



March 5, 2023
Second Sunday in Lent
8:00 a.m. Worship w/communion p. 1
10:30 a.m. Worship p. 9

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During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

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Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* -American folk hymn, setting by Dale Wood

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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 journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

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we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* p. 21

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

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

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will neither slum- ¹ ber nor sleep;

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the LORD is your shade at ¹ your right hand;

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nor the ¹ moon by night.

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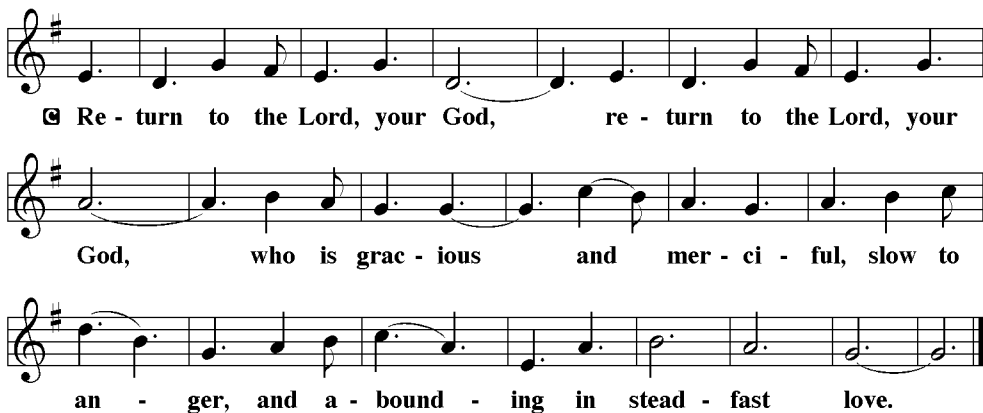
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Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

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Hymn of the Day: *O Living Breath of God* p. 22

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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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God, you so love your church. Raise up leaders who care for your people. Bless lay theologians, seminary and college professors, and all who are called to the ministry of teaching, that they form and inspire us for the work of the gospel. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O God, you so love your creation. Breathe new life into our planetary home. Guide the work of researchers, scientists, and activists who love your earth and who inspire us to care for the natural world. Merciful God,
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Offertory: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

-Lowell Mason, setting by Karl Osterland

Offering

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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. God of good gifts,

receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Lord taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

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

Blessing

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *Lift High the Cross p. 25*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

-Welsh tune, setting by Walter L. Pelz

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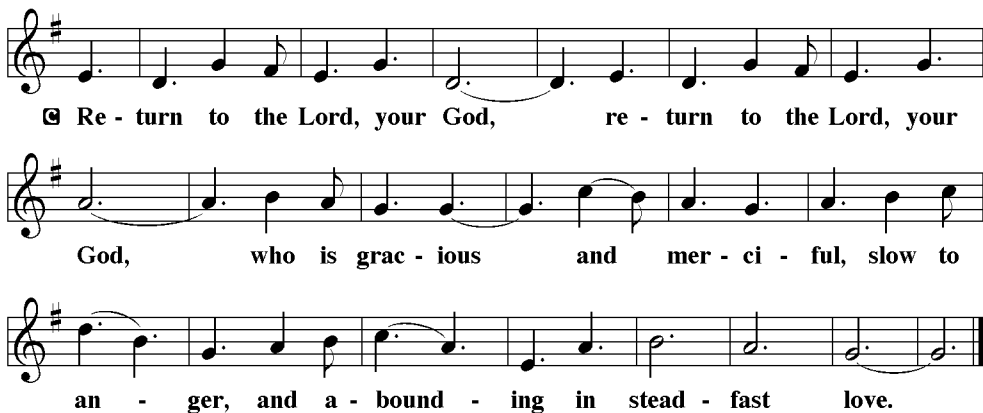
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THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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Offertory : *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

-arr Wayne L. Wold

-The Jordan Chorale

Offering

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. 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.

Offering Prayer

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receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

