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Christ the King

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion

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On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

GATHERING

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

Congregation reads **BOLD**

Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*
-Friendship Ringers

-John Goss, arr. Cathy Moglebust

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.

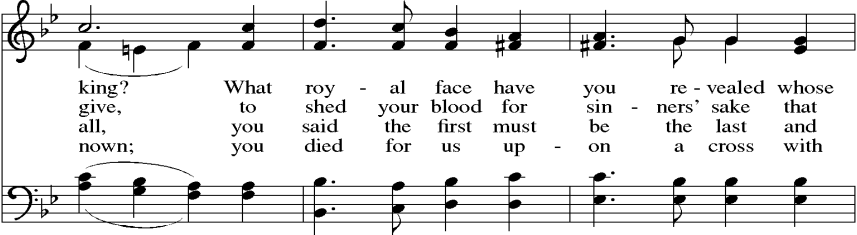
Amen.

Gathering Song


O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us



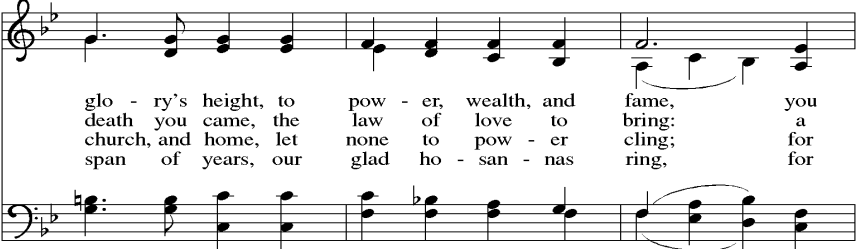
1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our
2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -
3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver
4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



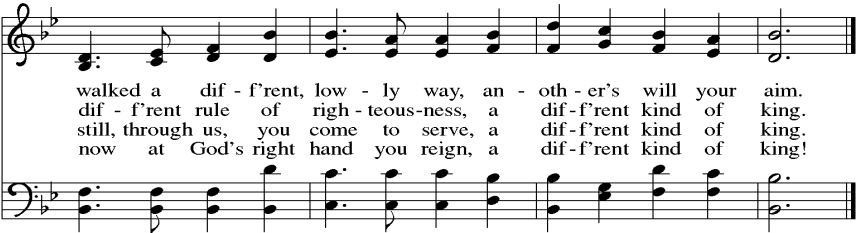
king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose
give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that
all, you said the first must be the last and
nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to
we might rise and live. To break the law of
ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,
thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you
death you came, the law of love to bring; a
church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for
span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.
dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

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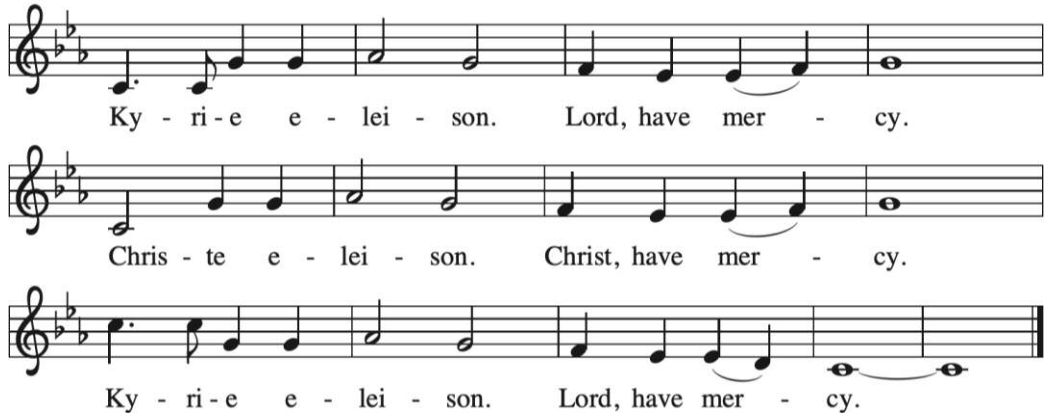
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Greeting

