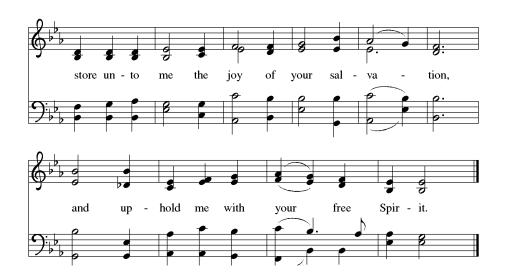
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Offertory: Deck Thyself With Joy and Gladness -Johann Gottfried Walther

Offering

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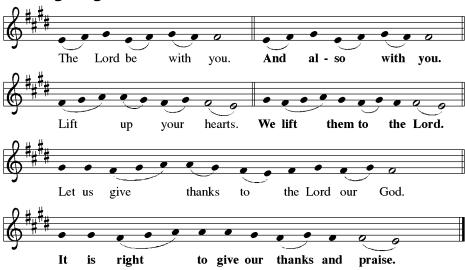


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you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

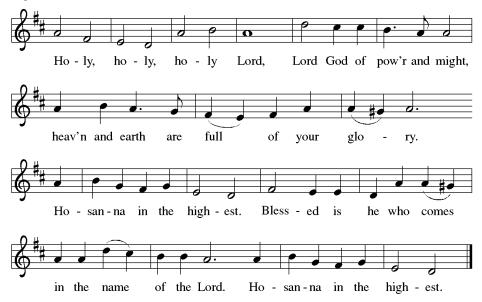
Great Thanksgiving



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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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



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,
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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.

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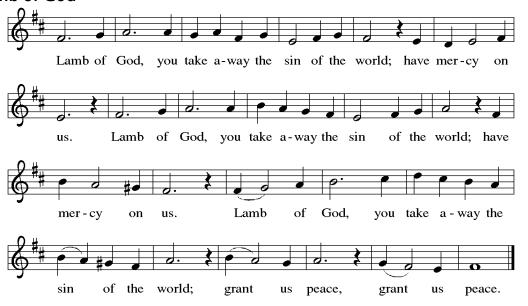
Come and taste the joy of God!

All may be seated

Communion

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

Lamb of God



The Distribution (Altar Rail Distribution)

Communion Hymns: Beautiful Savior p. 27 How Good, Lord, to Be Here! p. 28

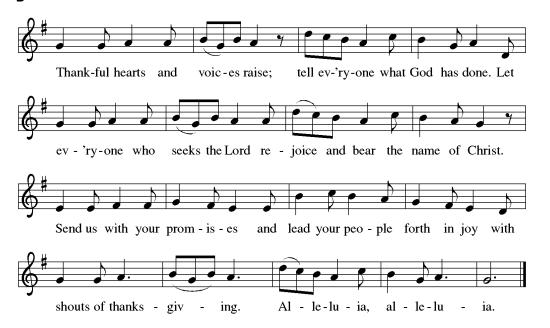
After all have returned to their places

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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



Prayer after Communion

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

Amen.

SENDING

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Blessing

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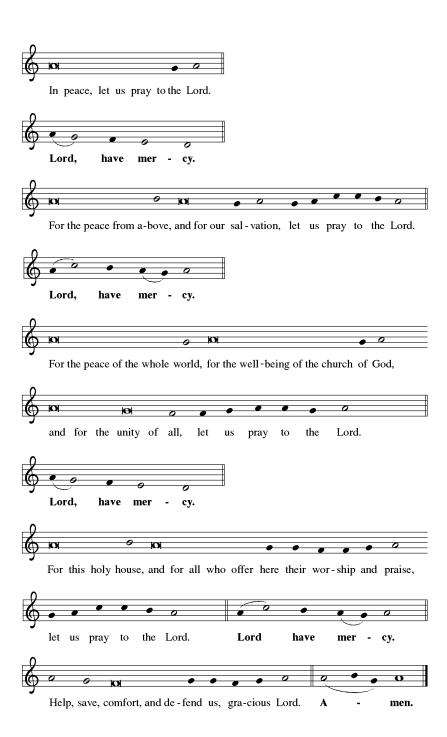
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Dazzling Presence on the Mountain



