



**July 24, 2022**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
*9:15 a.m. Worship Service*

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**Our Mission**

**CELEBRATING**

**GOD**

**CONNECTING**

**PEOPLE**

**ASK** and you  
will be  
*Given* to you,  
**SEEK** and you  
will  
*Find*  
Luke 11:9

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

# GATHERING

## Bell

## Announcements

**Prelude:** *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

-Johann Gottfried Walther

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## 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, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song:** *Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright p. 14*

## Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

Kyrie Congregation: refrain Leader: verses

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

# Glory to God

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

*Refrain*



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -  
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# WORD

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

## **First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32**

*In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.*

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." *The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 138 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)**

*Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. (Ps. 138:8)*

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with <sup>1</sup> my whole heart;  
before the gods I will <sup>1</sup> sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your  
steadfast <sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word a- <sup>1</sup>bove all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you <sup>l</sup> answered me;  
you increased my <sup>l</sup> strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise <sup>l</sup> you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words <sup>l</sup> of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways <sup>l</sup> of the LORD,  
that great is the glory <sup>l</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD is high, yet cares <sup>l</sup> for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty <sup>l</sup> from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you <sup>l</sup> keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right <sup>l</sup> hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup>**You will make good your pur- <sup>l</sup> pose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works <sup>l</sup> of your hands.**

## **Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-19**

*The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God. *The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Verse



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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### The Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his

friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All may be seated*

## **Sermon**

### **Time of Silent Reflection** *(remain seated)*

*All who are able are invited to stand*

### **Hymn of the Day:** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus p. 15*

## **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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer *especially Reed, Clint, Ron, Lois, Clark, Jane, Helen, Susan, Gladys, Lucille, Sonny, Rachelle, Olive, Jean, Dale, Kim, Tammy, Dale, Ted, Herb, Bert, Vanessa, Michael, Neil, Steph.* Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Terry, Kelley, Drew, Daniel, Erik, Barbara, Michael, Carla, Kevin.* Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever *especially Matthew & Melissa*. 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 Ziegel's, Weisenberg Township, and their pastor, Andy Meckstroth. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.  
**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.**

## OFFERING

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.  
All may be seated*

**Offertory:** *Loving Spirit*

-Southern Harmony 1835

## 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 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy roval throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

**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

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *Abide, O Dearest Jesus p. 16*

### Dismissal

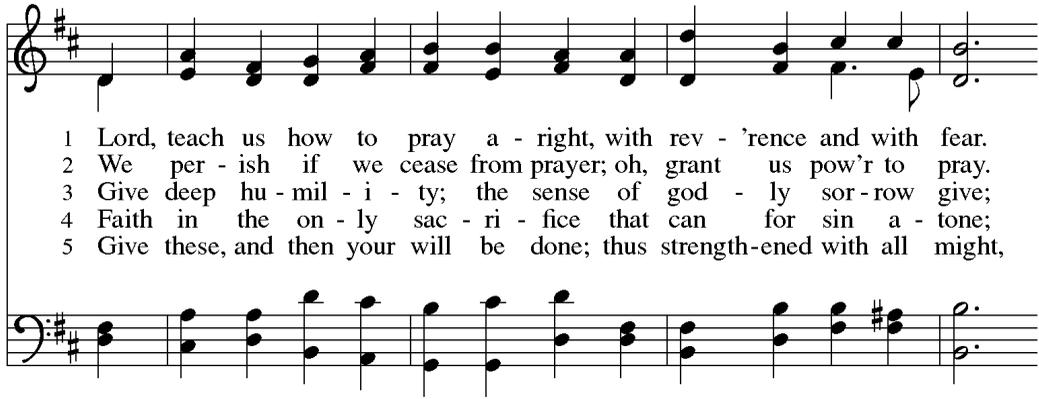
Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

