



**March 12, 2023**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
*8:00 a.m. Worship Service p. 1*  
*10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/communion p. 9*

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*In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.*

# GATHERING 8:00 a.m. / Worship Service

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## Bell

## Announcements

**Prelude:** *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

-setting by Wayne L. Wold

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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.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

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Holy God,

**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.**

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**Gathering Hymn:** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* p. 21

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## Prayer of the Day

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## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.  
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***The word of the Lord.***

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<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship <sup>l</sup> and bow down,  
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Oh, that today you would <sup>l</sup> hear God's voice!

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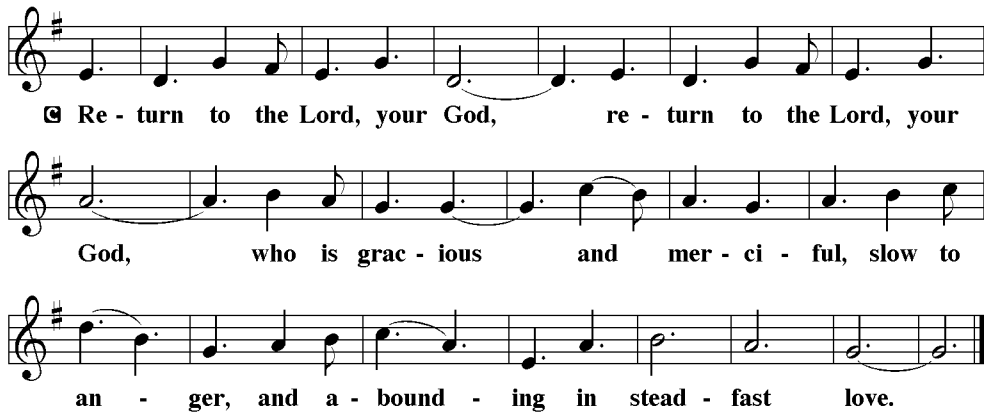
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## The Gospel Verse



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an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### The Holy Gospel: John 4:5-42

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<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."<sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';<sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is

true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world." *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:** *Lift Up Your Heads* p. 22

## **Apostles Creed**

In the words of the Apostles' Creed, let us confess our faith:

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

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

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

## **Prayers of Intercession**

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

*A brief silence.*

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God,  
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We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God,  
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We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives. Merciful God,  
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We give thanks for the lives of all your saints. Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared in you. Merciful God,  
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We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness *especially Lois, Helen, Susan, Gladys, Rachelle, Kim, Tammy, Vanessa, Dean, Lester, Anna, Grace, Nat, Hinata, Bob, Lori, Larry.* Merciful God,  
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For those celebrating birthdays this week *John, Laura, Michael, Nathaniel, Wesley, Lee, Dominick, Darrell.* May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years. Merciful God,  
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For those celebrating anniversaries this week, *James & Terry.* May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. Merciful God,  
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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 Jordan, Orefield, and our pastor, Dody Siegfried. Merciful God,  
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*Here other intercessions may be offered*

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; 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: Be Thou My Vision

-setting by David Lasky

## 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.

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. Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:** *Glories of Your Name Are Spoken* p. 25

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

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**Postlude:** *As the Deer Runs to the River* -by David Hurd, setting by Christopher Uehlein

