



May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter / Rogation Sunday
8:00 Worship Service
& 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion; Baptism

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**I WILL NOT
LEAVE YOU AS
ORPHANS; I
WILL COME TO
YOU.
JOHN 14:18**

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Variations on a Theme by Corelli*

-Aaron David Miller

All who are able are invited to stand

A Litany for Mother's Day

P: Blessing and honor to our God of love.

C: Praise the Lord who gives us the women we have known in our lives.

P: Thanks be to God,

C: for blessing us with mothers, grandmothers and aunts.

P: Praise be to God,

**C: for sending us loving foster mothers, adopted aunts and other women
who have cared for us.**

P: Glory to God,

C: for our women, our wives, our daughters, our sisters, our friends, and our mothers.

P: Praise God for all of them,

C: for the name of God is glorified through their lives.

P: Uphold them with your strength.

C: Guide them with your wisdom.

P: Renew them in your grace.

C: Restore them in your compassion.

P: God bless all godly women,

ALL: for they show us Christ. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *Kneeling in the Dust to Form Us p. 19*

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

Leader




In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

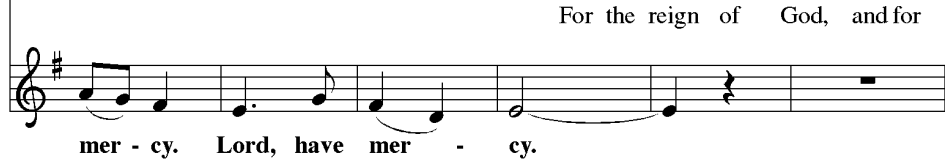
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Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have




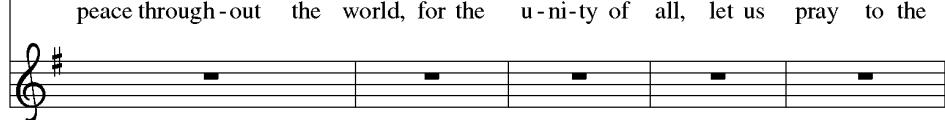
For the reign of God, and for




mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.




peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the



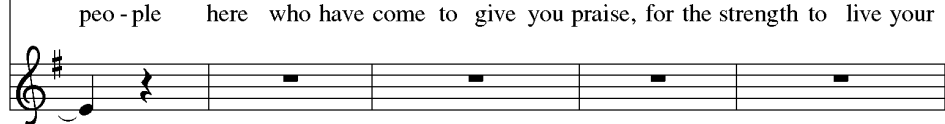
Lord. For your



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. 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*

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*

SALUTATION



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” *The word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

All who are able are invited to stand

THE GOSPEL VERSE

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 14th chapter.
Glorify to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION *(remain seated)*

All who are able are invited to stand

HYMN: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus p. 20

[The 8:00 service (non-communion) continues on p. 9 with The Nicene Creed]

(10:30 service only) HOLY BAPTISM *(flash photography is not permitted during the ceremony)*

Presentation

God who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God’s mission for the life of the world.

Parents: I present Emma Jean Gillette for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God’s faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Parents, do you promise to nurture Emma in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Parents: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Emma and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Profession of Faith

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

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

All may be seated

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the Flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the

Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Emma Jean Gillette, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain this child with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Emma Jean, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome Emma into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

HYMN: *Borning Cry* p. 21

[The 10:30 (communion) services continues on p. 10 with the Prayers of Intercession]

(8:00 service only) 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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things. We give thanks for the apostle Matthias and all your saints. Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are grieving or sick *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Rachele, Kim, Vanessa, Tammy, Dean, Lester, Nat, Hinata, Bob, Lori, Lisa, Olive, Anna, Herb, Carol*. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Herbert, Scott, Tom, David, Christiane, Joan, Terry, Kay*. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever, *especially Kathleen & Richard, Denise & Randy, Ray & Shirley, Todd & Liz*. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray especially for Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries, Allentown. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

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 OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY: (8:00) St. Anthony Chorale