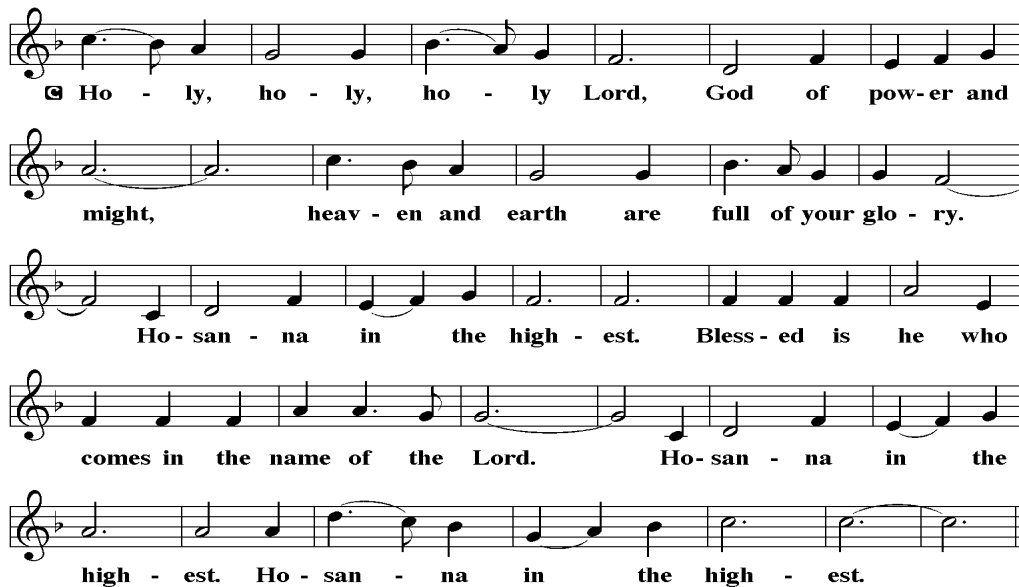
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 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

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

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: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* p. 23

God Loved the World p. 24

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 A - men, a - men. day.
trust - ing your will in the work that we rest.
seek - ing your of heal - ing, of hope, and do.
an - gels of prayer.

Prayer after Communion

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Blessing

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *Lift High the Cross p. 25*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

-Welsh tune, setting by Walter L. Pelz

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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O Living Breath of God



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
Music: VÄRVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune
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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887
 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

God Loved the World

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
 Music: ROCKINGHAM ÖLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956
 Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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THIS WEEK (Mar 5 – 11)

TODAY (5)

- 8:50am, Cherub Choir
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 9:30am, Chorale
- 1:00pm, First Communion Class, M8
- 6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

MON (6)

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

TUES (7)

- 1:00pm, 4F Meeting/Outreach, Room 8
- 5:00pm, Daisy Troop, Social Hall
- 5:30pm, Basketball, Family Ctr.
- 7:00pm, Finance mtg.
- 7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (8)

- 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, Holden Evening Prayer Service
- 7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

THU (9)

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

FRI (10)

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

Say a Prayer ↻ Send a Card ↻ Pay a Visit

Fellowship Community: Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel, Donald Laudenslager

Topton: Clint Trumbauer

Lehigh Commons: Janet Stettler

Sacred Heart: Dale Gogel **Lehigh Ctr:** Barbara Diehl

Parkland Manor: Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

Heather Glen: Herb & Anna Bieber, Sonny Laudenslager

Home: Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Reed Klotz

Please keep these people in your prayers: 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, Hinata Grant, Bob Pellan, Lori Kocher

Birthdays this week: Carina Epting, Blake Greenawald, Christine Hivizdak, Ira Van Scyoc, Ethan Russell, Alice Schneck, Joanne Hemmis, Ryan Merrill, Connor Weidman, Patrick Helsley, William Hendricks

Anniversaries this week: Bill & Linda Hendricks (47), James & Nikki Brezack (8)

Attendance

Sunday, 2/26/23

8:00-38 10:30-67

Altar Flowers are given in honor of grandson Aiden Pitts' 19th birthday, by Chris and Bob Heilman. (T)

Bulletins are given in honor of grandson Tighe Parker's 14th birthday, by Larry and Donna Hahn.

Found in the Literature Racks This Week

<i>Last week's bulletins</i>	<i>This month's newsletter</i>
<i>2022 Annual Reports</i>	<i>Endowment Request Forms</i>
<i>Easter Tribute Forms</i>	<i>Last Month's Treasurer's Report</i>

Worship Assistants

DATE	3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26
Altar Guild	8:00-C Dorney, L Green 10:30-K Leonard	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-S Wagaman	8:00-C Dorney, L Green 10:30-I Martz	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-C Heilman
Lector	8:00-R Shafer 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-J Boscia	8:00-A Russell 10:30-C Flemish	8:00- 10:30-
Acolyte	8:00-S Deeney 10:30-B Epting	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-J Kerschner	8:00-C Weidman 10:30-L Epting	8:00-G Schuler 10:30-O Wozniak
Ushers	8:00-R & B Albright 10:30-J Steiner, B Hendricks	8:00-R & B Albright 10:30-D Wenhold, J Weremedic	8:00-R & B Albright 10:30-B & L Hendricks	8:00-R & B Albright 10:30-J & C Boscia
Bell Toller	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-J Siegfried	8:00-J Laudenslager 10:30-C & C Boscia	8:00-G Schuler 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-D Stark 10:30-J Siegfried
SAT	8:00-K & D Mancke 10:30-D Clark	8:00-D Wagaman 10:30-D Clark	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-D Heckman
Video	10:30-T Daniels	10:30-K Gross	10:30-K Gross	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 lj2137@aol.com // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia Julie.boscia@gmail.com // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman sgarboglio@yahoo.com // **Ushers**/John Weremedic miner70@ptd.net // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil hamilsre@gmail.com // **SAT**/[Karen Boardman/kjb59@ptd.net](mailto:Karen.Boardman/kjb59@ptd.net) // **Video**/Julie Williams jbwill02@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIPS

2023 Altar Flowers: Mar. 26; April 30; May 21, 28; June 4, 11, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS: Contact Donna Hahn at 610-295-9148 or dhahn16@gmail.com with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(s). **Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the last service or want them taken to shut-ins.** If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins. Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

SPONSORSHIP POLICY: Flowers and other sponsorships may be reserved no earlier than one year from the chosen date. If you wish to reserve the same weekend for the following year, you may do so the day after the current year's sponsorship. No dates will be held; the first request for a date (within the one year limit) will be taken regardless of the previous year's sponsor.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2023				
	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
Income:				
Operating Income	\$ 37,483.00	\$ 37,483.00	\$ 29,351.00	\$ 29,351.00
Benevolence	\$ 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:				
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)

Save These Dates!

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 Faith, Fun, Food, and Fellowship!

Family Promise

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

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations

Candy donations & gift cards to purchase candy (put in offering plate) are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt, April 8th. Donation tags will be available in the Memory Room. Please take a tag, purchase the candy, and bring the bags of individually wrapped, small candy back between March 5th - 26th. Place the candy in the labeled Egg Hunt Donation box in the Memory Room **by March 26th**. Thank you.



Help JELC prepare for the Egg Hunt!

Please plan to join us to stuff eggs for the Egg Hunt. We will gather in the Memory Room, April 2nd, between services. Egg Hunt Volunteer opportunities please sign-up in the Memory Room. April 8th - Day of event, volunteers needed for stations, 9 am – 10:30 am Sign-up sheets will be in the Memory Room the next three Sundays. Email Steph Derstine with questions at jordandff@ptd.net



Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt (children 12 and under)

Saturday, April 8, 2023, in the Family Center. Registration begins at 9:30 and events begin at 10:00. Activities for children include crafts, jellybean & candy guessing, children's skit, goody bags and prizes! Grab your Easter basket and hop on over! **Invite your friends and neighbors – not just for JELC members!**

Mid-Week Lenten Service & Soup Suppers

Please join us on the Wednesdays of Lent at 7:00 pm for a Holden Evening Prayer Service, and soup, salad, bread, and dessert at 6:00pm in the Memory Room. 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.

Mother's Day Brunch

Saturday, May 6th, 10:00 a.m. in the Memory Room. Food and fellowship. A \$5 donation is requested.

Iron Pigs Baseball Game

Friday, June 16th, Faith Night at Coca-Cola Park. Reserved patio seats.

Vacation Bible School

June 19 to 23, 9:00-11:45 a.m. in the Family Center for kids age 3 to Grade 5. Stories, crafts, songs, games!



Share the love; take a sign with you! A limited number of "Smile, God loves You" yard signs have been planted in the grass near the electronic billboard. The Outreach Committee is inviting our neighbors and you to share Jordan's message. All are encouraged to pick up a free sign as they drive by our church and then plant them in their yards for all to see. Let us know where in the Lehigh Valley you see our signs displayed!

Journey of Stones

On the following Wednesdays during Lent (March 1st – March 29th), we will worship at 7:00 p.m. using Holden's Evening Prayer. This year's theme will be "Journey of Stones" inspired by ELCA Lutheran pastor, Rev. Steven Molin, Stillwater, Minnesota. Each week's scripture will be based on the stones portrayed in scripture as we reflect upon the stones (the sins) that are in our life. Each week you will receive a stone, symbolic of your sins. During the service you will be invited to leave that stone at the cross of Jesus.

The focus and themes are as follows:

Week 1 – March 1	Rejected Stones	Psalm 118; Mark 12:1-2
Week 2 – March 8	Sticks & Stones	John 8:1-12
Week 3 – March 15	Hearts of Stone	Luke 11:37-52
Week 4 – March 22	Upon This Rock	Matthew 16: 13-20
Week 5 – March 29	Crying Stones	Luke 19: 29-40
Easter Sunday	He's Alive!	John 20:1-18

2023 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, on the website, or from the church office.

Your Name _____

Your phone number _____ Env. No. _____

\$ _____ Flowers (\$12.00 per memorial flower)

\$ _____ Hunger Donation

\$ _____ Memorial Fund Donation

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. _____

CHECK \$ _____ CASH \$ _____ ENV. NO. _____

Please check: ___ Flower ___ Hunger Fund ___ Memorial Fund

Masks are a PERSONAL PREFERENCE at Jordan

*We respect the decision of those individuals who wish to continue wearing masks.
They are encouraged to take the precautions they think necessary to protect their health.*

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.