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

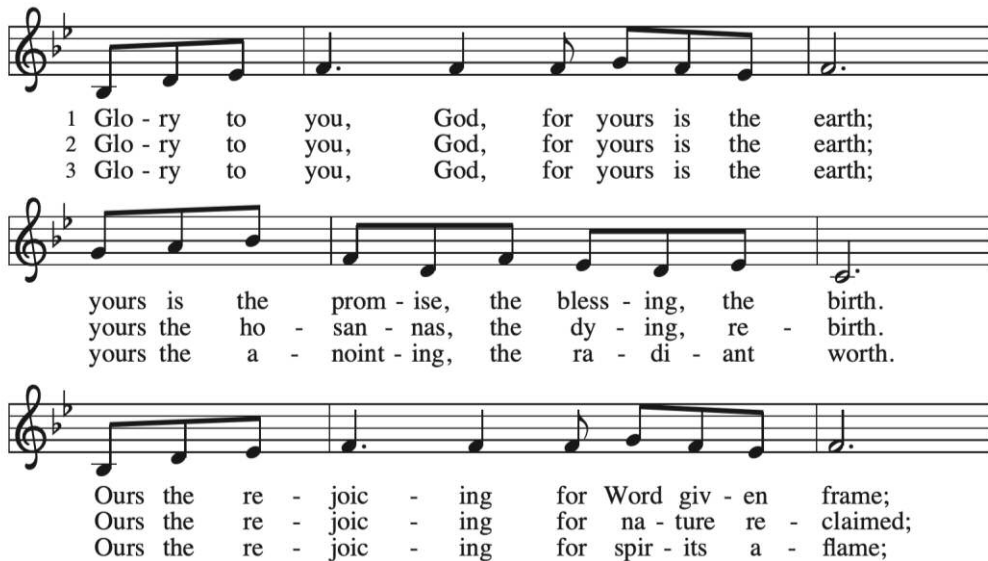


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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 power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

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

All may be seated

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

¹¹Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie

down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)

¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that

the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. *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.



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

Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you

welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

Children’s Sermon

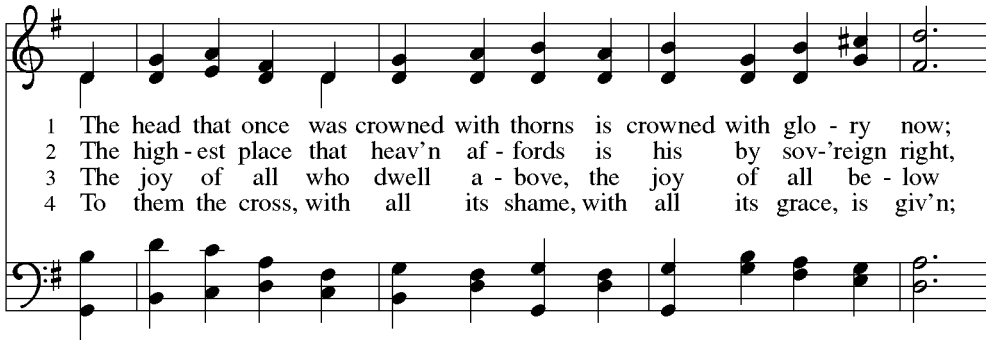
Sermon

Charlotte Gross
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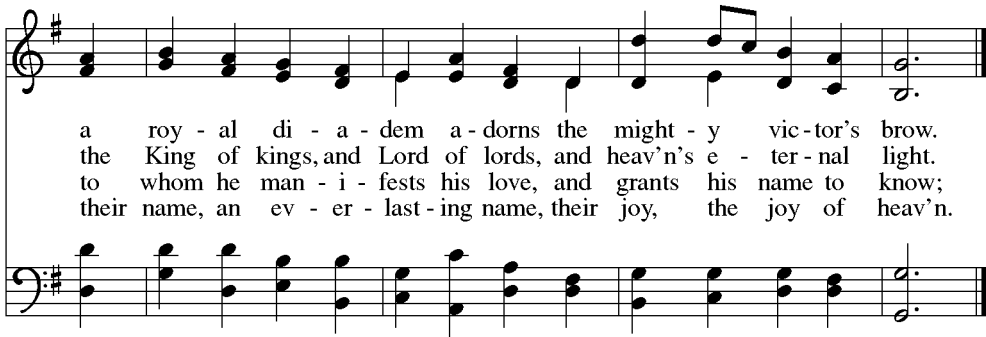
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Hymn of the Day

The Head That Once Was Crowned



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov - reign right,
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;



a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme!

Nicene Creed

In the words of the Creed, let us confess our faith:

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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.

Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger and partnerships with global feeding ministries. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy God, in Christ we are welcomed home. We praise you for the faithful witness of those who have served you and extended your welcome and love to us. Unite us with them as one body of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Kim, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lori, Lisa, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Barry, Rumpun, Ted, Donna, Nancy, Kathy, Jim, Carolyn, Robin, 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 Brian, Lori, David, Angela, Ida, Melissa, Thomas, Hope, Stacy, Cora, Donald.* 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, *especially Brian & Melinda, David & Carol.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray especially for Diakon Social Ministries, Allentown. 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) *The Loving Shepherd*

-Janet Rand

(10:30) *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

-arr. Richard A. Williamson

-Jordan Chorale

All who are able are invited to stand

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It also consists of two staves in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp and common time. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

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.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

Please be seated

Communion



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

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

As We Gather at Your Table

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932
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Blessing and Honor

1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the

rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our
 earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,
 scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and
 robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the

bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the
 for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his
 glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we
 Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to

throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!
 pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
 raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
 reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.
 Music: AMERICAN HYMN, Matthias Keller, 1813–1875