-Johannes Brahms, arr. Thomas Gieschen

(10:30) Now the Green Blade Rises

-French tune, arr. Carolyn Johnson

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 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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 8:00 service (non-communion) continues on page 14 with The Lord's Prayer]

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

All may be seated

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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



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

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Lord taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;**

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

[The 8:00 (non-communion) service continues on p. 17 with The Rogation Greeting,
 outdoors, weather permitting]

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

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:

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 (Intinction Distribution)

Communion Hymn: *Thy Holy Wings* p. 22

As a Mother Comforts Her Child p. 23

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: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



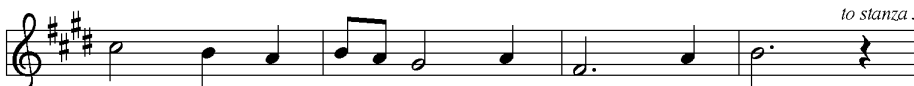
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -



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



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



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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Ushers will direct the congregation to the outdoor worship area for the conclusion of the service.

ROGATION GREETING

God, our Creator, you have ordered seedtime, sunshine, rain, and harvest. You have created the seed, soil and water so there may be food for all your people. May we honor and care for these elements that sustain our earthly life. As the food nourishes our body may we be filled with praise and thanksgiving for our Creator.

Blessing of the Rogation Elements

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

Make music to our God on the harps.

He covers the sky with clouds;

He supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.

He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.

Praise the Lord.

Blessing of the Seed

God, you have given us these seeds

They have a past. They are the fruit of the past. They have a present. They are to be planted into your soil. They have a future. They are to bear fruit for the harvest. May the miracle of life within these seeds burst forth yielding a bountiful harvest. Bless these seeds and those who plant them.

Blessing of the Soil

God, you have created and given us this soil.

The soil serves as the medium for the seed to grow, it cleans water, it regulates climate, it provides warmth, nourishment and support so that new life may emerge. Bless this soil that it may feed and nourish the seed. Bless those who work this soil and harvest the produce.

Blessing of the Water

God, this water is your creation.

Water gives sustenance and nourishment to the soil and the seed. Bless the soil and the seed with gentle rain. Bless this water. Let it come as rain at the right time, in the proper amount so that the seed may flourish and grow. In your mercy send us favorable weather so that the harvest will be bountiful.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The God of all, who raised +Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Now Thank We All Our God* p. 24

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.



We would love for you to join us in the Memory Room following worship to enjoy the blessing of Christian fellowship through conversation and tasty snacks! Fellowship will not take place over the summer (May 28th is the last) but will resume after Labor Day.

Pastor Dody will be at a continuing education event this week, May 15 thru 21. In the event of a pastoral emergency, you may call the church office during regular hours, or contact Pastor Lynette Delbridge, who will provide emergency coverage and can be reached at 347-549-6423.

Kneeling in the Dust to Form Us



1 Kneel - ing in the dust to form us,
 2 Shaped of flesh and bone and sin - ew,
 3 Tem - pered bells re - sound more clear - ly,



mold - ing with a pot - ter's care, God blows breath of
 sound - ing cham - bers for the Word, we are tuned by
 forged of met - als bright and pure. So our lives, re -



life and Spir - it— pre - lude in the morn - ing air.
 dai - ly prac - tice, sea - soned by each les - son heard.
 fined by Wis - dom, sound in ac - cents that en - dure.



We be - come God's liv - ing ves - sels:
 Skill - ful - ly, the Spir - it plays us,
 God's own hand rings out the chang - es,



we, the flutes and pipes and reeds, ech - o - ing the
 fin - gers deft on fret and string, pluck - ing mel - o -
 strik - ing chords as yet un - known, till a new earth



Spir - it's mu - sic through the wit - ness of our deeds.
 dies of yearn - ing as our hearts re - spond and sing.
 fills with mu - sic rich and sweet as heav - en's own.

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker
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Thy Holy Wings

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
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As a Mother Comforts Her Child

As a moth-er com-forts her child, so God will com - fort you.

As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath - er you.

As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.

The Trin - i - ty of love will be with you.

Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979
Music: TRINITY OF LOVE, Brian Wentzel
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Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voice - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

THIS WEEK (May 14 – 20)

TODAY (14)

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

MON (15) PANTRY 9-10 AM

-7:00pm, Boy Scouts
 -8:00pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

TUES (16)

-7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (17)

-9:00am, Prayer Shawl
 -5:30pm, Jr. Gyros
 -6:15pm, Friendship Ringers
 -6:30pm, Canon Choir
 -7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

THU (18)

-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

FRI (19)

-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
 -9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

SAT (20)

-9am-1pm, DAR, Family Center
 -10:00am, Youth Service Day & clothing pick up

Smile God Loves You!

Please take one of the FREE signs located near our outdoor electronic sign and post in your own yard. Send us a photo of your sign or any other of our signs you might spot!

Say a Prayer ✨ Send a Card ✨ Pay a Visit

Fellowship Community: Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel, Donald Laudenslager

Topon: Clint Trumbauer

Lehigh Commons: Janet Stettler

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

Parkland Manor: Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

Heather Glen: Sonny Laudenslager, Herb Bieber

Lehigh Center: Anna Bieber

Home: Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Reed Klotz

Please keep these people in your prayers: Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Rachelle Shollenberger, Kim Demarest, Vanessa Mace, Tammy Harding, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Nat Hager, Hinata Grant, Bob Pellen, Lori Kocher, Lisa Williams, Olive Wood, Anna Bieber, Herb Bieber, Carol Ludwig

Birthdays this week: Herb Hullinger, Scott Jensen, Tom Epting, David Daniel, Christiane Heilman, Joan Heller, Terrance Christianson, Kay Mancke

Anniversaries this week: Kathleen & Richard Bacak (53), Denise & Randy Klinefelter (42), Ray & Shirley Hamm (65), Todd & Liz Heller (20)

Attendance

Sunday, 5/7/23

8:00 - 32 10:30 - 76

Sponsors

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of mothers Dorothy B. Anderson and Lida Weber, by Sue and Bill Weber.

Bulletins given in honor of the 53rd wedding anniversary of Richard and Kathleen Bacak (5/16/70)

Found in the Literature Racks This Week

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

Worship Assistants

DATE	5/14	5/21	5/28	6/4
Altar Guild	8:00-B Albright 10:30-L Stettler, J Grim	8:00-L Daniels 10:30-L Stettler	9:15-S Wagaman, J Grim	9:15-
Lector	8:00-A Russell 10:30-J Boscia	8:00-M Peters 10:30-K Boardman	9:15-I Martz	9:15-
Acolyte	8:00-B Epting 10:30-D Dreisbach	8:00-L Epting 10:30-O Wozniak	9:15-G Schuler	9:15-
Ushers	8:00-S Schleicher, D Daniel 10:30-Boscia family	8:00-B Lutterschmidt, J Laudenslager 10:30-Boscia family	9:15-B Lutterschmidt, J Laudenslager	9:15-
Bell Toller	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-B Stettler	8:00-D Stark 10:30-B Stettler	9:15-S Hamil	9:15-
SAT	8:00-D Wagaman 10:30-K Boardman	8:00- 10:30-	9:15-	9:15-
Video	10:30-K Gross	10:30-T Daniels	9:15-K Gross	9:15-

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 ljd2137@aol.com // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia Julie.boscia@gmail.com // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman sgarbeglio@yahoo.com // **Ushers** /John Weremedic miner70@ptd.net // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil hamilsre@gmail.com // **SAT**/Doug Clark d.clark854@gmail.com // **Video**/Julie Williams jbwill02@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: May 21, 28; June 4, 11, 25; July 9, 16, 23, 30; August 13, 20, 27; Sept. 3
 Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$40/2 vase, or *\$20/1 vase*; Bulletins for \$20.