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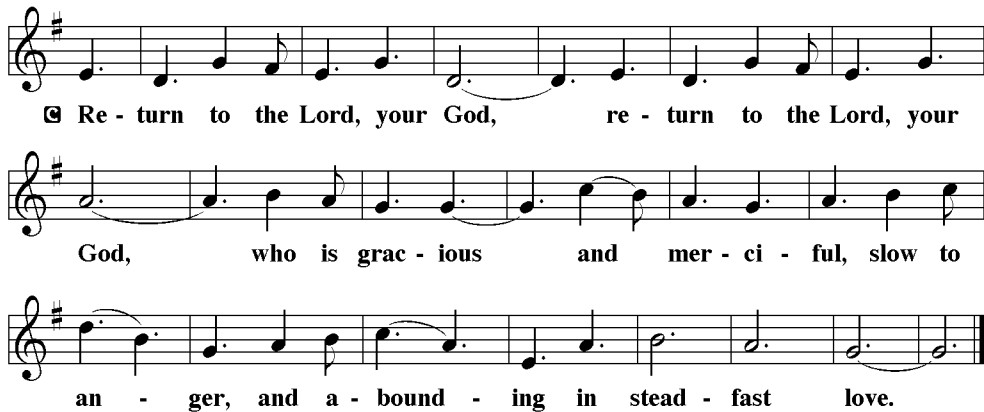
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<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."<sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?<sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"<sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."<sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."<sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';<sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is

true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world." *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:** *Lift Up Your Heads* p. 22

## **Apostles Creed**

In the words of the Apostles' Creed, let us confess our faith:

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

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

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

## **Prayers of Intercession**

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

*A brief silence.*

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**



We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives of all your saints. Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared in you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness *especially Lois, Helen, Susan, Gladys, Rachelle, Kim, Tammy, Vanessa, Dean, Lester, Anna, Grace, Nat, Hinata, Bob, Lori, Larry.* Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week *John, Laura, Michael, Nathaniel, Wesley, Lee, Dominick, Darrell.* May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

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

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray especially for Jordan, Orefield, and our pastor, Dody Siegfried. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; 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.**

## THE MEAL

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

*All may be seated*

**Offertory** : *Be Thou My Vision*

-Irish tune, setting by Douglas Wagner

-The Jordan Chorale

## Offering

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*After the offering is gathered, all who are able are invited to stand.*



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

Let us pray. 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.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

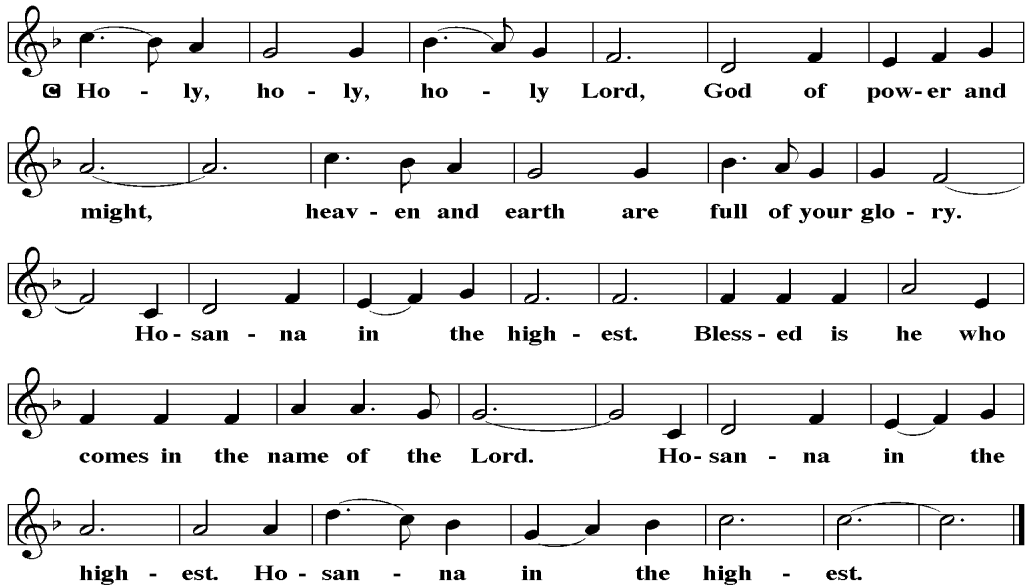
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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

