



November 19, 2023
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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"Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward,



Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

GATHERING

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

Congregation reads **BOLD**

Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

-arr. Dale Wood

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

We Praise You, O God



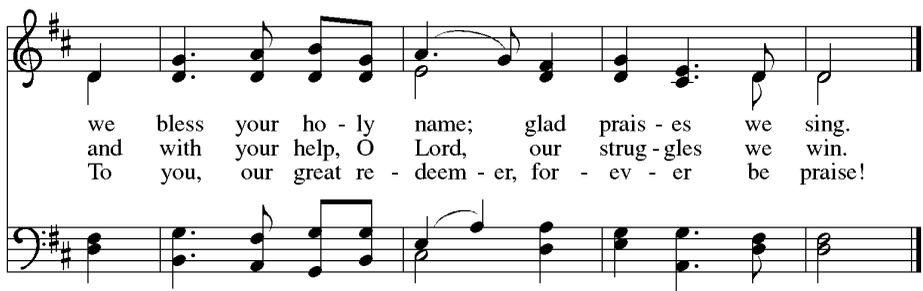
1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

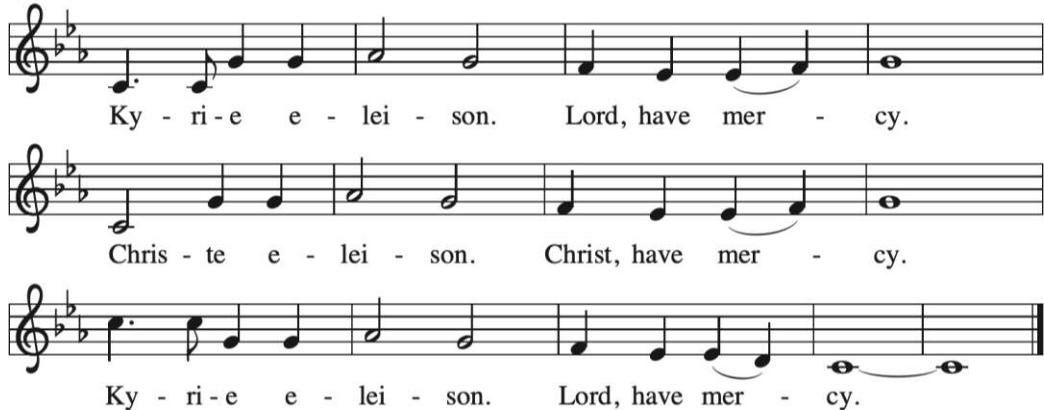
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Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

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

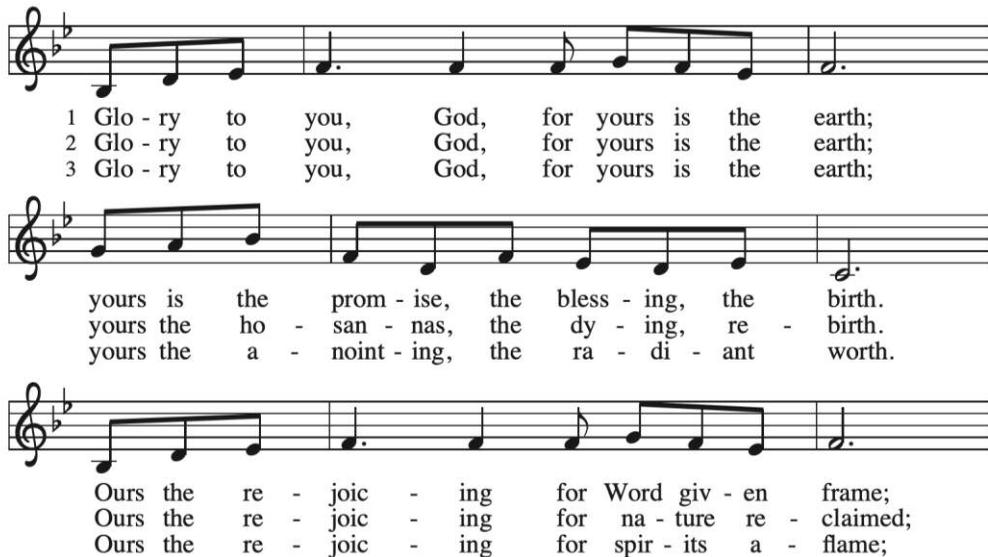


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, 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: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 90:1-12 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

¹Lord, you have ¹ been our refuge
from one generation ¹ to another.

**²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,
from age to age | you are God.**

³You turn us back to the | dust and say,
“Turn back, O child- | ren of earth.”

**⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night;**

⁵you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

**⁶in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

**⁸Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.**

⁹When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

**¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.**

¹¹Who regards the power | of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your | indignation?

**¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for

obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. *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 25th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to

him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

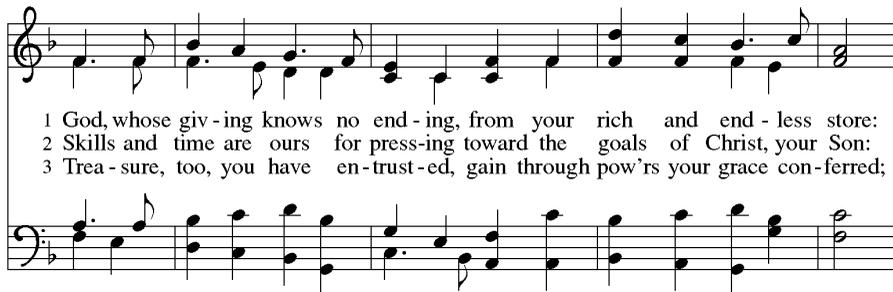
Children's Sermon

Sermon

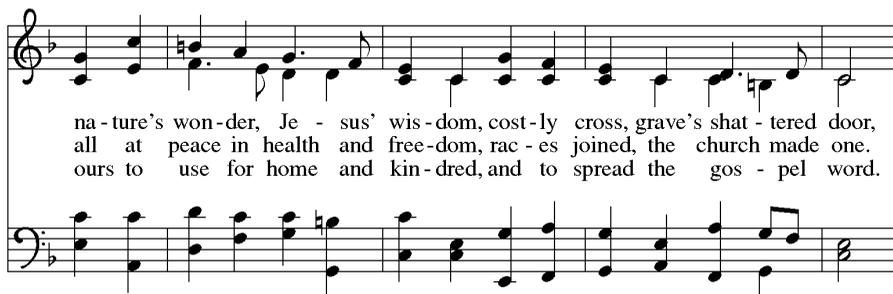
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Hymn of the Day

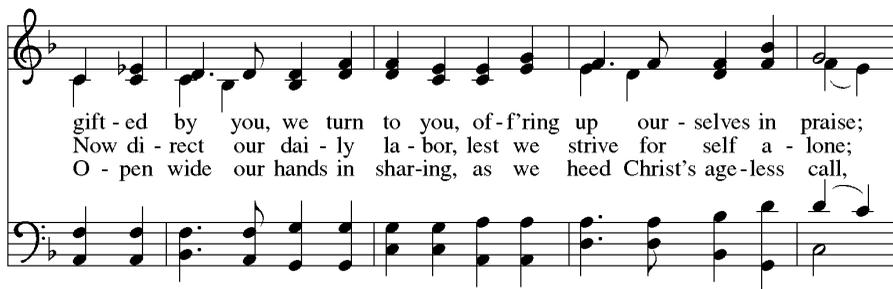
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



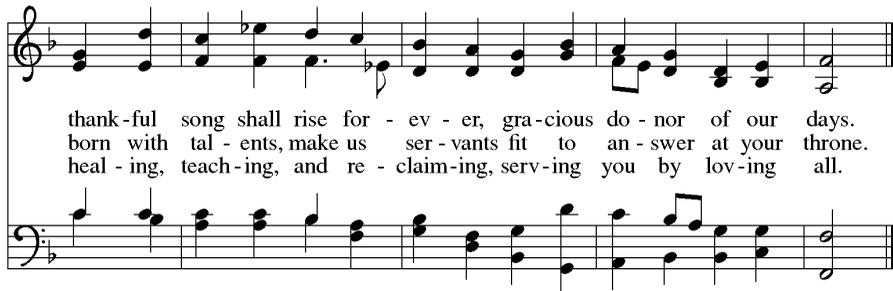
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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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

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.

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith, we praise your goodness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Kim, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lori, Lisa, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Barry, Rumpun, Ted, Donna, Nancy, Kathy, Jim, Carolyn, Robin, Jenan, Roger, Carol, Glenn, Karen, Hope Marie Grace & family.* 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 Judy, Nikki, Alexander, Penelope, Roland, Judy, Heather, Cedella.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week, *especially Richard & Shirley, Lyndsey & Brenden, Terry & Sharon, Jeffrey & Valerie, Stephen & Joy.* 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 Lutheran Congregational Services, Allentown, and their director, Julia Menzo. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **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: (8:00): Lord of Hope

-Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

(10:30) *Canon of Praise*

-Johann Pachelbel, arr. Hal H. Hopson

-The Jordan Chorale

All who are able are invited to stand.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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.

[10:30 service continues on page 15 with the Lord's Prayer]

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.

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.

[10:30 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.

