



November 12, 2023
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion
Welcome Pastor Hand!

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**THEREFORE KEEP
WATCH, BECAUSE
YOU DO NOT KNOW
ON WHAT DAY
YOUR LORD WILL
COME**

MATTHEW 24:42

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

GATHERING

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

Congregation reads **BOLD**

Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*

– Johann Gottfried Walther

All who are able are invited to stand

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

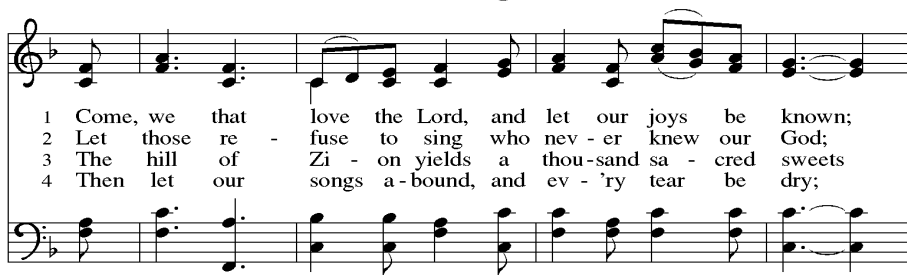
Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

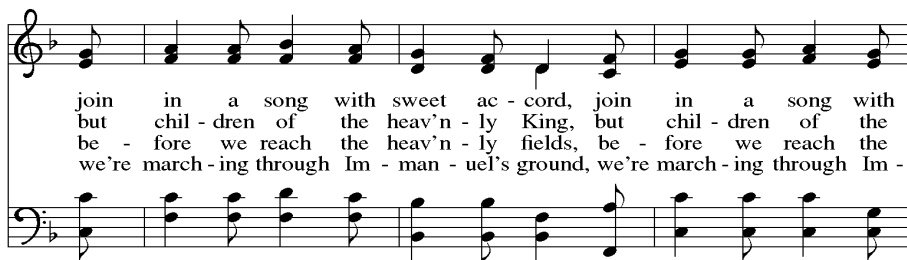
Amen.

Gathering Song

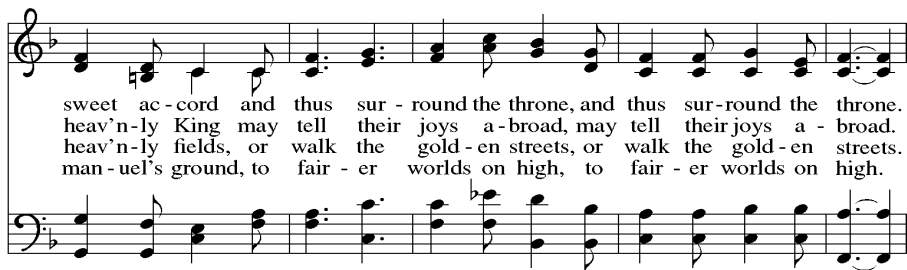
Come, We That Love the Lord *We're Marching to Zion*



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



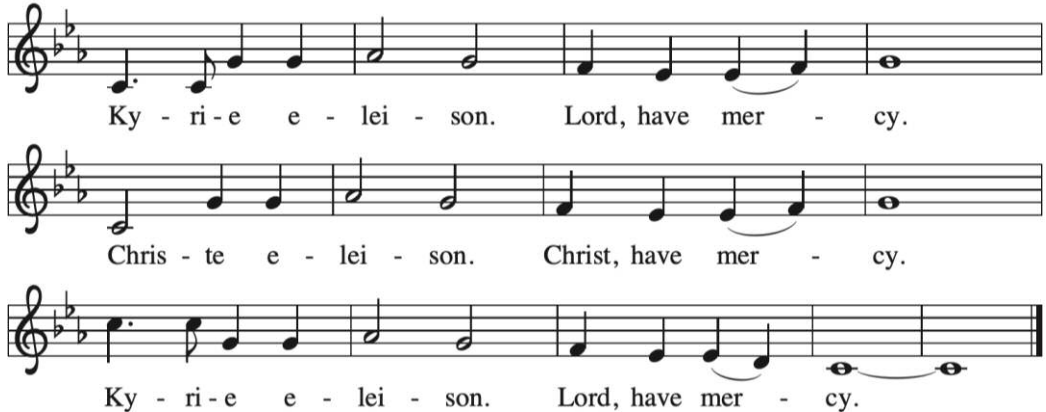
we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