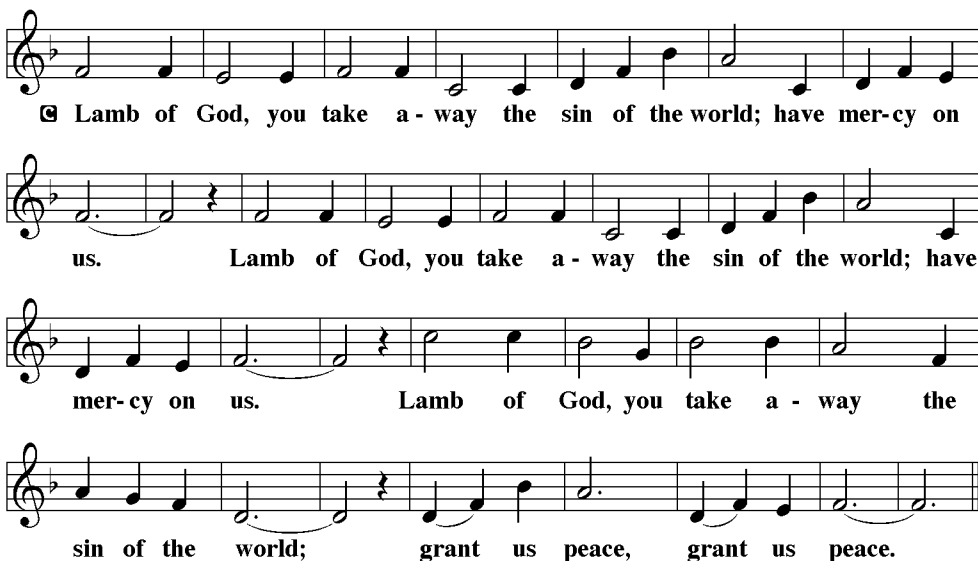
Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

*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: *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* p. 23

*O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts* 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 - 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**

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:** *Glories of Your Name Are Spoken p. 25*

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *As the Deer Runs to the River* -by David Hurd, setting by Christopher Uehlein

# Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.



# Lift Up Your Heads



1 Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,  
 2 Lift up your hands, your voices raise,  
 3 Lift up your hearts, your great A - men;  
 4 Be - hold, the Spir - it here a - bides,



hear the liv - ing wa - ter flow: quench - ing  
 bold in plead - ing, bright with praise. Weep no  
 Mer - cy feeds her guests a - gain: bread e -  
 bear - ing God's a - bun - dant life: peace be -



spring and cleans - ing pool, heal - ing riv - er, clear and  
 more, your God has come; greet the wound - ed, ris - en  
 nough to break and share, fes - tive wine that scents the  
 tween you, love with - in, grace be - side you loos - 'ning



cool. How fresh it falls up -  
 One, who bless - es you with  
 air, Oh, taste and see what  
 sin. Be - lov - ed, Christ a -



on your face, stream - ing from the font of grace.  
 joy com - plete, dwell - ing in the Word of peace.  
 once was lost, ris - ing in this feast of love.  
 mong you stands, mov - ing through your hearts and hands.

Text: Susan R. Briebl, b. 1952

Music: WEST LEESTAD, Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979

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# Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778  
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

