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**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:00 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

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AND FOUND  
BEING IN HUMAN FORM  
HE HUMBLED  
HIMSELF  
BY BECOMING  
OBEDIENT  
TO THE POINT OF DEATH  
EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS  
PHILIPPIANS 2:8

*Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.*

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Congregation reads **BOLD**

## Bell

## Announcements

**Prelude:** *Thee We Adore*

-arr David Johnson

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**

# Gathering Song


# God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

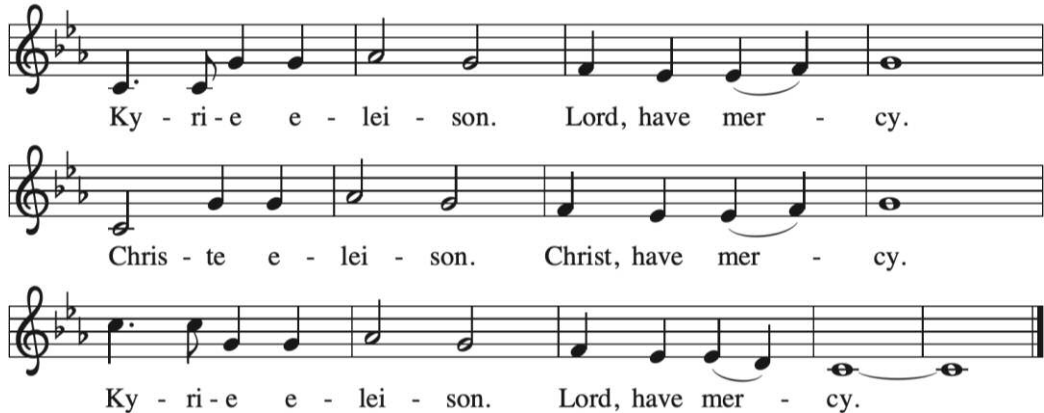
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## Greeting

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

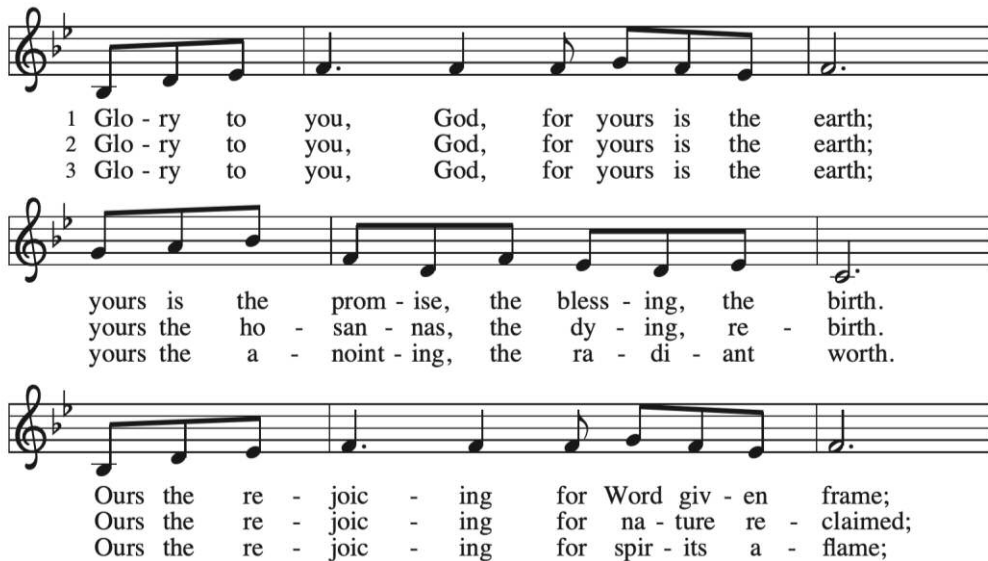


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

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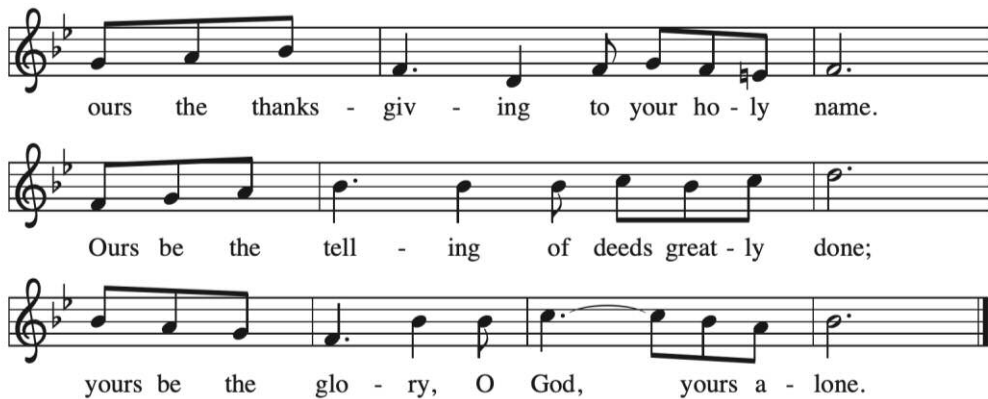
## Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*All may be seated*