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

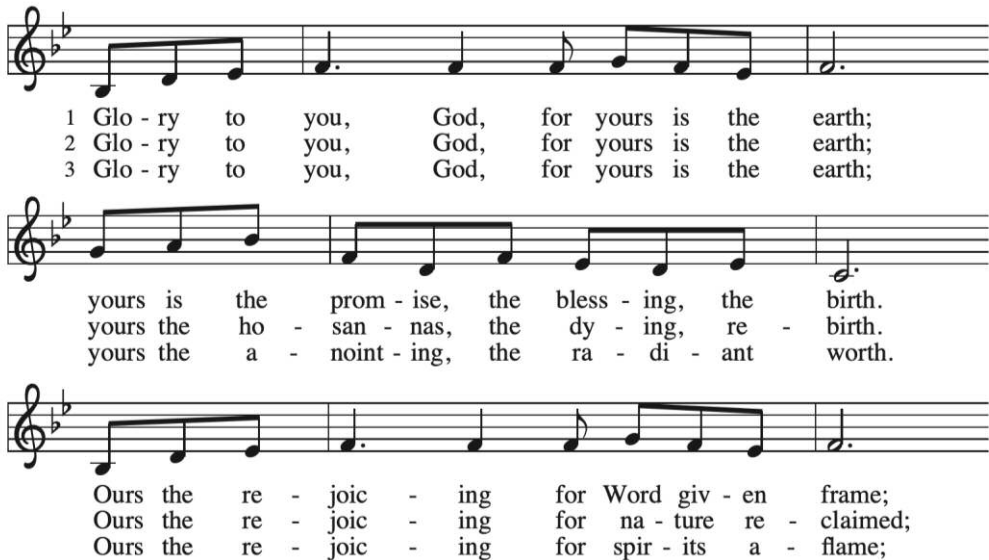


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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

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;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, 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: Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 70 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)

¹Be pleased, O God, to de-^liver me;
O LORD, make ^lhaste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame ^land confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and ^lbe disgraced.**

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat ^lover me
turn back because ^lof their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be ^lglad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great ^lis the LORD!”**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick-^lly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, ^ldo not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words. *Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

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 25th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

Children’s Sermon

Miss Stephanie


Sermon

Rev. Ray Hand

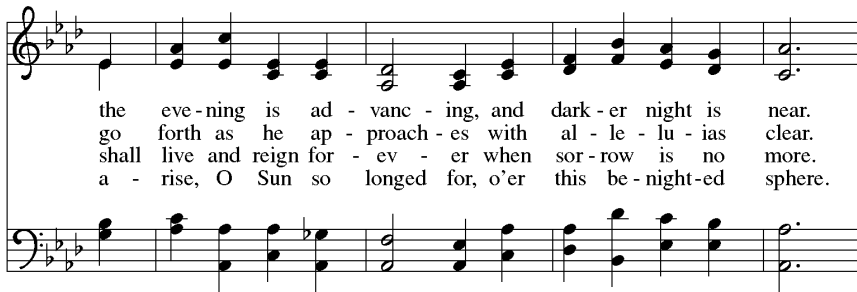
All who are able are invited to stand

Hymn of the Day

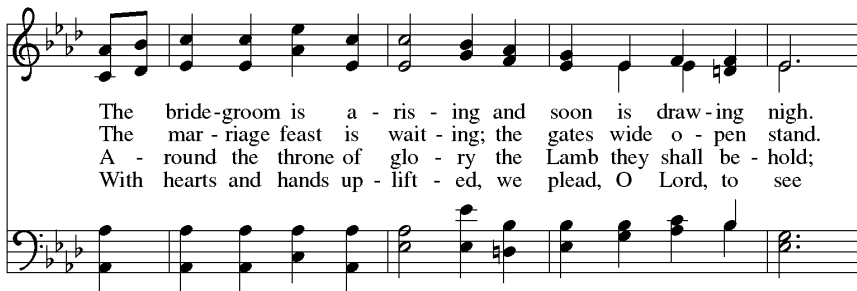
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