## O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

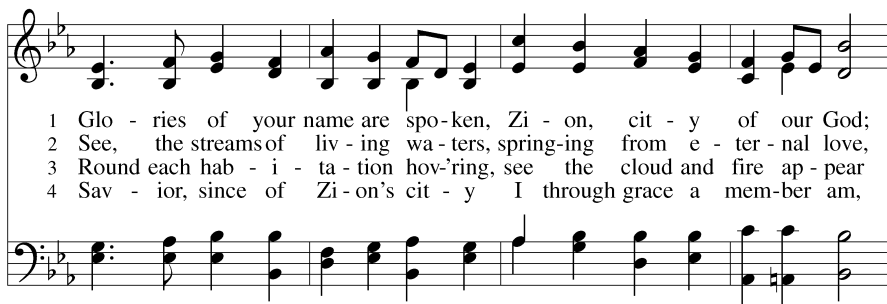
life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
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turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
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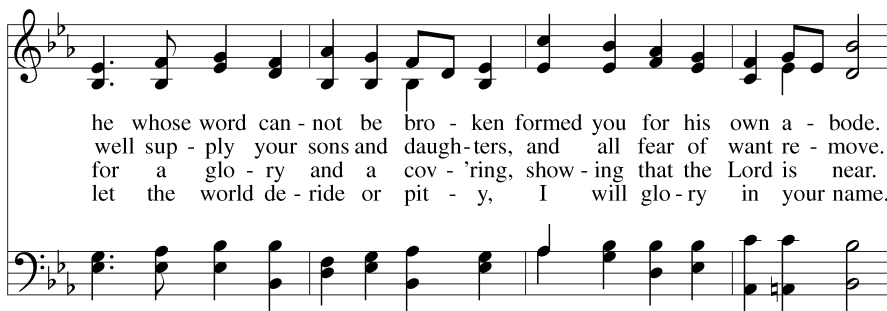
The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts". It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are arranged in four parts, with the first part starting on the first line of music and the subsequent parts starting on the second, third, and fourth lines. The lyrics are: "1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of / 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to / 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our / 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our / life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im - / feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain - / chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you / mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a - / parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call. / head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill. / turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast. / way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with clear phrasing and dynamics.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.  
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

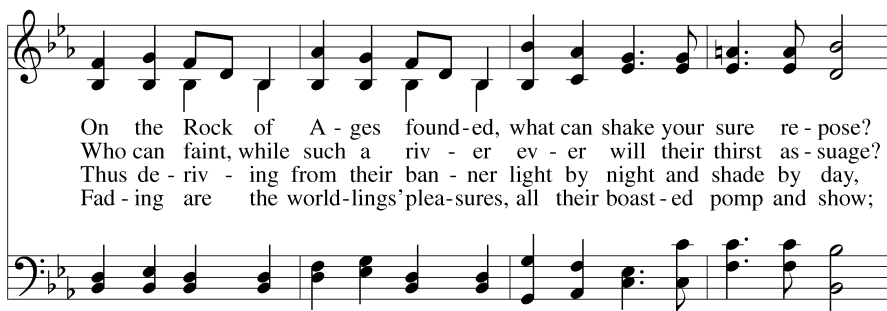
# Glories of Your Name Are Spoken



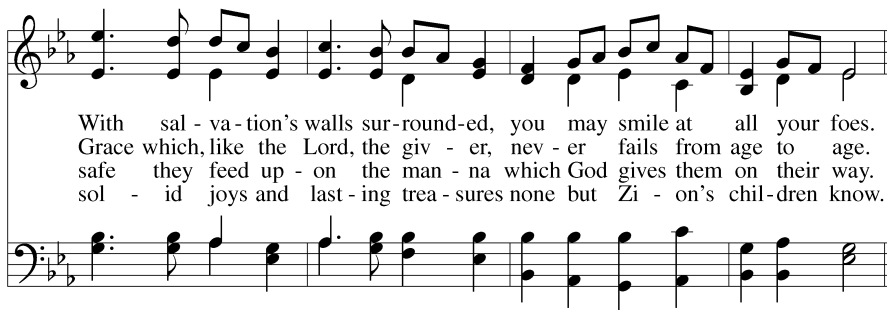
1 Glo - ries of your name are spo-ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;  
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring-ing from e - ter - nal love,  
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov'-ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a mem-ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed you for his own a - bode.  
 well sup - ply your sons and daugh-ters, and all fear of want re - move.  
 for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in your name.



On the Rock of A - ges found-ed, what can shake your sure re - pose?  
 Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage?  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
 Fad - ing are the world-ings' plea-sures, all their boast-ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur-round-ed, you may smile at all your foes.  
 Grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.  
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil-dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.  
 Music: AUSTRIA. Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809

**THIS WEEK (Mar 12 – 18)**

**TODAY (12)**

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

**MON (13)**

- 6:30pm, Jordaniers Bowlers
- 7:00pm, Garden Club, Memory Rm.
- 7:00pm, Boy Scouts

**TUES (14)**

- 5:30pm, Basketball, Family Ctr.
- 6:30pm, Bible Study
- 7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

**WED (15)**

- 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 (16)**

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

**FRI (17)**

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

**SAT (18<sup>th</sup>)**

- 10-12am, DAR mtg., Memory Rm.