### First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

*Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they

have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live. *The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)**

*Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love. (Ps. 25:6)*

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness,

O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

## **Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13**

*As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.*

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. *The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



*Repeat alleluia*

Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

## Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

*After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.*

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him." *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All may be seated*



# Children's Sermon

## Sermon

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## Hymn of the Day

### All Who Love and Serve Your City



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who  
2 In your day of loss and sor - row, in your  
3 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed  
4 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the  
5 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for peace and  
day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace, and love re -  
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the word of  
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a world that  
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our judge, our



jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless,  
treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.  
Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."  
spurns him, of - f'ring peace from Cal - v'ry's hill.  
glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

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## **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**

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

We put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and teachers the gifts of wisdom and discernment. Be with them in bold truth and faithful witness. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Lead us in your truth as we pray for creation. Empower us to look to the interests of others as we make choices that impact the environment. Summon us to be advocates for healthy waterways, habitats, and air. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Lead us in justice as we pray for those in government, the military, and other positions of authority. Give them humble and willing hearts, looking to the needs of others. We pray also for our enemies. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Teach us your paths as we pray for this congregation. Be at work in us and unite us in your love as we labor together for the sake of the gospel. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints who died secure in the knowledge of salvation. Keep us fearless in our faith and certain of your resurrection. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Trusting your goodness, we pray for all caregivers and people who are sick or suffering in any way, *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Kim, Vanessa, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lori, Lisa, Richard, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Barry, Rumpun, Ted, Nancy, Pam, Donna, Chris, Madison, Eric, Glenn, Chell.* Give them encouragement and consolation in your presence. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Irene, Stephen, Erin, Ann, Lucas, William, Warren, Harry.* Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever, *especially Lori & Chance, Thomas & Diane, Gary & Alice.* 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 Weisenberg, Weisenberg Twsp, and their pastor, Brandon Heavner. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Peace**— Please share the peace in any manner comfortable to you.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Offering:** Adagio in G

-Wilhelm Zachow

*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 royal 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.

### **Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty,

**all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**[10:30 service continues on page 14 with the Lord's Prayer]**

# MEAL

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

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
 we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

[8:00 service continues here]

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.**

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

*Please be seated*

## Communion



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:

**The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.**

The communicant may say: Amen

## The Distribution Communion Hymns

### O God, My Faithful God

1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;

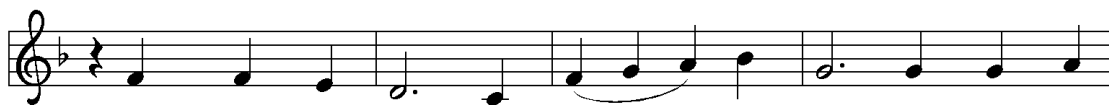
with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;  
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—  
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;

give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless  
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,

a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.  
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.



# O Blessed Spring



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

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*All who are able, please stand*

*After all have returned to their places:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## Canticle

### At Last, Lord *Ahora, Señor*



A - ho - ra,      Se - ñor, se - gún tu pro - me - sa,  
At last, Lord,      your word of prom - ise ful - fill - ing,



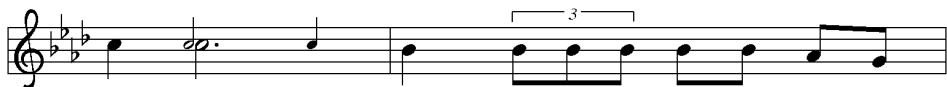
pue - des de - jar a tu sier - vo ir - se en paz.  
you let your ser - vant go forth in free - dom and peace.



Por - que mis o - jos han vis - to a tu Sal - va - dor,  
With my own eyes I have seen the sal - va - tion



a quien has pre - sen - ta - do an - te to - dos los  
you have pre - pared . . . in the sight of all of the



pue - blos:      luz pa - ra a - lum - brar a las na -  
peo - ples:      a light that will re - veal you to the



cio - nes      y glo - ria de tu pue - blo Is - ra - el.  
na - tions      and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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## Prayer After Communion

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

[10:30 service continues here]

## SENDING

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

### Blessing

The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

## O Master, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude: *Voluntary*

-Starling Goodwin

**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.

**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.

The use of **electronic devices** during worship is discouraged. Please turn off cell phones or set to 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.