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2023				
	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
Income:				
Operating Income	\$ 33,294.90	\$ 142,829.45	\$ 29,360.01	\$ 127,400.03
Benevolence	\$ 1,067.00	\$ 2,854.00	\$ 1,333.33	\$ 5,333.32
Property	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 4,993.00	\$ 2,083.33	\$ 8,333.32
Total Income	\$ 35,831.90	\$ 150,676.45	\$ 32,776.67	\$ 141,066.67
Expenses:				
Administration	\$ 2,749.15	\$ 8,268.94	\$ 1,554.17	\$ 6,216.68
Benevolence	\$ 1,687.50	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 1,812.50	\$ 7,250.00
Payroll	\$ 21,765.39	\$ 90,598.59	\$ 22,737.56	\$ 90,950.31
Ministries	\$ 1,200.32	\$ 4,414.87	\$ 972.91	\$ 3,891.64
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 9,997.41	\$ 37,863.02	\$ 9,124.99	\$ 36,499.96
Total Expenses	\$ 37,399.77	\$ 148,395.42	\$ 36,202.13	\$ 144,808.59
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (1,567.87)	\$ 2,281.03	\$ (3,425.46)	\$ (3,741.92)

Youth Service Day Projects

Two youth service projects have been scheduled for Saturday, May 20th, from 10 am – 2 pm. (1) Knotting blankets for the shut-ins 10 am – 11 am; light lunch 11 am – noon; and (2) clothing drive pickup noon – 2 pm. These two projects need many helping hands, so please invite your friends to join us! An online signup genius will be available in the coming weeks to note your participation. All members are welcome to join us!

SOS (Shout Out to Shut-ins)

...thanks members for their support to help make this a self-supporting ministry with their generous donations. Currently the group, which sends greeting cards to our homebound members and friends, could use postage stamps, cards for anniversaries, Easter/Spring, Valentines Day, July 4th and Thanksgiving.

Jordan Lutheran's clothing donation. Next drop off deadline before: May 20th!

Spring cleaning? Drop off your donations before the next deadline: May 20th!

Place your bags (reasonably filled to lift) in the available bins located at the Office Entrance and the old Social Hall. Drop off times: Sunday mornings before worship and Mon. – Fri. - 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. or during office hours.

Accepted Items: Gently used clothing & shoes (men's, women's & children's), purses, belts, backpacks, hats, scarves, gloves, ties, blankets, tablecloths, bed sheets, curtains & drapes, pillows, towels, quilts, comforters, stuffed animals. **NOT accepted:** hard children's toys, bicycles, baby gear, VCR tapes, CD's, electronics, monitors, books, workout equipment, mattresses, appliances, furniture, lamps, house décor, board games, glassware, pots & pans, rugs. Proceeds from the donations benefit youth programs and events. Thank you! Questions?? Contact Stephanie Derstine, jordandff@ptd.net

Parkland Garden Club Yard/Plant/Bake Sale

Friday, May 19th & Saturday, May 20th, 9am – 1pm, located at 1215 Brookside Rd., Wescosville PA.

A vast array of household and garden items, plants, perennials and members' delicious home baked goods and other goodies!



You are invited to express your gratitude to our Sunday school children and teachers for a job well done **during the 4F Worship Service, June 4th**, Lone Lane Park, at 10:30 am. Each child and teacher is asked to attend this special service to be recognized by the Sunday School Department. **Please note: the last day for Sunday School classes is next Sunday, May 21st.**

Happy Mother's Day



Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023



Please use a separate form for each plant being sponsored.

No orders will be taken without payment.

Please see that your form is in by Sunday, May 21st.

All geraniums will be planted on church grounds as living memorials.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

_____ geraniums x \$9 = \$ _____ (amount enclosed)

For office use only – do not detach

Pentecost Geraniums

NAME _____

PHONE NO. or EMAIL _____

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

4-F Celebration

Food and Fun in God's magnificent outdoors. On **June 4th, 2023, 10:30 AM at Lone Lane Park Pavilion**, we will see your family, friends and YOU at the **4 F Celebration**. Following this special service, you will be served a gourmet luncheon of hot dogs and hamburgers complimented by the sides and desserts you bring to be shared. Please support our Food Pantry by bringing a box of Pancake Mix and/or Syrup to donate. Look for the sign-up board IN THE NARTHEX to register your attendance. Clear skies and fresh air have already been reserved. Please bring tablecloth, board and lawn games for all to enjoy! See you then and there!!