*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 Pellen, Lori Kocher, Larry Hahn

**Birthdays this week:** John Weremedic, Laura Garrison, Michael Kerschner, Nathaniel Benner, Wesley Filipovits, Lee Kreidler, Dominick DiMaggio, Darrell Correll

**Anniversaries this week:** James & Terry Gannon (30)

**We could use one more person to help collate the Easter Sunday bulletins on Friday, 4/7, and shouldn't take more than one hour. Contact the office if you can help: 610-395-5912 or [jordanlutheran@ptd.net](mailto:jordanlutheran@ptd.net)**

**Attendance**  
**Sunday, 3/5/23**  
**8:00-58 10:30-53**  
**Wed. 3/1 - 50**

**Altar Flowers** are given in memory of Leroy and Dorothy Stettler, by Bruce Stettler, Louise and family (T)

***Found in the Literature Racks This Week***

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| <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               | 3/12   | 3/19   | 3/26                                      | 4/2   |
|--------------------|--|--|---|---|
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | 8:00-C Dorney<br>10:30-S Wagaman                       | 8:00-C Dorney, L Green<br>10:30-I Martz      | 8:00-C Dorney<br>10:30-C Heilman          | 8:00-<br>10:30-L Stettler                                     |
| <b>Lector</b>      | 8:00-J Siegfried<br>10:30-J Boscia                     | 8:00-A Russell<br>10:30-C Flemish            | 8:00-<br>10:30-                           | 8:00-<br>10:30-   |
| <b>Acolyte</b>     | 8:00-M Shafer<br>10:30-J Kerschner                     | 8:00-C Weidman<br>10:30-L Epting             | 8:00-G Schuler<br>10:30-O Wozniak         | 8:00-<br>10:30-   |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | 8:00-R & B Albright<br>10:30-D Wenhold,<br>J Weremedic | 8:00-R & B Albright<br>10:30-B & L Hendricks | 8:00-R & B Albright<br>10:30-J & C Boscia | 8:00-D & D Stark<br>10:30-Stettler, Jensen,<br>Hartz families |
| <b>Bell Toller</b> | 8:00-J Laudenslager<br>10:30-C & C Boscia              | 8:00-G Schuler<br>10:30-S Hamil              | 8:00-D Stark<br>10:30-J Siegfried         | 8:00-G Schuler<br>10:30-C & C Boscia                          |
| <b>SAT</b>         | 8:00-D Wagaman<br>10:30-D Clark                        | 8:00-J Siegfried<br>10:30-K Boardman         | 8:00-B Lutterschmidt<br>10:30-D Heckman   | 8:00-<br>10:30-   |
| <b>Video</b>       | 10:30-K Gross  | 10:30-K Gross                                | 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 [lj2137@aol.com](mailto:lj2137@aol.com) // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia [Julie.boscia@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.boscia@gmail.com) // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman [sgarboglio@yahoo.com](mailto:sgarboglio@yahoo.com) // **Ushers** /John Weremedic [miner70@ptd.net](mailto:miner70@ptd.net) // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil [hamilsre@gmail.com](mailto:hamilsre@gmail.com) // **SAT**/[Karen Boardman/kjb59@ptd.net](mailto:Karen.Boardman/kjb59@ptd.net) // **Video**/Julie Williams [jbwill02@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dhahn16@gmail.com) with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(s). **Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the last service or want them taken to shut-ins.** If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins. Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