**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).

# JELC NEWS for the Week of Oct. 1 - 7

## THIS WEEK (Oct. 1 - 7)

### TODAY (1)

-9:15am, Sunday School & Adult Circle of Faith class  
-6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

### MON (2) PANTRY 6-7 PM

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

### TUES (3)

-1:30pm, Game Day, M6/7  
-5:00pm, Brownies, Social Hall  
-7:00pm, Finance/Budget  
-7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

### WED (4)

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

### THU (5)

-9:00am, Rising Roots Homeschool, Family Ctr.  
-6:00pm, Executive Com.  
-7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall

### FRI (6)

-5:00pm, Junior Gyros  
-5:00pm, Youth Badminton, Family Ctr.  
-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.  
-9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

### SAT (7)

-set up for Harvest Home

Volunteers are needed to staff the church office during Monica's vacation, October 16 - 20. Answer the phone, greet visitors, take messages from 10am - 2pm. Call or email the office if you can take a day!

## Attendance

9/24/23

8:00 - 41

10:30 - 41

## No Sponsors Today

Looking for volunteers to teach Sunday school once a month starting September 2023!

Join the Sunday School Team to teach kids how to play and pray God's way!

Contact Stephanie Derstine at [jordandff@ptd.net](mailto:jordandff@ptd.net) for information.

## Say a Prayer ☞ Send a Card ☞ Pay a Visit

**Fellowship Community:** Lillian Semmel,

Donald Laudenslager

**Lehigh Commons:** Janet Stettler

**Sacred Heart:** Dale Gogel

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

**Heather Glen:** Sonny Laudenslager, Herb & Anna Bieber

**Home:** Margaret Smith, Reed Klotz

**Please keep these people in your prayers:** Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Kim Demarest, Vanessa Mace, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Nat Hager, Lori Kocher, Lisa Williams, Richard Gross, Kim Friend, Bethany Friend, Jon Conrad, Barry Dorney, Rumpun Heller, Ted DuBois, Nancy Cleff, Pam Jaymes, Donna Stark, Chris Heilman, Madison Dreisbach, Eric Krauss, Glenn Hahn, Chell Dorney

**Birthdays this week:** Irene Johnson, Stephen Toth, Erin Klotz, Ann Heller, Lucas Wendling, William German, Warren Gressley, Harry Tom

**Anniversaries this week:** Lori & Chance Dreisbach (24), Thomas & Diane Beitler (50), Gary & Alice Schneck (23)

*Blessings*

## Family Promise 2023

We have two more weeks to host families at Jordan in 2023. Please consider signing up soon. You can go the Jordan website -> Ministries -> Outreach for the link to SignUpGenius or use the links here:

Week of October 1 -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45AEA82FAAF85-hosting5>

Week of October 8

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45AEA82FAAF85-hosting6>

## SPONSORSHIPS

**Altar Flowers:** Oct. 15, 22; Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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

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

Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

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

## Worship Assistants

DATE	10/1	10/8	10/15	10/22
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00-S Wagaman 10:30- I Martz, G Martz-Shelton	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-C Rabenold, K Leonard	8:00-L Daniels 10:30-K Leonard	8:00-J Suhocki 10:30-L Daniels
<b>Lector</b>	8:00-M Peters 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-I Martz	8:00-D Mancke 10:30-C Flemish	8:00-A Russell 10:30-
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:00-P Shafer 10:30-O Wozniak	8:00-L Epting 10:30-D Dreisbach	8:00-L Epting 10:30-O Wozniak	8:00-P Shafer 10:30-N Heckman
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00-D & C Rabenold 10:30-Boscia family	8:00- D & C Rabenold 10:30-I Johnson	8:00- D & C Rabenold 10:30-	8:00- D & C Rabenold 10:30-
<b>Bell Toller</b>	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-D Stark 10:30-J Siegfried	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-J Bair 10:30-S Hamil
<b>SAT</b>	8:00- 10:30-D Clark	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
<b>Video</b>	10:30-D Clark	10:30-	10:30-	10:30-

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

**Altar Guild**/Lynn Daniels [lj2137@aol.com](mailto:lj2137@aol.com) // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia [Julie.boscia@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.boscia@gmail.com) // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman [sgarboglio@yahoo.com](mailto:sgarboglio@yahoo.com) // **Ushers** /John Weremedic [miner70@ptd.net](mailto:miner70@ptd.net) // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil [hamilsre@gmail.com](mailto:hamilsre@gmail.com) // **SAT**/Doug Clark [d.clark854@gmail.com](mailto:d.clark854@gmail.com) // **Video**/Tom Daniels [tkdaniels@ptd.net](mailto:tkdaniels@ptd.net)

If you are looking for a way to offer your time & talent, consider one of the above ways – ALL groups need volunteers!

