



**January 12, 2025**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**  
*8:00 a.m. Worship Service*  
*10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion*

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*Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.*

# GATHERING

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

Congregation reads **BOLD**

## **Bell**

## **Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

-setting Frederick Frahm

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Gathering Song

## When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,  
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

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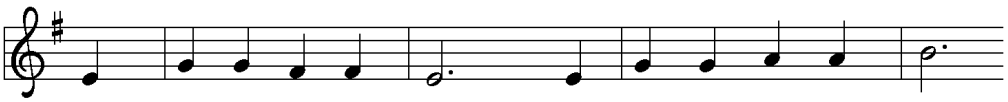
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## Greeting

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Hymn of Praise



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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: Isaiah 43:1-7**

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up,"

and to the south, “Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 29 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)**

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the <sup>l</sup> Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glo- <sup>l</sup> ry and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the Lord the glory <sup>l</sup> due God’s name;  
worship the Lord in the beau- <sup>l</sup> ty of holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of <sup>l</sup> glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the <sup>l</sup> mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> **The voice of the Lord is a pow- <sup>l</sup> erful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a <sup>l</sup> voice of splendor.**
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the <sup>l</sup> cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the ce- <sup>l</sup> dars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup> **the Lord makes Lebanon skip <sup>l</sup> like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a <sup>l</sup> young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup> The voice <sup>l</sup> of the Lord  
bursts forth in <sup>l</sup> lightning flashes.
- <sup>8</sup> **The voice of the Lord <sup>l</sup> shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilder- <sup>l</sup> ness of Kadesh.**
- <sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the <sup>l</sup> forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Lord all are <sup>l</sup> crying, “Glory!”
- <sup>10</sup> **The Lord sits enthroned a- <sup>l</sup> bove the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for- <sup>l</sup> evermore.**
- <sup>11</sup> O Lord, give strength <sup>l</sup> to your people;  
give them, O Lord, the bless- <sup>l</sup> ings of peace.

## Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. *The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## **Gospel Announcement**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All may be seated*