Text: Paul E. Hoffman, b. 1956 Music: WAVERLY, Karen E. Black, b. 1960

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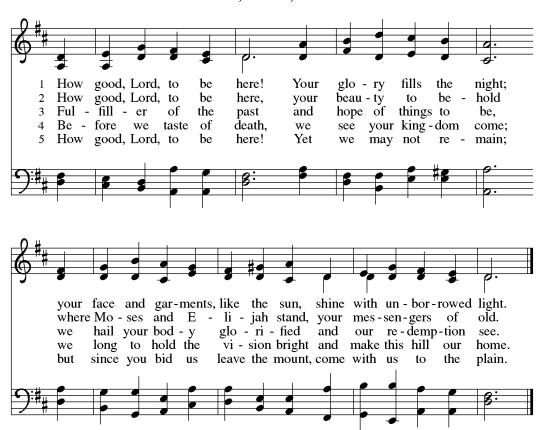
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Beautiful Savior



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR	\ J	ANOAKT 20	20					
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Income:						Month YT		YTD
Operating Income	\$	37,483.00	\$	37,483.00	\$	29,351.00	\$	29,351.00
Benevolence	5	523.00	\$	523.00	\$	1,333.00	\$	1,333.00
Property	\$	1,445.00	\$	1,445.00	\$	2,083.00	\$	2,083.00
Total Income	\$	39,451.00	\$	39,451.00	\$	32,767.00	\$	32,767.00
Expenses:						4 55 4 00	œ.	1 554 00
Administration	\$	3,187.00	\$	3,187.00	\$	1,554.00	\$	1,554.00
Benevolence	\$	2,188.00	\$	2,188.00	\$	1,813.00	\$	1,813.00
Payroll	\$	22,905.00	\$	22,905.00	\$	22,738.00	\$	22,738.00
Ministries	\$	1,657.00	\$	1,657.00	\$	973.00	\$	973.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$	4,109.00	\$	4,109.00	\$	9,125.00	\$	9,125.00
Total Expenses	\$	34,046.00	\$	34,046.00	\$	36,203.00	\$	36,203.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$	5,405.00	\$	5,405.00	\$	(3,436.00)	\$	(3,436.00)

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

THIS WEEK (Feb 19 - 25)

TODAY (19)

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

MON (20)

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

TUES (21)

- -1:30pm, Game Day, M6/8
- -5:30pm, Christian Ed. mtg.
- -5:30pm, Basketball, Family Ctr.
- -7:00pm, Sunday School mtg.
- -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (22) ASH WEDNESDAY

- -9:00am, Prayer Shawl
- -5:00pm, Soccer, Family Ctr.
- -5:30pm, Jr. Gyros
- -6:00pm, Soup Supper, Memory Rm.
- -6:15pm, Friendship Ringers
- -6:30pm, Canon Choir
- -7:00pm, Ash Wednesday Service
- -7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

THU (23)

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

FRI (24)

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

SAT (25)

-Outreach prep for breakfast, Memory Rm. & Kitchen

Say a Prayer &Send a Card & Pay a Visit

Fellowship Community: Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel,

Donald Laudenslager

Lehigh Commons: Janet Stettler

Sacred Heart: Dale Gogel Lehigh Ctr: Barbara Diehl Parkland Manor: Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman Heather Glen: Herb Bieber, Sonny Laudenslager

Pro-Medica: Anna Bieber

Home: Margaret Smith, Olive Wood

Please keep these people in your prayers: Reed Klotz, Clint Trumbauer, Lois Heisler, Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Rachelle Shollenberger, Kim Demarest, Tammy Harding, Vanessa Mace, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Anna Bieber, Grace Keller, Nat Hager

Birthdays this week: Rachel Wagaman, Kenneth Benner, Erica Murphy, Marlene Peters, Melissa Greenawald, Dennis Barr, Barry Nagle

Anniversaries this week: Kathy & Bruce Leonard (41)



Wyatt Henry Webb was born Feb. 15th to Rachael (Hendricks) & Zachary Webb. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20.5 in. long. The Webbs reside in Daphne AL. Wyatt is the grandson of Bill & Linda Hendricks. Congratulations to all!