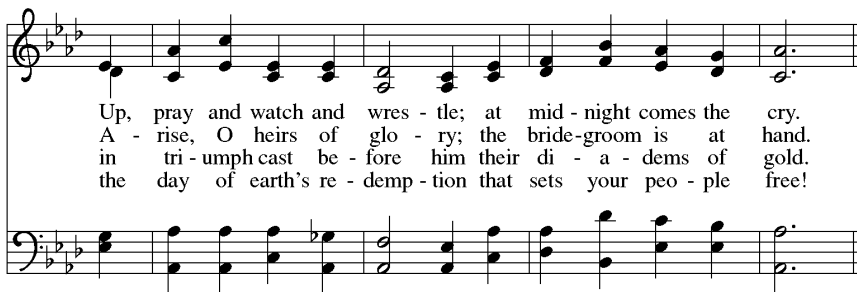
1 Re - joyce, re - joyce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering or sick this day *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Kim, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lori, Lisa, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Barry, Rumpun, Ted, Donna, Nancy, Kathy, Jim, Carolyn, Robin, Shirley, Jenan, Roger, Carol, Glenn, Karen*. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Jack, Emma, Jordan, Sharon, Donnalee, Darlene, Suzanne, Cynthia*. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. 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 Trinity, Hecktown, and their pastor, Spencer Steele. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

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

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(10:30) *All Praise to Thee*

– Thomas Tallis, arr. Marie Poole

-The Jordan Chorale

1. All praise to thee, our God and King, for all the blessings thou dost bring,
For loving care thou dost bestow on all thy creatures here below.
2. We thank thee, Lord, for thy dear Son, for all the goodness he hath done,
For all the sorrow he hath borne, for joy he brings to men forlorn.
3. All this for us thy love hath done, by this to thee our love is won,
For this thy loving children sing, our thanks and praise to thee we bring.
4. Teach us to live that we might be most faithful followers of thee.
Keep us, O keep us, King of Kings, beneath thine own almighty wings.

(8:00) *All who are able are invited to stand.*

(10:30) *Please stand & join the chorale in singing:*

The musical score is presented in two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost." The score includes various musical notations such as chords, single notes, and rests.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter). The lyrics 'Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.' are written below the staff. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It starts with two rests, followed by the same melody as the first staff: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter). The lyrics 'Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.' are written below the staff.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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.

[8:00 service continues on page 17 with the Sending]

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet.

Come and feast at Jesus' table.

Please be seated

Communion



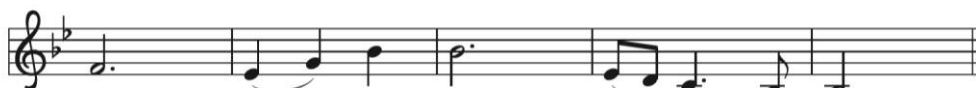
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has-ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad-ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur-pass-ing won - der
4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea - sure,

come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.
There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:

Bless the one whose grace un - bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed;
o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic-est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum-bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car-nate, I a - dore you;