### God's Work Our Hands

Members and friends of Jordan are invited to celebrate “**God’s Work Our Hands**” on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Our activities have been carefully chosen so that our community and shut-ins may benefit from our benevolent actions. As always, our celebration will be preceded by a gourmet luncheon that will provide the nourishment and spiritual strength to do God’s Work. Let us *all* take part in this rewarding celebration by helping those who will benefit from our God gifted time and talent.

Look for the **yellow information sheets in the literature racks** and the article in the October newsletter.

Signups are open so stop by the table in the Memory Room and choose your favorite project!

### Basket Social – November 5th

Please stop by the Memory Room to learn more and pick up one of the **gold information sheets** which includes all you need to know about this popular event, including guidelines for donating baskets. See the October newsletter for the same. Empty baskets available in the Memory Room for you to fill.

### Harvest Home, October 8, 2023



There will be a special basket in the narthex for non-perishable food donations for Harvest Home. Items will be donated to the Food Pantry after Harvest Home. Anyone who has fresh produce to be used for the display, please bring it to the church, Sat., Oct. 7th, by 10:00 AM. It can be set on the porch at the Sunday School foyer if the doors are locked. If you wish to reclaim your produce, it can be picked up after the 10:30 service on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Sunday Fellowship

All are welcome to stop by the Memory Room after each service on Sunday mornings for some coffee, fellowship and snacks. We need volunteers to sponsor refreshments each week. Please see the sign-up sheet on the lectern in the Memory Room for available dates to host. Does not need to be elaborate!

### New Opportunity for Adult Education

Circle of Faith, Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Nursery/Preschool classroom.





**Friday, October 13th**

Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, the youth will enjoy a night of **“Glow Golf” at Bear Rock Junction**, meeting at 6 p.m. Additional fun at BRJ is a corn maze, scavenger hunt, hayride, and go-karts for an extra fee.

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

During ‘God’s Work Our Hands,’ the youth invite everyone to help **gift-wrap Christmas boxes for the Holiday Hope Chest project**. GWOH is held

in the Family Center at noon. Boxes will be distributed the following week in the Memory Room to be taken and fill with gifts. Details will be noted inside each box of items needed and the date to return the boxes.

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**‘Fall Fest for the Family’** - Jordan youth, families and friends are invited for hot dogs and hot chocolate, while painting pumpkins, face-painting, kids games, and pie-baking and eating contest for youth and adults. Please plan to join together, noon - 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Everyone is invited to join Jordan’s **Fall Basket Social** fundraising event! There will be a fantastic selection of baskets for all ages filled with goodies and prizes, to include gourmet food and wine, tickets to local sporting events, purses, jewelry, gift cards, games and more! Browsing baskets begins at noon in the Family Center, drawing at 4:00 p.m. Food and beverages available to dine-in or take out.

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

A quick and easy DIY project; **create a salt-dough ornament** for the holidays. There is nothing more meaningful than a homemade ornament to decorate a Christmas tree or give as a gift. Everyone is invited, noon – 2 pm in the Social Hall. Additional information will be forthcoming.

**Saturday, December 16th**

Family and friends are invited to come along for **Christmas caroling** through Parkland Manor and Heather Glen. Time: 2 – 4 pm. Those interested will meet in the church parking lot (front of the building) at 1:30 pm. We will return for refreshments at church served in the Memory Room.

**Sunday, December 17th**

**Children and Youth Christmas Program** presented at the 9:15 am worship service. Additional details will be noted in the November newsletter.

Four cemetery plots in JELC cemetery for sale. Section C, Lot 14, graves 1,2,5,6.  
Call the church office to get contact information to speak with the person who is selling them.

*All Saints Remembrance ~ Sunday, November 5, 2023*

If there is someone you would like to include in the prayers (a friend, relative, etc.) who is not a member of Jordan and has died since October 31, 2022 please fill out this slip and place it in the offering plate, or contact the church office (610-395-5912 or [jordanlutheran@ptd.net](mailto:jordanlutheran@ptd.net)) with their name and date of death.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Person to be remembered \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death (11/1/22 - 10/31/23) \_\_\_\_\_

*Jordan Members who have died will automatically be included.*