No sponsors today Attendance Sunday, 2/12/23 8:00-55 10:30-65



February 22 Soup Supper at 6:00 pm Service at 7:00 pm

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

Worship Assistants

DATE	2/19	2/26	3/5	3/12
Altar Guild	8:00-L Daniels	8:00-L Daniels	8:00-	8:00-
	10:30-S Hamil	10:30-S Hamil	10:30-	10:30-
Lector	8:00-A Russell	8:00-C Dorney	8:00-	8:00-
	10:30-C Flemish	10:30-J Siegfried	10:30-	10:30-
Acolyte	8:00-G Schuler	8:00-C Weidman	8:00-	8:00-
, , , ,	10:30-O Wozniak	10:30-L Epting	10:30-	10:30-
Ushers	8:00-D & C Rabenold	8:00-D & C Rabenold	8:00-	8:00-
	10:30-J & C Boscia	10:30-J & C Boscia	10:30-	10:30-
Bell Toller	8:00-D Stark	8:00-G Schuler	8:00-	8:00-
	10:30-G Schuler	10:30-S Hamil	10:30-	10:30-
SAT	8:00-	8:00-	8:00-	8:00-
	10:30-	10:30	10:30-	10:30-
Video	10:30-	10:30-	10:30-	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 |id2137@aol.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/Karen Boardman/kjb59@ptd.net // Video/Julie Williams |jbwill02@gmail.com

Jan 2020 Treasurer's Report found on p.28.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Jordan Lenten Soup Suppers are back! Please join us for soup, salad, bread, and dessert beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, at 6:00pm in the Memory Room prior to the 7:00pm church service. If you would like to contribute food to any of the suppers, please use the sign-up sheet located on the circular bulletin board in the Memory Room. See Darlene Wenhold, Carol Kuhns, Judy Grim, or Ingrid Martz if you have any questions.

Check out our new Web Cemeteries feature on the website!

Click on the MORE tab → then Jordan Lutheran Cemetery Assoc. to see the search feature plus a map of the cemetery. We hope this will be useful to genealogists across the country!

Earthquake Relief

You can go to **ELCA.org** for information to donate to the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

SPONSORSHIPS

2023 Altar Flowers: Feb. 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.



SATURDAY, APRIL 22^M



4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

JORDAN LUTHERAN FAMILY CTR.

5103 Showdrift Road, Orefield

ADULTS: \$10 || Kados: \$5 (Unider 12)_|| Eat in or Take Out includes spachetti & Meatballs, Bread, Salad, Drinks, & Desserts by the Buttered Crumb



PROCEEDS BENEFIT

THE SANCTUARY AT HAAFSVILLE

Sponsored by Outreach Committee & Thrivent

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. April 8th
Egg Hunt - 10 am
Family Ctr
Age 0 - 12
Rain or Shine
Crafts & Candy!





Sat. May 6th Mother's Day Brunch - 10 am Memory Room Food & Fellowship \$5 donation

Fri. June 16th
Iron Pigs
Baseball Game
7pm – Coca-Cola Park
Faith Night - Picnic
Patio – seats reserved.





2023 Lenten Bible Study: Finding Jesus in the Psalms Please register as soon as possible

Name(s)	
Phone Number	Email
I plan to attend the Mid-Week Lenten Bible April 5, following the 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten	•

Save These Dates!

Breakfast with Thrivent Invitation -- **Sunday, February 26**th 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 ministries 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!

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 Haafsville (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 <u>Faith</u>, <u>Fun</u>, <u>Food</u>, and <u>Fellowship!</u>

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.

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.

<u>INTINCTION DISTRIBUTION:</u> 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 worshipers.

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.