



April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *Healer of Our Every Ill*

-setting by Franklin D. Ashdown

All who are able are invited to stand

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

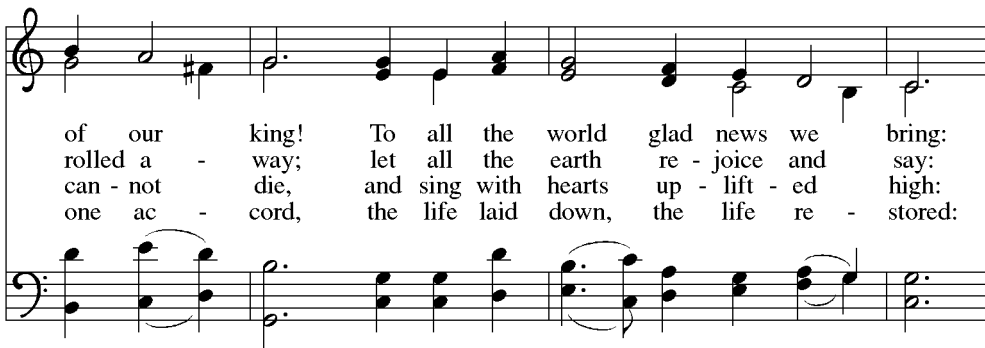
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn


Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

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Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Musical score for the Kyrie greeting. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The music is simple and melodic, with a final cadence on the word "cy."

Assistant: Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Congregation: Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

Musical score for the Kyrie refrain. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - - - men." The music is simple and melodic, with a final cadence on the word "men."

Assistant: Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
Congregation: A - - - men.

Now the Feast

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God.

to Refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

The musical notation for Verse 2 consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are: "2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ for ev - er." The phrase "to Refrain" is written at the end of the third staff.

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *to Refrain*

The musical notation for Verse 3 consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are: "3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of God; to make all things new." The phrase "to Refrain" is written at the end of the third staff.

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Salutation

Presider: *Congregation:*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

The musical notation for the Salutation consists of two staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The first staff is labeled "Presider:" and the second staff is labeled "Congregation:".

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Prayer of the Day

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹The LORD ¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not ¹ be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down ¹ in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹ side still waters.**

³You restore my ^l soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways ^l for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ^l fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ^l comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ^l of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ^l running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ^l of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ^l LORD forever.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

All who are able are invited to stand

The Gospel Verse

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

Children’s Message

Miss Stephanie

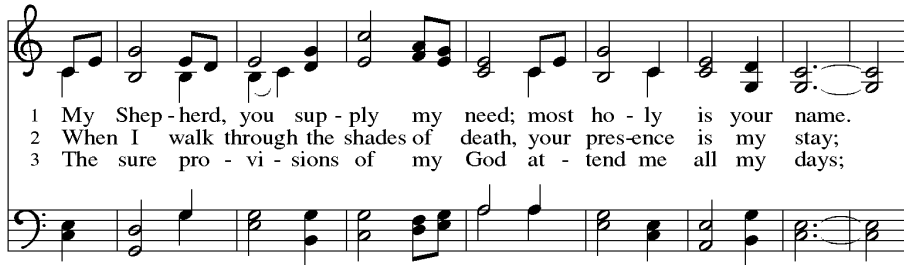
Sermon

Time of Silent Reflection *(remain seated)*

All who are able are invited to stand

Hymn

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



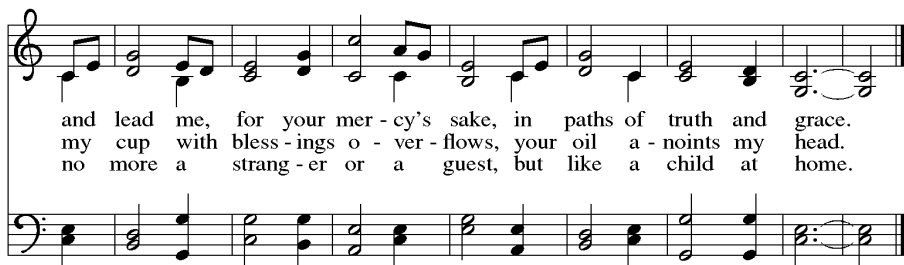
1 My Shep-herd, you sup-ply my need; most ho-ly is your name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;



In pas-tures fresh you make me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.
one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
oh, may your house be my a-bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan-d'ring spir-it back when I for-sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;
Here would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, your oil a-noints my head.
no more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Nicene Creed