[10:30 service continues on page 19 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



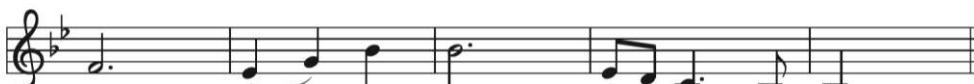
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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**

As Saints of Old

The Distribution Communion Hymns

1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;
3 In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to-day

to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a long life's way.

so we to-day first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,

of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

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For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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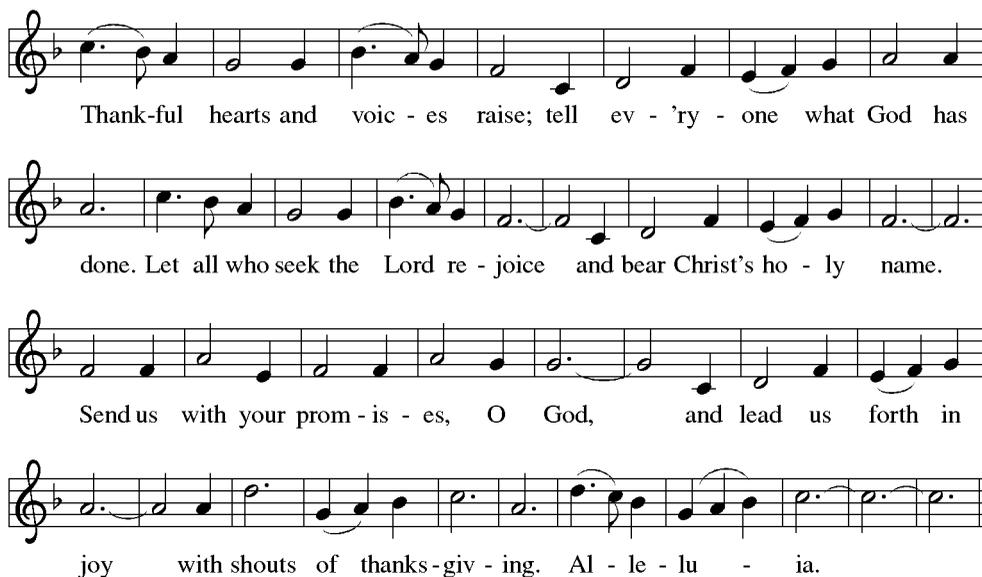
All who are able, please stand

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

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.

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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.

[10:30 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

Lord of Light

1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent

suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

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Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

-Piet Post

Jordan Lutheran Church 2023 Christmas Tributes

Several options are available for our members who would like to either honor or remember a loved one at Christmas time. Please complete ONE FORM PER TRIBUTE and return to the church office with your contribution by Dec. 8th. (Forms may be copied or additional forms are available in the narthex and/or church office.)

___ Christmas Poinsettia*	\$ _____
\$10.00 per plant	
___ Hunger Fund donation	\$ _____
___ Memorial Fund donation	\$ _____
___ Pantry Donation	\$ _____

Wreaths

You must call the church office to reserve!

**Poinsettias can be picked up after the LAST service on Christmas Eve or by Dec. 31st*

IN HONOR OF *(living)* _____

GIVEN BY _____ Env. # _____

OR

IN MEMORY OF *(deceased)* _____

GIVEN BY _____ Env. # _____

Order deadline
December 8, 2023

Tributes will be listed in the
Christmas Eve bulletins

For office use only – do not detach

Christmas Tributes

NAME _____

PHONE NO _____

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

Please check: ___ Poinsettia ___ Hunger Fund ___ Memorial Fund ___ Wreath(s)

Additional forms may be found in the literature racks in the foyer & Memory Room.

Holiday Hope Chest 2023

The Holiday Hope Chest program invites you to share the joy of the upcoming holiday season to support the needs of children and youth in our local communities.

This activity involves filling a wrapped Christmas box located in the Memory Room, with necessities, toys and gifts for children and youth who may not receive many holiday presents.

Pick up a box: Sunday, October 29 thru November 22 – Please sign up!

Return the box to the Memory Room: Sunday, November 26

Check mark your name when the box is returned!

Please keep the tag on the box to note the age and gender.

A list of suggested gifts is noted in the box to help fill the boxes. Read it thoroughly as there are specific accepted / non-accepted items.

Greatest Needs - gift cards for 13+ and 11-12 boy boxes

Thank you for the incredible outpouring of support to fill gift boxes, we look forward to your returned box soon. However, we still need to fill boxes for 9-10 and 11-12 age group, a few boxes still remain on the table. Also we still need gift cards for 13+ age group.

Place your gift cards, \$15 - \$25, in an envelope in the church offering plate or drop it off in the church office.

Gift Cards from: Target, Walmart, Five Below, Hobby Lobby, Dollar Stores.