## **Children's Sermon**

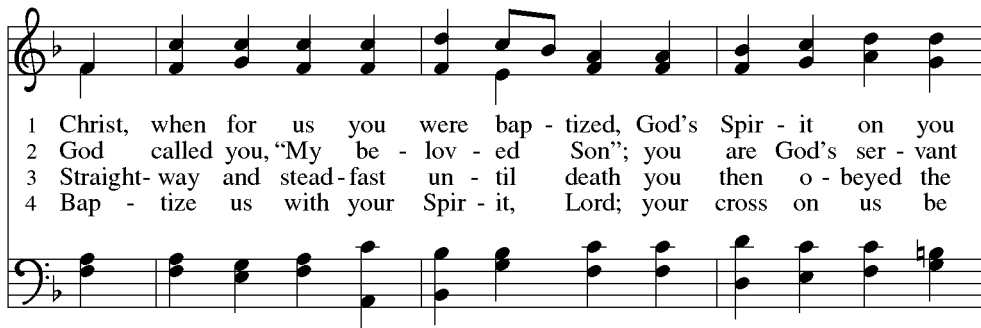
### **Sermon**

*All who are able are invited to stand*

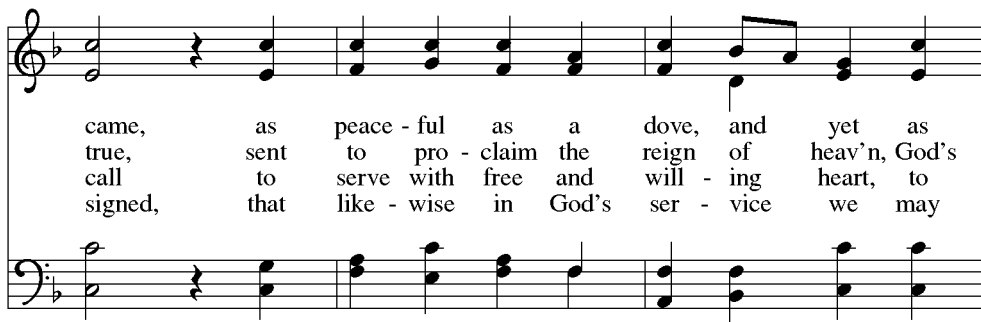


## Hymn of the Day

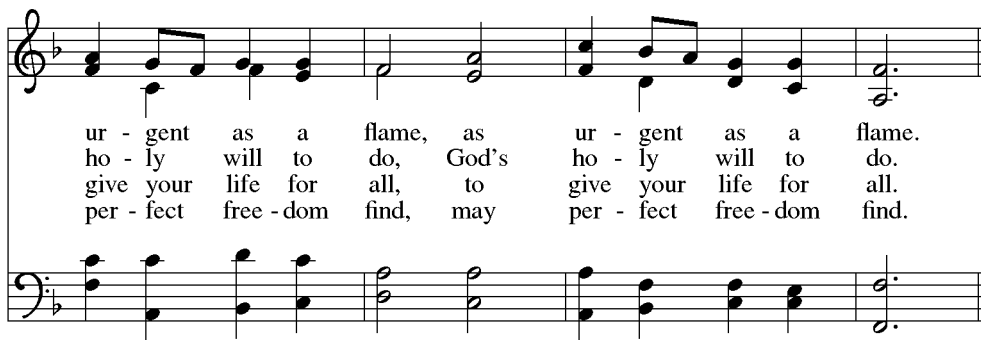
### Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight- way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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## **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**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You are with us in challenging times. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Draw near to all who undergoing treatment, recovering from surgery, or are ill, *especially Rosie, Anita, Madison, Darrell, Jean, Lisa, Joan, Jimmy Lee*. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Christopher, Stephen, Aubrey, Marie, Ulla, Sawyer, John*. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week, *especially Tom & Carina*. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray especially for the NE PA Synod, and Bishop Christopher deForest and Rev. Samantha Drennen. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**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) *Christ Is the World's Light*

-J. Bert Carlson

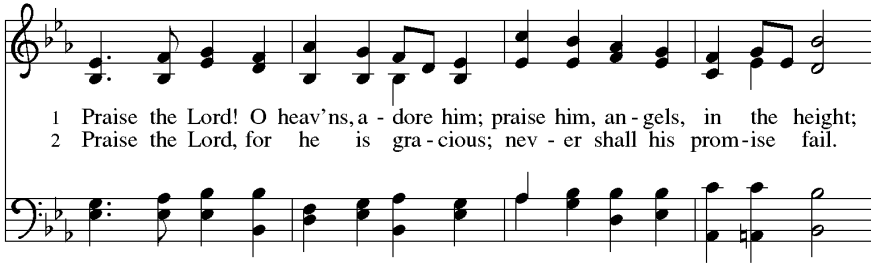
(10:30) The Baptism Carol

-Donald Busarow

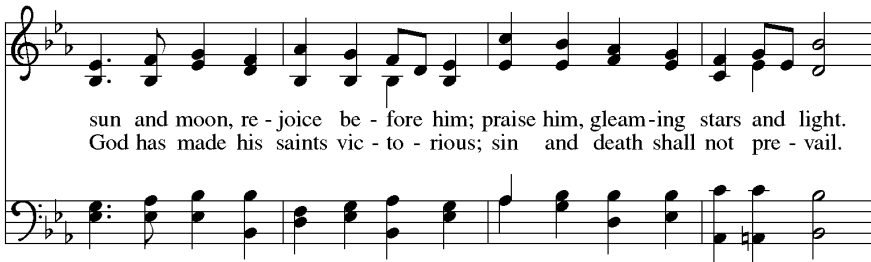
-Jordan Chorale

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.  
After the offering is gathered all who are able are invited to stand.*

# Praise the Lord! O Heavens



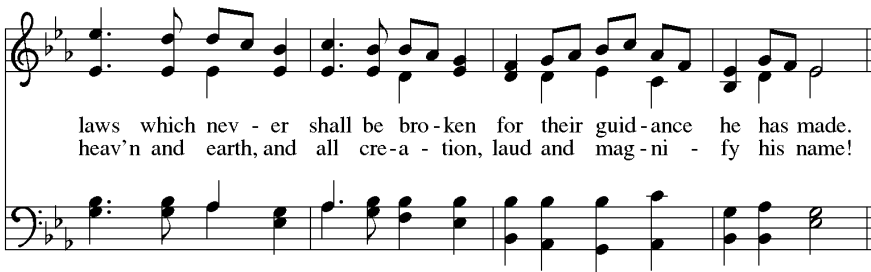
1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;  
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.  
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;  
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.  
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

Text: *Founding Hospital Collection*, London, 1796  
Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## **Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
**and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

**[8:00 service continues on page 15 with the Lord's Prayer]**

## **MEAL**

*Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.*

*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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
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-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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 19 with the Sending]



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

*Please be seated*

### Communion



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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

## Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.  
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.  
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.  
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