The Creed is professed by all in unison:

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. Protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with compromised immune systems or illness *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lisa, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Rumpun, Donna, Kathy, Carolyn, Robin, Hope, Jenan, Kris, Roger, Connie, Remy, Ed, Sally, Anne, Judy, Eliza.* God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially David, Raymond, Debra, Helene, Thomas, Grace, Sylvia, Lindsay, Carole, Katie.* God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. [no anniversaries this week] May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. God of grace,
hear 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 Ziegel's, Weisenberg Twsp., and their pastor, Andy Meckstroth. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

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: (8:00) *The Loving Shepherd*
(10:30) *Shepherd Me, O God*
-The Jordan Chorale

-Janet Rand
-Marty Haugen, arr. Mark Hayes

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.*

(8:00)

Congregation:




As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
to Refrain
may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

(10:30)



For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of-fer, Lord, our prais-es, heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv-ing what we pray and sing.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score for "Great Thanksgiving" is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise." The score is divided into parts for the Presider and the Congregation. The Presider's part covers the first three staves, and the Congregation's part covers the last three staves.

Presider: Congregation:
The Lord be with you. And al - so with
you. Lift up your hearts. We
lift them to the Lord. Let us give
thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy

Congregation:

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The key signature is G major, and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!'.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. 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.

[10:30 service continues here]

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Lord taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

[10:30 service continues on p. 21 w/The Sending]

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.


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

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



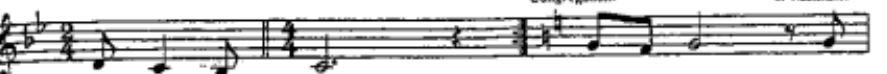
Lamb of God, * you take a - way the sin of the
 you broke the bonds of sin and of
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



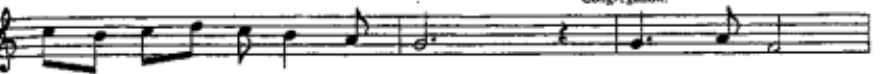
world:
death: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

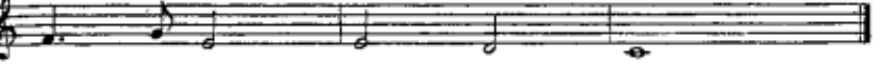


mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Distribution

Communion Hymns

Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us

1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847
 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat


Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.




Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joi - ce.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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After all have returned to their places
All who are able are invited to stand

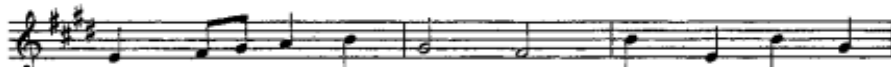
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Amen.

Song After Communion



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Post Communion Prayer

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

[10:30 service continues here]

SENDING

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

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: *Prelude in F Major*

-J. S. Bach

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 DISTRIBUTION: As you come forward, please take an empty cup with you to the altar rail. If you choose not to consume wine, grape juice is available. Come to the altar rail without a glass and a communion assistant will offer you the grape juice in a pre-filled glass.

INTINCTION DISTRIBUTION: Come forward and receive a wafer. Then dip it into either the wine (the cup in the center of the bread plate) or the grape juice (in the separate cup held by the second assistant). If you want additional time at the altar, please step to center of the altar rail out of the flow of other worshippers. You are invited to kneel if you wish.

Gluten-free wafers are available – please indicate your need to the communion assistant.

You are asked to fill out **communion cards** clearly and completely, one card per person. Visitors are asked to fill out the address of their home church (if you identify with one) so we may forward the card there. Take a moment also before leaving to sign our guest book, located in the entrance area.

If it is necessary to **leave the sanctuary** during worship, please refrain, if possible, from doing so during the reading of scripture or the Eucharistic prayers so as not to distract other worshippers.

The use of **electronic devices** during worship is discouraged. Please turn off cell phones or place on vibrate before the start of the service.

Hearing assistance is available for members and visitors to Jordan. Please see an usher to arrange to use a receiver.

A Koala Bear **baby changing station** is located in the handicapped restroom across from the church offices (in the new section). Children's welcome bags and bulletins are located in the narthex. Please ask ushers for help.

Restrooms are located through the left side doors of the chancel; then left through the french doors; restrooms located in the foyer on the right.

Children in grade 9 and younger are asked to remain in the Memory Room when consuming refreshments during the fellowship hours.