Christ, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

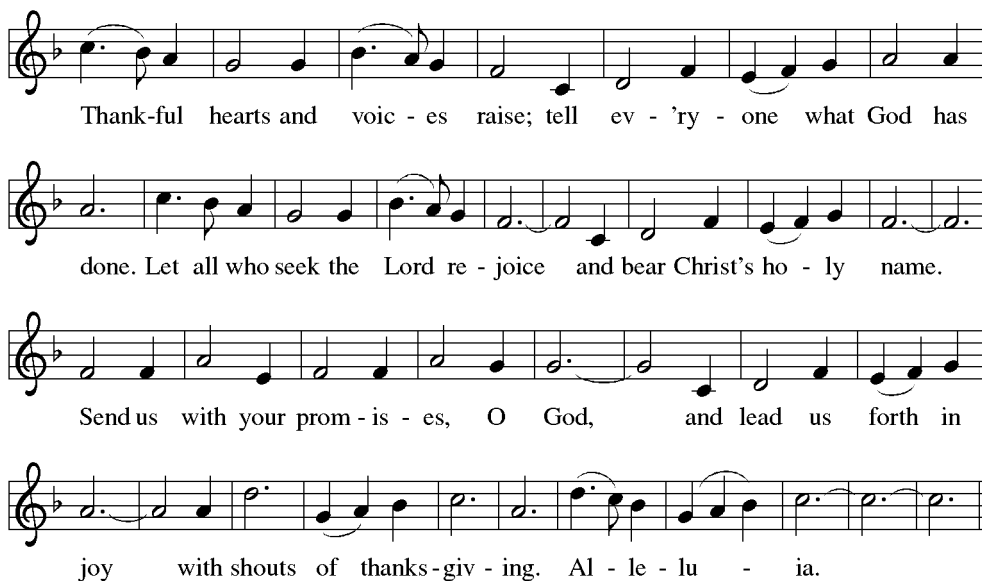
All who are able, please stand

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

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has
done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948

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Prayer After Communion

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

[8:00 service continues here]

SENDING

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

Blessing

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. composite
 Music: WÄCHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai
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Dismissal

Beloved of God, go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

– Johann Christoph Bach

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

Distribution method is noted in the order for worship.

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

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

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

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

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

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 Nov. 12 - 18

THIS WEEK (Nov. 12 – 18)

TODAY (5)

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

MON (6)

- 6:30pm, Jordaniers Bowlers
- 7:00pm, Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm, Parkland Garden Club, Memory Rm.
- 7:30pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

TUES (7)

- 5:00pm, Brownies, Social Hall
- 6:30pm, Bible Study, Room 8
- 5:30pm, Basketball, Family Ctr.
- 7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (8)

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

THU (29) 9am-3pm, Rising Roots Home School

- 7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall
- 7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
- 7:00pm, Church Council

FRI (10)

- 5:00pm, Junior Gyros
- 4:00pm, Youth Badminton, Family Ctr.
- 9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

SAT (11)

- 10:00am, DAR meeting, Memory Room

Attendance

11/5/23

8:00-45 10:30-53

Sponsors

Altar Flowers are given in memory of Herman Herb & all Veterans, by Louise & Bruce Stettler (T).

Don't forget to take a ticket from the board in the Memory Room and purchase one or more items to help with the ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION Brunch on December 2nd!!!!

Holiday Hope Chest boxes must be returned by NOVEMBER 26

Boxes still available to be filled!

Average weekly expenses:	
\$8,331	
Weekly collections	
Oct 15-21	\$4,386
Oct 22-28	\$4,113
Oct 29-Nov 4	\$5,266
Nov 5-11	\$18,155

Say a Prayer ☞ Send a Card ☞ Pay a Visit

Fellowship Community: Lillian Semmel, Donald Laudenslager

Lehigh Commons: Janet Stettler

Parkland Manor: Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

Heather Glen: Sonny Laudenslager, Herb & Anna Bieber

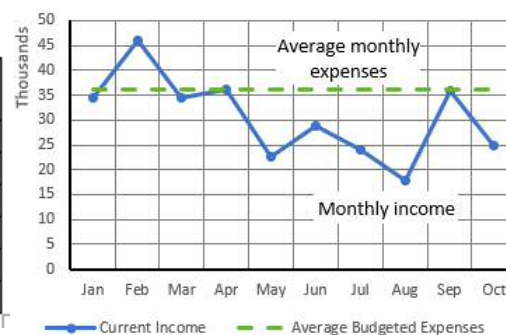
Home: Margaret Smith, Reed Klotz, Dale Gogel, Richard Seltzer

Please keep these people in your prayers: Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Kim Demarest, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Nat Hager, Lori Kocher, Lisa Williams, Kim Friend, Bethany Friend, Jon Conrad, Barry Dorney, Rumpun Heller, Ted DuBois, Donna Stark, Nancy Troutman, Kathy Attieh, Jim Siegfried, Carolyn Flemish, Robin, Shirley Schleicher, Jenan, Roger Schoemaker, Carol Kuhns, Glenn Hahn, Karen Hahn

Birthdays this week: Jack Hoffman, Emma Gillette, Jordan Kerschner, Sharon Naugle, Donna Stark, Darlene Wenhold, Suzanne Horn, Cindy Gingras

Anniversaries this week: no anniversaries this week!