All who are able, please stand

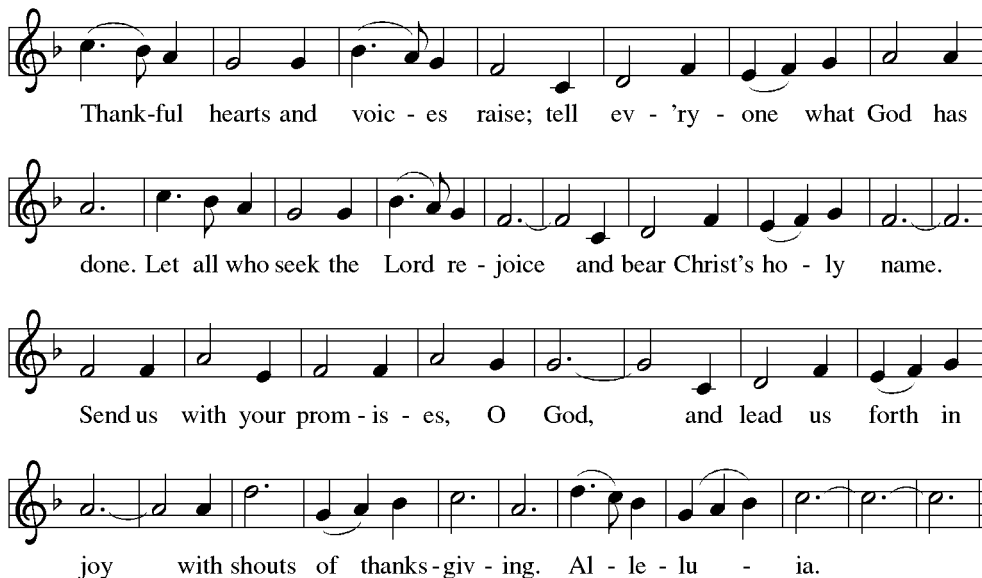
After all have returned to their places:

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 - jice 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.

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.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Closing Hymn

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Variations on “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”* –Oliver Holden, arr. Lani Smith

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. 26 - Dec. 2

THIS WEEK (Nov. 26 – Dec. 2)

TODAY (26)

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

MON (27)

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

TUES (28)

-5:00pm, Brownies, Social Hall
 -5:30pm, Basketball, Family Ctr.
 -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (29)

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

THU (30)

-7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall
 -5:00pm, Soccer, Family Ctr.
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

FRI (1)

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

Pr. Dody is on vacation Nov. 28 – Dec. 3 (back in the office Dec. 5). If you have a pastoral emergency you may contact the church office during regular hours or Pr. Lynette Delbridge directly at 347-549-6423.

Attendance

11/19/23
 8:00-49 10:30-58

Sponsors

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Wayne Cardoni, by wife, Gayle (T).

Bulletins are given in honor of Heather Parker's birthday, by Donna & Larry Hahn.

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.

Welcome to Charlotte Gross from the NEPA Mission Interpreters Ministry Team, who will be sharing with us today the message of mission & ministry.

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

Birthdays this week: Brian Lichtenwalner, Lori Nagy, David Silvonek, Angela Heston, Ida Reinert, Melissa Richebacher, Thomas Bartos, Hope Strobl, Stacy Grim, Cora Helsley, Donald Laudenslager

Anniversaries this week: Brian & Melinda Lichtenwalner (32), David & Carol Ludwig (61)

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.

Sign up in the Memory Room for the salt dough ornament activity on December 3rd at noon.

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	11/26	12/3	12/10	12/17
Altar Guild	8:00-L Daniels 10:30-I Johnson	8:00-C Rabenold 10:30-I & G Martz	9:15-L Daniels	9:15-K Leonard
Lector	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-I Martz	8:00- 10:30-	9:15-	9:15-
Acolyte	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-C Wozniak	8:00-L Epting 10:30-N Heckman	9:15-O Wozniak	9:15-D Dreisbach
Ushers	8:00-B Lutterschmidt, J Laudenslager 10:30-Boscia family	8:00- 10:30-Stettler family	9:15-Stettler family	9:15-Stettler family
Bell Toller	8:00-D Stark 10:30-C & C Boscia	8:00-D Stark 10:30-B Stettler	9:15-B Lutterschmidt	9:15-S Hamil
SAT	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	9:15-	9:15-
Video	10:30-D Dreisbach	10:30-	9:15-	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 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

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. **Please pick up some Christmas cards and a list of shut-ins from the Memory Room and send some cards!**

Rescue Mission Brunch

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE to return the items you signed up to donate for the Rescue Mission Brunch on Dec. 2nd. 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)

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

CHRISTMAS TRIBUTE FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE LITERATURE RACKS, IN THE FOYER, IN THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER AND ON THE WEBSITE.