Who: Jordan Lutheran Church Family & Friends

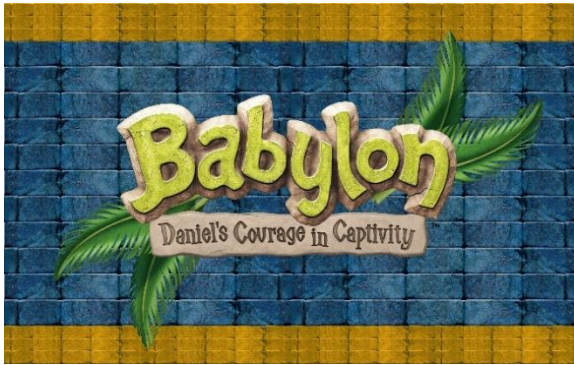
What: 4 F Celebration

Where: Lone Lane Park Pavilion (30 Lone Lane, Allentown 18104)

When: June 4, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Luncheon: Hot dogs/Hamburgers/Your shared sides

Questions: Kay Mancke (484.358.7411)



Online Registration for participants and volunteers is now open!

Go to www.jordanlutheran.org, click on Ministries tab → Faith Formation → VBS, and see the link to sign up online. **VBS takes place June 19 – 23, 9am – 12:00 noon.**

Early Registration Bonus! Register during the month of May, and you will receive a free Babylon T-Shirt!!

The Donation Station for this year's VBS will be set up in the Memory Room beginning May 7th. If you want to contribute to VBS, but can't be here during the week of VBS, this is a great way to make an impact! The needed items will be hanging on the display - simply sign out the tickets that you take on the color coordinated sheets that will be on the table.

VBS "Called by God" Staff Needed: Is God calling you to have fun this summer by helping children grow in their faith and knowledge of God? Adults and teens, Grade 6 and up, are needed to staff this year's Vacation Bible School program. If you are interested in helping, please register online or contact Amber Kerschner (mamjkerschner@yahoo.com). Childcare is provided for volunteers with children younger than 3 years of age. **Due to changes in PA Law regarding volunteer screenings, it is important for all volunteers to be identified by June 1st.** Clearances must be current. If you have questions regarding clearances, please contact Stephanie Derstine at jordandff@ptd.net

VBS Set-Up Dates: Set-up will be the week before VBS– watch the bulletin for the specific times. All are welcome to help! We have a lot of fun!

VBS Leader & Helper Training: Check your bulletin for date & time announcement of training.





Calling All Graduates . . .

It's that time of year when many people, young or a little bit older, are coming to the closing chapter of their studies at various schools. Jordan would like to honor all recent graduates, including high school, vocational schools, college, specialty school - whatever! Please fill out the form below AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY JULY 24TH if you are a recent graduate or have someone in your family who is a recent graduate. We will print the information in the August newsletter. Your church family wants to share your joy!

Graduate Information Form

Name of Graduate _____

Name of School _____

Degree/Curriculum _____

Additional Information (*honors, awards, etc.*): if there are many, please choose a few you are most proud of

Plans after graduation (*employment, college, graduate studies, etc.*):

Jordan relationships (*son/daughter/grandchild of etc.*):

Scholarships Available to Members

Did you know that Jordan's Endowment Disbursement Fund has money available for you to use toward your college expenses? \$500 per year, maximum of \$2000 per person is available. Educational assistance may include tuition, room and board, books and supplies, educational camps/conferences, etc. Please contact the church office for a request form.



Masks are a PERSONAL PREFERENCE at Jordan

The Lord's Table at Jordan Church is an open table. If you are a baptized Christian of any church, believe in the Lord's presence in the sacrament and have received the sacrament before, you are welcome to receive with us. If you are not able to receive, please come forward for a pastoral blessing. To come forward, simply follow the direction of the ushers. **Distribution method** is noted in the order for worship.

ALTAR 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.