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

| TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2023 |                     |                     |                      |                      |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                                      | Month               | YTD                 | Budget Amounts       |                      |
|                                      |                     |                     | Month                | YTD                  |
| <b>Income:</b>                       |                     |                     |                      |                      |
| Operating Income                     | \$ 44,561.00        | \$ 82,167.00        | \$ 29,351.00         | \$ 58,699.00         |
| Benevolence                          | \$ 588.00           | \$ 1,111.00         | \$ 1,333.00          | \$ 2,667.00          |
| Property                             | \$ 847.00           | \$ 2,292.00         | \$ 2,083.00          | \$ 4,167.00          |
| <b>Total Income</b>                  | <b>\$ 45,996.00</b> | <b>\$ 85,570.00</b> | <b>\$ 32,767.00</b>  | <b>\$ 65,533.00</b>  |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                     |                     |                     |                      |                      |
| Administration                       | \$ 1,432.00         | \$ 4,618.00         | \$ 1,554.00          | \$ 3,108.00          |
| Benevolence                          | \$ 1,688.00         | \$ 3,875.00         | \$ 1,813.00          | \$ 3,625.00          |
| Payroll                              | \$ 23,848.00        | \$ 46,753.00        | \$ 22,738.00         | \$ 45,475.00         |
| Ministries                           | \$ 464.00           | \$ 2,120.00         | \$ 973.00            | \$ 1,946.00          |
| Property-Utilities, grounds, etc     | \$ 19,216.00        | \$ 23,325.00        | \$ 9,125.00          | \$ 18,250.00         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                | <b>\$ 46,648.00</b> | <b>\$ 80,691.00</b> | <b>\$ 36,203.00</b>  | <b>\$ 72,404.00</b>  |
| <b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>             | <b>\$ (652.00)</b>  | <b>\$ 4,879.00</b>  | <b>\$ (3,436.00)</b> | <b>\$ (6,871.00)</b> |

## ***EASTER EVENTS -- Save These Dates!***

### ***Easter Breakfast***

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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. Your donation of baked goods would be appreciated – drop off Saturday morning after 9AM or bring on Easter Sunday. Thank you!



### ***All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner***

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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).

### ***Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations***

Candy donations & gift cards to purchase candy (put in offering plate) are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt, April 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, between services. Egg Hunt Volunteer opportunities please sign-up in the Memory Room. April 8<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto: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!***



### **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.

### **Mother's Day Brunch**

Join us for a festive Mother's Day Brunch celebrating all the Moms at Jordan on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Memory Room. It will be a time of Food, Fun and Fellowship. A donation of \$5 per person will cover the food (please pay at the door). **A sign up sheet will be available soon!**

### **Iron Pigs Baseball Game**

Faith Night at the Iron Pigs, Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm for the Iron Pigs vs. Toledo Mud Hens. Cost of \$28 per person includes: Picnic Patio seating, 2 1/2 hour all you can eat buffet, unlimited soft drinks. Signups will begin April 17 - May 7.



### **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! Online registration opens May 15<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is BABYLON!



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!

### **4-F Outdoor Worship & Picnic**

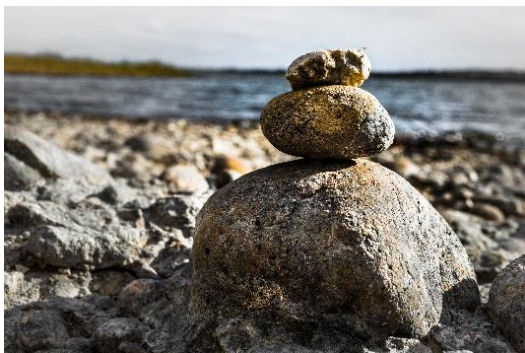
This year's 4 – F Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>! Lots more information to come, but you don't want to miss this day of Faith, Fun, Food, and Fellowship!



### **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.

## Journey of Stones



On the Wednesdays during Lent (March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>), we will worship at 7:00 p.m. using Holden 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  
Week 2 – March 8  
Week 3 – March 15  
Week 4 – March 22  
Week 5 – March 29  
Easter Sunday

Rejected Stones  
Sticks & Stones  
Hearts of Stone  
Upon This Rock  
Crying Stones  
He’s Alive!