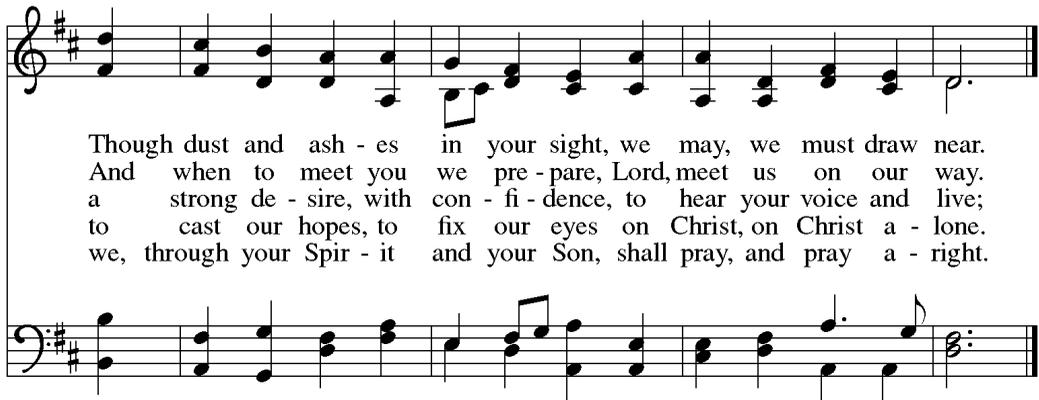
**Postlude:** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* -Charles C. Converse, arr. Robert A. Hobby

| <b><i>Found in the Literature Racks This Week</i></b> |  |
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| <i>Last week's bulletin</i>                           | <i>This month's newsletter</i>         |
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# Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright



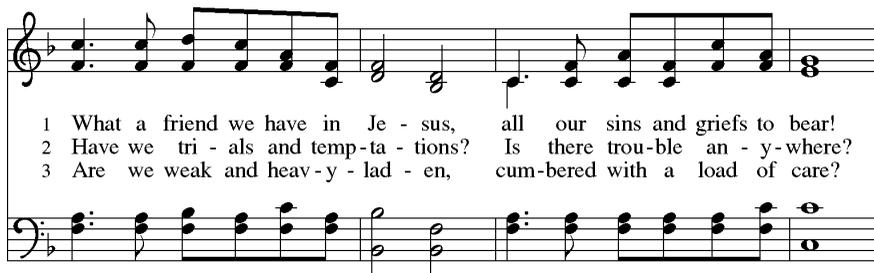
1 Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, with rev - 'rence and with fear.  
2 We per - ish if we cease from prayer; oh, grant us pow'r to pray.  
3 Give deep hu - mil - i - ty; the sense of god - ly sor - row give;  
4 Faith in the on - ly sac - ri - fice that can for sin a - tone;  
5 Give these, and then your will be done; thus strength-ened with all might,



Though dust and ash - es in your sight, we may, we must draw near.  
And when to meet you we pre - pare, Lord, meet us on our way.  
a strong de - sire, with con - fi - dence, to hear your voice and live;  
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ a - lone.  
we, through your Spir - it and your Son, shall pray, and pray a - right.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.  
Music: SONG 67, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

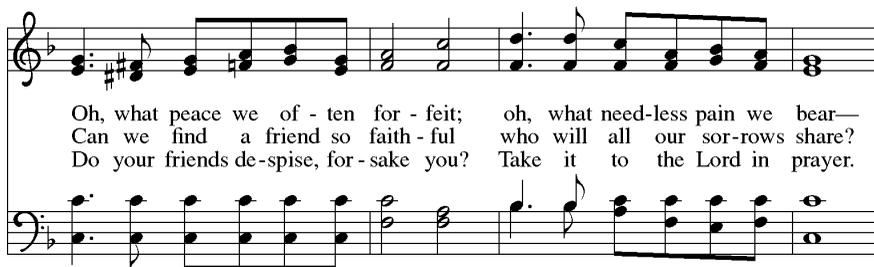
# What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886  
Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

## Abide, O Dearest Jesus

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a range of approximately two octaves. The piano accompaniment consists of block chords in the left hand, providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in five numbered lines, with the first line starting at the beginning of the first staff and the fifth line ending at the end of the second staff. The lyrics are: 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace, 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your word 3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light; 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun - teous Lord; 5 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love; that e - vil may not harm us nor we to sin give place. and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford. your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night. let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your word. grant stead - fast - ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923  
Music: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

**THIS WEEK (July 24 – 30)**

**TODAY (24)**

-6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

**MON (25)**

-7:00pm, Boy Scouts

-8:00pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

**TUES (26)**

-7:00pm, Sunday School Teachers' mtg., Classroom 8

-7:30pm-Volleyball, Family Ctr.