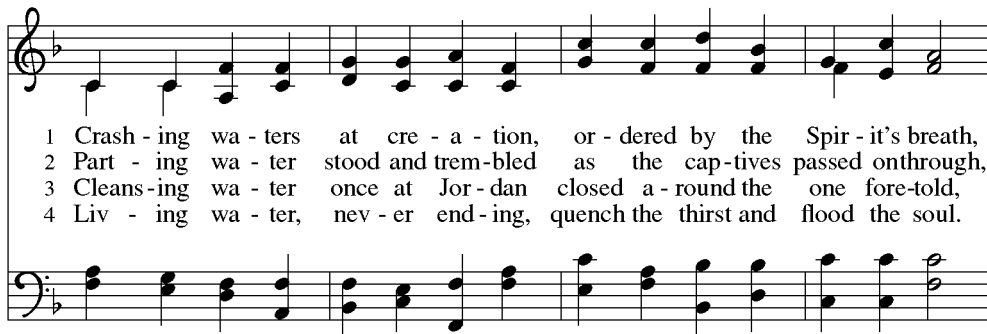
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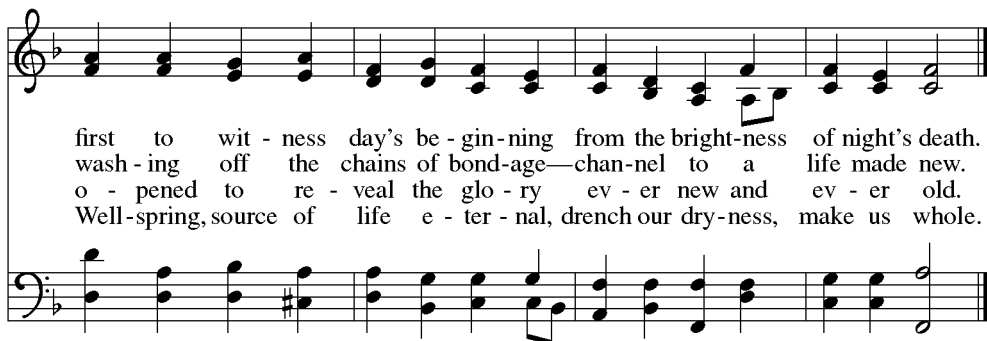
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## Crashing Waters at Creation



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,  
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,  
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.  
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age—chan - nel to a life made new.  
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

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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

### For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

## Prayer After Communion

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,  
**Amen.**

[8:00 service continues here]

## SENDING

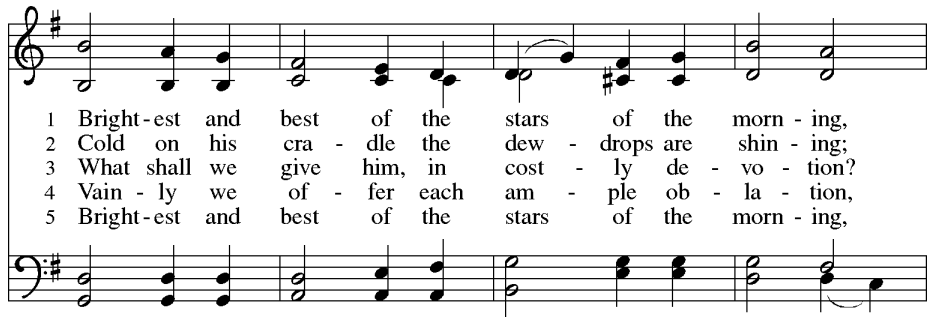
*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Blessing

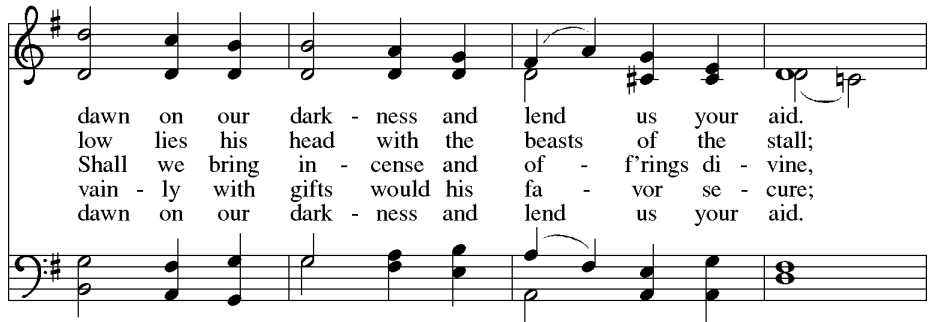
The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.  
**Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