Please be sensitive to the fact that many people are allergic to or bothered by **strong scents** (perfume, aftershave, etc.), particularly when many people are gathered closely together, as for **worship services**.

For Parents of young children: We are grateful that God has blessed Jordan with so many young children. Worshiping with young children is a special privilege and joy for all of us. We enjoy the sounds of children in our worship. However, if you sense the need for a "calming break" feel free to take him/her to the Memory Room or Nursery (located through the doors on the left side of the altar) where you can continue to hear and be involved in the worship.

If you are interested in **becoming a member of Jordan**, please speak with the pastor following the service or call the church office (610-395-5912).

Announcements for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office before 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15th of the month.

JELC NEWS for the Week of April 21 - 27

TODAY (21)

-8:50am-Cherub Choir
 -9:15am, Sunday School & Circle of Faith
 -9:30am, Chorale
 -6:30pm, AA Meeting

MON (22)

-6:30pm, Jordanians Bowlers (last)
 -7:00pm, Boy Scouts
 -7:30pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

TUES (23)

-6:30pm, Bible Study, M8
 -6:30pm, End. Inv. mtg. ZOOM
 -5:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
 -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (24)

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

THU (25) 9am-4pm, Rising Roots Homeschool

-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

FRI (26)

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

New Member Info Class

Meet in Pastor Dody's office on April 28th at 9:15 am if you are interested in becoming a member of Jordan or reinstating your membership. Two additional meetings will take place May 5th and 12th and new members will be received at a convenient date to be determined by the group. Please contact the church office or Pastor if interested.

Attendance

4/14/24
 8:00 - 40
 10:30 - 45

Sponsors

Altar flowers given to the Glory of God and in memory of mother Dorothy B. Anderson, by Sue and Bill Weber.

Pr. Dody will be on vacation April 13 - 21.

Pr. Brandon Heavner will provide pastoral care. If you have an emergency, you may call the office during regular hours, or contact Pr. Heavner directly at 484-735-5924.

Family Center carpet being shampooed Saturday, 4/20. Please do not enter the area that day or Sunday for any reason. Thanks!

Say a Prayer ☞ Send a Card ☞ Pay a Visit

Fellowship Community: Lillian Semmel, Donald Laudenslager

Lehigh Commons: Janet Stettler

Cedar Crest Post Acute: Reed Klotz

Parkland Manor: Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

Heather Glen: Sonny Laudenslager, Anna Bieber

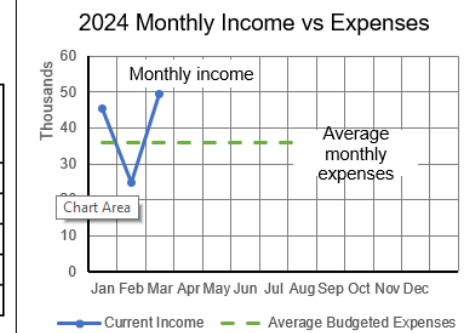
Home: Margaret Smith, Dale Gogel, Richard Seltzer, Roger Schoemaker, Carolyn Flemish

Please keep these people in your prayers: Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Nat Hager, Lisa Williams, Kim Friend, Bethany Friend, Jon Conrad, Rumpun Heller, Donna Stark, Kathy Attieh, Carolyn Flemish, Robin, Hope Grace, Jenan, Kris, Roger, Connie, Remy Sedlock, Ed Rabenold, Sally Crowe, Anne, Judy Young, Eliza

Birthdays this week: David Rabenold, Raymond Suhocki, Debra Barr, Helene Quaintance, Thomas Szczepanski, Grace Tom, Sylvia Appel, Lindsay Gillette, Carole Herman, Katie Halloran

Anniversaries this week: [none]

Average weekly expenses: \$8,259	
Current annual surplus/(deficit): \$9,785	
Weekly collections	
Mar 24-30	\$17,961
Mar 31-Apr 6	\$9,576
Apr 7-13	\$6,324
Apr 14-20	\$5,751



SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: May 26; June 2, 9, 30, July 7, 14, 28; Aug. 11, 18, 25; Sept. 1, 29

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.