**WED (27)**

-5:30pm, Confirmation Planning meeting

**THU (28)**

-7:00pm, Overeaters Anon, M1

**FRI (29)**

-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

-7:30pm, AA meeting, Social Hall

-9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

**SUN (31)**

9:15am, Worship & Healing Service

Help is needed in the office during the secretary's vacation August 22, 23, 24, 25, & 26.

Please call or email me if you can take one day, from 10 am – 2 pm, to answer the phone/take messages.

*Say a Prayer  Send a Card  Pay a Visit*

**Fellowship Mnr:** Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel

**Lehigh Commons:** Janet Stettler

**Lehigh Center:** Barbara Diehl

**The Palmerton:** Ferne Rock

**Parkland Manor:** Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

**Heather Glen:** Herb & Anna Bieber

**Sacred Heart Sr. Living:** Dale Gogel

**Home:** Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Loretta Hein

**Please keep these people in your prayers:**

Reed Klotz, Clint Trumbauer, Ron Andersch, Lois Heisler, Clark Snyder, Jane Laudenslager, Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Lucille Laudenslager, Sonny Laudenslager, Rachelle Shollenberger, Olive Wood, Jean Adam, Dale Gogel, Kim Demarest, Tammy Harding, Dale Hahn, Ted DuBois, Herb Bieber, Bert Bentson, Jr., Vanessa Mace, Michael Ross, Neil Snyder, Steph Derstine

**Birthdays this week:** Terry Gannon, Kelley Stout, Drew Gaugler, Daniel Stark, Erik Fitzgerald, Barbara Thirion, Michael Ream Sr., Carla Richebacher, Kevin Wikert

**Anniversaries this week:** Matthew & Melissa Greenawald (20)

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*If you've asked to have someone added to the prayer list, don't forget to let us know when they are well enough to take them off!*

**Attendance Sunday, 7/17/22**  
**9:15 - 58**

**Sponsors**

**Altar flowers** are given in memory of Olga Herb,  
by Louise & Bruce Stettler (T)

**We are looking for two people to coordinate the Sunday refreshment times (one for each service), beginning after Labor Day. We have a checklist of duties if you'd like to see a "job description" before you commit, just call the church office.**

***Teachers Needed***

There is a need to secure Sunday School teachers for three areas of Sunday School this Fall: age 3 - pre-K, K - 2nd grade and 3rd - 5th grade. Please join me, **Tuesday, July 26 at 7:00 pm** in Room M8, (across from Pastor's Office) if you are available to volunteer to teach/assist a class. Teaching and training will be part of the discussion as we organize the classes. Thank you for your consideration to volunteer to teach. Contact: Stephanie Derstine at [jordandff@ptd.net](mailto:jordandff@ptd.net) for more details.

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2022

|                                  | Month                |                       | YTD                 |                      | Budget Amounts |     |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----|
|                                  |                      |                       |                     |                      | Month          | YTD |
| <b>Income:</b>                   |                      |                       |                     |                      |                |     |
| Operating Income                 | \$ 25,763.00         | \$ 199,315.00         | \$ 30,530.00        | \$ 183,180.00        |                |     |
| Benevolence                      | \$ 738.00            | \$ 5,368.00           | \$ 1,333.00         | \$ 8,000.00          |                |     |
| Property                         | \$ 1,262.00          | \$ 8,264.00           | \$ 2,500.00         | \$ 15,000.00         |                |     |
| <b>Total Income</b>              | <b>\$ 27,763.00</b>  | <b>\$ 212,947.00</b>  | <b>\$ 34,363.00</b> | <b>\$ 206,180.00</b> |                |     |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                 |                      |                       |                     |                      |                |     |
| Administration                   | \$ 1,908.00          | \$ 12,910.00          | \$ 1,742.00         | \$ 10,450.00         |                |     |
| Ministries                       | \$ 403.00            | \$ 5,723.00           | \$ 858.00           | \$ 5,150.00          |                |     |
| Payroll                          | \$ 21,562.00         | \$ 130,497.00         | \$ 22,416.00        | \$ 134,496.00        |                |     |
| Property-Utilities, grounds, etc | \$ 9,568.00          | \$ 62,995.00          | \$ 7,625.00         | \$ 45,750.00         |                |     |
| Benevolence                      | \$ 1,688.00          | \$ 11,125.00          | \$ 1,813.00         | \$ 10,875.00         |                |     |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>            | <b>\$ 35,129.00</b>  | <b>\$ 223,250.00</b>  | <b>\$ 34,454.00</b> | <b>\$ 206,721.00</b> |                |     |
| <b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>         | <b>\$ (7,366.00)</b> | <b>\$ (10,303.00)</b> | <b>\$ (91.00)</b>   | <b>\$ (541.00)</b>   |                |     |

*If you would like a contributions statement (any time of year) please contact the church office.*

### 2022 SPONSORSHIPS

**Altar Flowers:** July 31; August 14, 21; October 2, 16, 23; November 27

**HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS:** Contact Donna Hahn at 610-395-0613 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.