Psalms 118; Mark 12:1-2  
John 8:1-12  
Luke 11:37-52  
Matthew 16: 13-20  
Luke 19: 29-40  
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

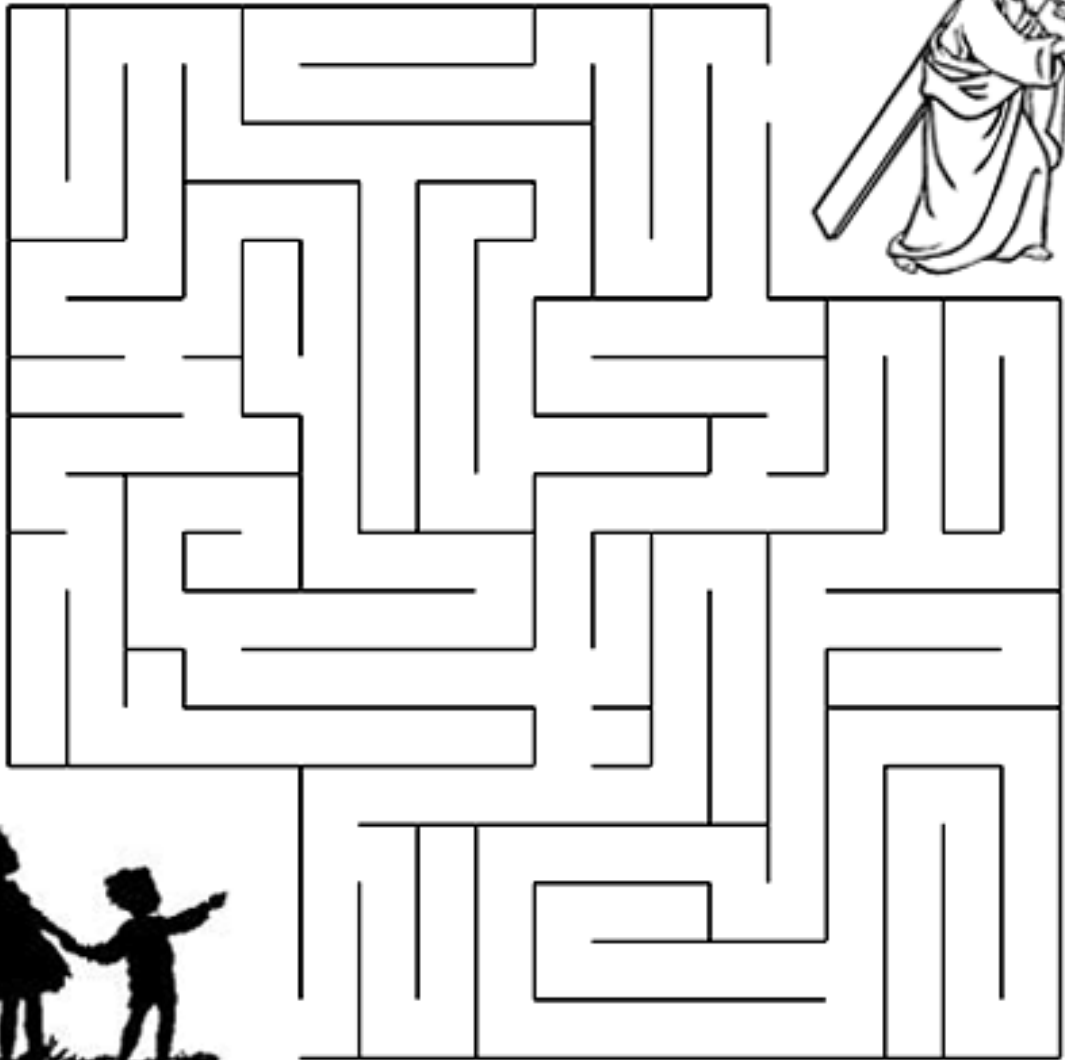
### Easter Tributes

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