****Please Note: on May 1, Flower prices will increase to \$50/2 vases & \$25/1 vase.**

Worship Assistants

DATE	4/21	4/28	5/5	5/12
Altar Guild	8:00-S Wagaman 10:30-K Leonard	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-L Stettler	8:00-J Murphy 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-J Suhocki 10:30-K Boardman
Lector	8:00-A Russell 10:30-L Stettler	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-J. Boscia	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Acolyte	8:00-L Epting 10:30-D Dreisbach	8:00-I Strohl 10:30-O Wozniak	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Ushers	8:00- 10:30-Stettler & Jensen fams	8:00- 10:30-Stettler & Jensen fams	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Bell Toller	8:00-D Stark 10:30-B Stettler	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-B Stettler	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Video	10:30-O Wozniak	10:30-D Dreisbach	10:30-K Boardman	10:30-D Dreisbach
SAT	8:00-D Wagaman 10:30-	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-

Please look at the dates we have no one scheduled and give a call to the name listed below for the area(s) you can help with!

Altar Guild/Lynn Daniels ljd2167@yahoo.com // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia julie.boscia@gmail.com // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman stephanyheckman@gmail.com // **Ushers** /John Weremedic miner70@ptd.net // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil hamilsre@gmail.com // **SAT**/Doug Clark d.clark854@gmail.com // **Video**/Tom Daniels tkdaniels@ptd.net

Sunday School Fundraiser for Gress Mountain Ranch

Donations are to be placed in the Memory Room by the farm display. Items needed: pine shavings, pelleted horse bedding, Senior Horse food, 50 lb. bag of popcorn and canned pumpkin. Also, checks to JELC and monetary gifts are to be placed in an envelope in the offering plate noted "Gress Mountain Ranch". Also gift cards can be donated from Tractor supply, Weis, Costco, Albright's Mill, and the Mill in Germansville, also placed in the offering plate, noted "Gress." Donations will be collected from April 7th - 28th.

Mother's Day Brunch - Sign-up sheet is located in the Memory Room

Invitation for moms, daughters, daughters-in-law, friends and neighbors to come and enjoy a time of food, fun, and fellowship, Saturday, May 4th at 10 am in our Memory Room. Presenters, Empty Nest Crafts, will show us how to design Spring wreaths. \$5 per person collected day of the event.

Iron Pigs

Faith Night at the Iron Pigs Baseball Game, Friday, June 4th at 7:05 p.m. \$30 per person Includes: Ticket and 2 1/2 hr. buffet. An order form for Iron Pigs tickets and buffet is on the circular bulletin board in the Memory Room. Place the order form and payment in the offering plate marked "Iron Pigs" to secure a seat and buffet. Deadline is Sunday May 5th.

Vacation Bible School - WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE...

This year we will partner with Jordan UCC for VBS the week of June 15th, at Jordan Lutheran Church. We have been sharing materials and decorations with them for many years and this year decided to collaborate on our efforts to offer two programs in one day. We hope you will join us as we work together to broaden the faith of our children. Our plan includes a morning program from 9 – 11:45 am and an evening program from 6:30 – 8:15 pm. Children and volunteers can attend the program that best suits their schedule. The program will be offered for children 3 years old (potty trained) through 6th grade. The Jordan Lutheran team will serve as coordinators for the morning program and Jordan UCC will coordinate the evening program. Registration and volunteer opportunities will be online starting May 15th.

The leaders from both churches are excited about the opportunity to involve more children and volunteers as we learn on the Rocky Railways. Watch the JELC bulletin and newsletter for further details on how you can get involved. If you have any questions please contact Amber K. at mamjkerschner@gmail.com or Steph H. at stephanyheckman@gmail.com.

Outdoor Worship Service ~ June 9th at 10:30 a.m.

Come one, come all and enjoy an uplifting day of **Faith, Fellowship, Food and Fun** in God's magnificent outdoors. On **June 9th, 2024, 10:30 AM at Lone Lake Park Pavilion**, we will see your family, friends and you at the **4-F Celebration**. Following this musically-enhanced, faith-filled service, you will be served a gourmet luncheon of smoked pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, baked macaroni & cheese and bottled water complimented by the sides and desserts you bring. Look for the sign-up board in the Narthex to register your attendance and what side and/or dessert you will bring. You may also sign up for this event by calling the church office. Clear skies and fresh air have already been reserved. Please bring your own tablecloth, board and lawn games for all to enjoy! See you then and there!!

Save the Date!!!! Sight and Sound Bus Trip to see 'Daniel'

Jordan Lutheran Church is sponsoring a bus trip to Lancaster County, Sight & Sound Theater to see 'Daniel', Friday, November 29th, 3:00 p.m. Additional information will be forthcoming. **SAVE THE DATE!!**