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

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.*

In our continuing effort to contain costs, we are asking members to state a preference for delivery of their periodic Contributions Statements. If you would like to review your "**Six Month Contribution Statement**" for this year, please speak to any member of the Finance Committee, call the church office at 610-395-5912 or email the church at [jordanlutheran@ptd.net](mailto:jordanlutheran@ptd.net) to request your statement. You may pick up your statement in the church office during office hours, at worship on Sundays, have it mailed to your home or have it emailed to you (confirm email address upon request). Please indicate which one of the above methods you prefer to receive your Contribution Statement when requesting. This is a good time of the year to review and/or plan your charitable giving for this 2022 calendar year.

## Worship Assistants

| DATE               | 7/24                            | 7/31                               | 8/7                       | 8/14                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | 9:15-K Boardman                 | 9:15-K Boardman                    | 9:15-I Dietrich           | 9:15-I Deitrich      |
| <b>Lector</b>      | 9:15-A Russell                  | 9:15-S Schleicher                  | 9:15-L Stettler           | 9:15-K Boardman      |
| <b>Acolyte</b>     | 9:15-                           | 9:15-                              | 9:15-                     | 9:15-                |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | 9:15-S Schleicher<br>D Daniel   | 9:15-D Wenhold,<br>B Lutterschmidt | J Steiner, J Laudenslager | 9:15-B & L Hendricks |
| <b>Bell Toller</b> | 9:15-D Stark                    | 9:15-J Siegfried                   | 9:15-B Stettler           | 9:15-B Lutterschmidt |
| <b>SAT</b>         | 9:15-K Boardman,<br>J Siegfried | 9:15-                              | 9:15-                     | 9:15-                |
| <b>Video</b>       |                                 |                                    |                           |                      |

If you would like to assist at worship in any of these capacities, please contact the person listed:

**Altar Guild**/Lynn Daniels [lj2137@aol.com](mailto:lj2137@aol.com) // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia [Julie.boscia@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.boscia@gmail.com) // **Acolytes**/Stephanie Derstine [jordandff@gmail.com](mailto:jordandff@gmail.com) // **Ushers** /John Weremedic [miner70@ptd.net](mailto:miner70@ptd.net) **Bell**/Sandie Hamil [hamilsre@gmail.com](mailto:hamilsre@gmail.com) // **Outreach**/Kay Mancke [mancke@rcn.com](mailto:mancke@rcn.com) // **Video**/Julie Williams [jbwill02@gmail.com](mailto:jbwill02@gmail.com)

### God's Work. Our Hands.

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.** See the table in the Memory Room for a sample T-shirt for this event. Order forms are on the table or in the literature racks. Orders must be placed by August 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Family Center Reservations

If you plan to use the Family Center during the September 2022 – August 2023 season (either for a personal event OR a church event) please call the church office ASAP to get your date on the calendar before we begin scheduling the sports groups.

### Healing Service

Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, during the 9:15 am worship service.

### Blessing of Backpacks Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Students of all ages and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks/book bags/briefcase for a special blessing for the new school year! Each student is encouraged to extend an invitation to bring their friends along as well! Everyone will receive a special tag for their backpack reminding them of God's love and presence in their daily learning/teaching.



### Information on Fall Sunday School classes

including a registration form for Sunday School, will be posted on our website in August at <https://www.jordanlutheran.org/sunday-school.html>.



### Sip, Dip & Mingle (fundraiser)

Join **Family Promise of Lehigh Valley** for a fabulous evening featuring wine & craft beer tastings, delicious dips and more. August 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-8:00 pm, at Stone Farm Cellars & Vineyard, 5831 Vera Cruz Road, Upper Saucon Township. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door. Sponsorship Opportunities Available. For more information call 610-351-1368, email [Devdirector@fplehighvalley.org](mailto:Devdirector@fplehighvalley.org) or visit our website [fplehighvalley.org](http://fplehighvalley.org)

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