Due Date: Sunday, November 26 in the Memory Room

A Christmas Project “Yule” Love:

sending Christmas cards to shut-ins and the home bound. Shout Out to Shut-ins invites you to pick up free packs of Christmas cards that will be available in the Memory Room through December 10th. We encourage you to send these cards to any shut-in or home-bound Jordan member or non-member. For your convenience, a list of Jordan shut-ins and their addresses will be made available to you. Please contact the office if you need postage stamps.

Thanking you in advance for your participation in celebrating Jesus’ birth and God’s love with others so they know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Kay Mancke and the SOS Committee

Christmas Activity

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 on Sunday, December 3rd, noon – 2 pm in the Social Hall. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Memory Room.

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. 19 - 25

THIS WEEK (Nov. 19 – 25)

TODAY (19)

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

MON (20) 9-10 am PANTRY

-6:30pm, Jordanians Bowlers
 -7:00pm, Boy Scouts

TUES (21)

-1:30pm, Game Day, M6/8
 -5:30pm, Basketball, Family Ctr.
 -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (22)

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

THU (23) Church Office Closed



FRI (24) Church Office Closed

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

Attendance

11/12/23
 8:00-48 10:30-44

Sponsors

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Frederick W. Anderson & Lida Weber, by Sue & Bill Weber.

Bulletins are given in loving memory of parents' anniversary, 11/19/1941, by Kathleen Marley Bacak.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please stop by the Memory Room to pick up your/your family's boxed offering envelopes at your earliest convenience. We also welcome help from those who are able to deliver additional boxes to friends or shut ins.

Average weekly expenses:	
\$8,331	
Weekly collections	
Oct 22-28	\$4,113
Oct 29-Nov 4	\$5,266
Nov 5-11	\$18,155
Nov 12-18	\$7,077

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, Jenan, Roger Schoemaker, Carol Kuhns, Glenn Hahn, Karen Hahn, Hope Marie Grace & family

Birthdays this week: Judy Young, Nikki Brezack, Alexander Rakos, Penelope Fay, Roland Harrier III, Judy Huff, Heather Parker, Cedella Schenck

Anniversaries this week: Richard & Shirley Seltzer (30), Lyndsey & Brenden McGrevy (14), Terry & Sharon Naugle (55), Jeffrey & Valerie Berdahl (34), Stephen & Joy Laudenslager (13)

2023 Monthly Income vs Expenses



BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE -- Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

If you have recently undergone a difficult loss, transition, or life change, the church cares about you and invites you to a special time of music and worship, a time when we can, with others, acknowledge the "blue" feelings we have at Christmas time, the reasons for them, and offer them to God. *We pray that you will find hope and comfort in knowing that you are not alone.*

Please call the church office by Dec. 10th if you plan to attend the fellowship meal following the Blue Christmas Service.

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	11/19	11/26	12/3	12/10
Altar Guild	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	9:15-L Daniels
Lector	8:00-C Rabenold 10:30-J Boscia	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-I Martz	8:00- 10:30-	9:15-
Acolyte	8:00-P Shafer 10:30-O Wozniak	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-C Wozniak	8:00-L Epting 10:30-N Heckman	9:15-O Wozniak
Ushers	8:00-Weidman family 10:30-Boscia family	8:00- 10:30-Boscia family	8:00- 10:30-Stettler family	9:15-Stettler family
Bell Toller	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	9:15-B Lutterschmidt
SAT	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	9:15-
Video	10:30-	10:30-D Dreisbach	10:30-	9:15-

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

Altar Guild/Lynn Daniels lj2137@aol.com // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia Julie.boscia@gmail.com // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman sgarbeglio@yahoo.com // **Ushers** /John Weremedic miner70@ptd.net // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil hamilsre@gmail.com // **SAT**/Doug Clark d.clark854@gmail.com // **Video**/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!

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.

Rescue Mission Brunch

Those who signed up to donate goods must deliver their assigned products no later than November 26th. Perishables such as bulk sausage will be received only on November 26th. We remain in need of 2 additional volunteers to help prepare on December 1st and two to serve on December 2nd at the Mission. Report time for both days: 9:00 AM at the Family Center kitchen. Please contact Glenn Hahn for additional information and/or to share your intentions to volunteer (610.597.8038). Help serve those who are equally deserving as they journey towards a productive and rewarding Christian based lifestyle. We are still accepting donations, “tickets” remain available for the taking.

Cemetery Grave Prices are due to increase January 1, 2024. If you would like to purchase one or more graves, please contact Bruce Stettler at 610-730-8228 or brulou9@gmail.com.

Blue Christmas Meal: A few people are needed to set up, clean up and provide a light meal (soup, sandwiches, salad) in the Memory Room following the Blue Christmas Service on Dec. 17th at 4:00. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

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