2023 Monthly Income vs Expenses



Pastor Dody will be at continuing education: Nov. 6 – 12. Pr. Brian Riedy will provide pastoral coverage. In the event of an emergency, he may be reached at 610-844-8924, or you may call the church office during regular hours for assistance.

SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31; Jan. 7, 14, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; Mar. 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 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	11/12	11/19	11/26	12/3
Altar Guild	8:00-B Albright 10:30-L Stettler	8:00-B Albright 10:30-K Leonard	8:00-L Daniels 10:30-I Johnson	8:00-C Rabenold 10:30-I & G Martz
Lector	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-L Stettler	8:00-C Rabenold 10:30-J Boscia	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-I Martz	8:00- 10:30-
Acolyte	8:00-L Epting 10:30-C Wozniak	8:00-P Shafer 10:30-O Wozniak	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-C Wozniak	8:00-L Epting 10:30-N Heckman
Ushers	8:00-Weidman family 10:30-Boscia family	8:00-Weidman family 10:30-Boscia family	8:00- 10:30-Boscia family	8:00- 10:30-
Bell Toller	8:00-D Stark 10:30-J Steiner	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-C & C Boscia	8:00-D Stark 10:30-C & C Boscia	8:00-D Stark 10:30-B Stettler
SAT	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Video	10:30-O Wozniak	10:30-	10:30-D Dreisbach	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 // Lectors/Julie Boscia Julie.boscia@gmail.com // Acolytes/Stephany Heckman sgarboglio@yahoo.com // Ushers /John Weremedic miner70@ptd.net // Bell Toller/Sandie Hamil hamilsre@gmail.com // SAT/Doug Clark d.clark854@gmail.com // Video/Tom Daniels tkdaniels@ptd.net

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

First Congregational Meeting – December 10th

Following the 9:15 am service (one service this day)
The agenda will be limited to the approval of the 2024 budget (proposed budget will be available in your December newsletter) and election of council members (see the form to the right to make a nomination) Your attendance at this meeting is important!

Allentown Band Christmas Concert – Dec. 4th

Kick off your holiday season with an evening of Christmas music by America’s oldest civilian concert band, the renowned ALLENTOWN BAND, under the direction of Ronald Demkee. Join us in the the Family Center on Monday, **December 4th, at 8:00 p.m.** The concert is free and open to the public – bring your friends!

Jordan Delivers!

Be a part of the travel team that will take one (or more) of the God’s Work Our Hands Advent Bag(s) awaiting in our Memory Room and to personally deliver them to one of our shut-ins. Each bag includes the name, address and phone number of the shut-in and will be available for pick-up in the Memory Room **beginning on November 12th**. Any questions? Contact Shirley Schleicher at 610.533.6191

Thank You!

Sending a heartfelt THANK YOU for your time to participate before, during and after the basket social and for the many unique donated baskets/items, gift cards, baked goods, and your time to engage in fellowship. Please know the community folks gave a thumbs up for the hospitality shown to them as they attended the social and enjoyed lunch. We are so pleased to organize this wonderful community event and very pleased to share with you that a total of \$2,615.70 was raised to benefit Parkland Cares! Thank you again for your support of this community effort.
Darlene Wenhold, Basket Social Chairperson and Steph Derstine, Director of Faith Formation

SOS is in need of postage stamps. SOS anticipates sending out over 289 cards to shut-ins and for special anniversaries (50 + years) and birthdays (80 + years) during 2023. We are very thankful for the generosity of Jordan members in making this a self-funding ministry. Thank you from the SOS Committee, Robin Jensen, Kathy Leonard, Kay Mancke & Carol Nagle

COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

We are looking for several candidates to serve on the Congregation Council. At our December Congregational Meeting, we will be electing a few people to serve for three-year terms. Please nominate one or more people you think would be a good council member (don’t forget to ask them first). Or you may want to prayerfully consider nominating yourself if you feel so called! Please return the form to the church office by Sunday, November 26th.

COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM