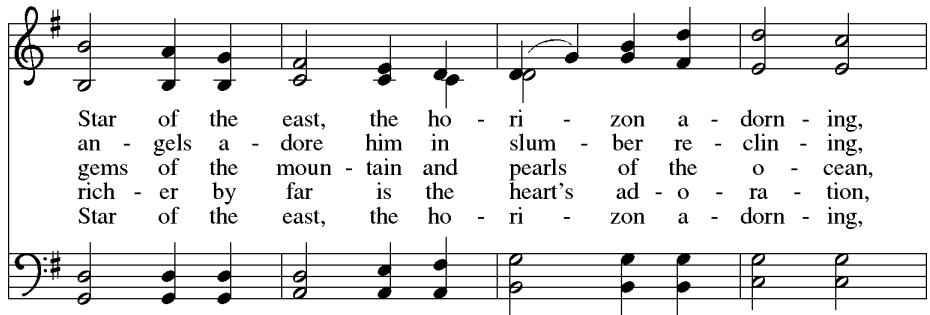
## Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning



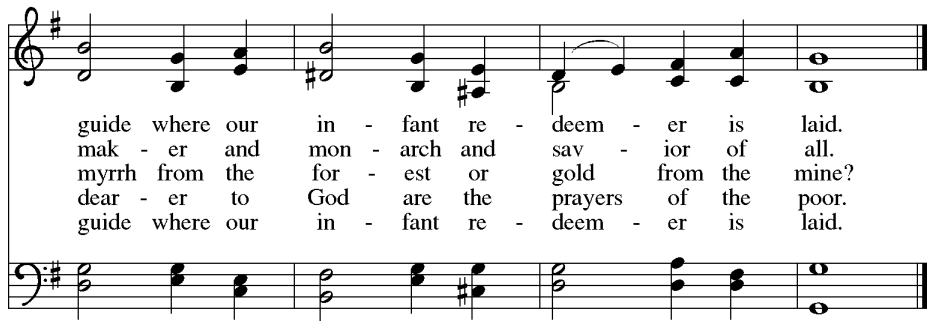
1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?  
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,  
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.  
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877–1970, alt.  
Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

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## **Dismissal**

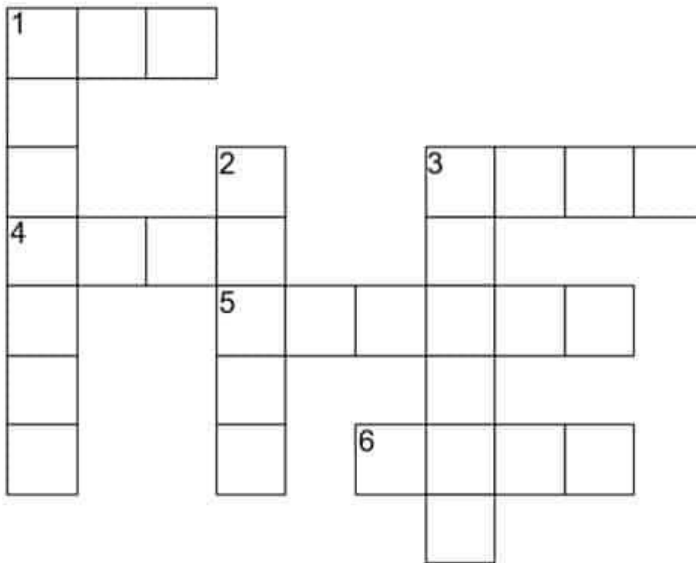
Go in peace. Live in hope

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude:** *The Star Proclaims the King Is Here*

-Johann Pachelbel

# CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

- 1 A voice came from heaven and said, "This is my beloved \_\_\_\_."
- 3 Who was preaching and baptising at the river?
- 4 In what form did the Holy Spirit appear?
- 5 The Holy \_\_\_\_ descended like a dove.
- 6 John said, "Behold the \_\_\_\_ of God."

## DOWN

- 1 John said he was unworthy to untie what of Jesus?
- 2 Who asked John to Baptise Him?
- 3 The name of the river

**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.

**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).

**Announcements** for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office before 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Persons on the sick list will be listed for 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested.

Please note that the bulletin contains items of interest for the upcoming 1 – 2 weeks. Information for future events, notes of thanks, and other information can be found in the monthly newsletters, or on the website or Facebook page.



# JELC NEWS for the Week of Jan. 12 - 18

## TODAY (12)

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

## MON (13)

-5:15pm, Canon Choir  
 -6:30pm, Jordaniers  
 -7:00pm, Boy Scouts  
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## TUES (14)

-6:30pm, Bible Study  
 -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## WED (15)

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

## THU (16)

-9am-5pm, Rising Roots Homeschool, Fam. Ctr  
 -5:00pm, Lacrosse, Family Ctr.  
 -5:30pm, Daisy Troop, Social Hall  
 -6:30pm Personnel Mtg.  
 -7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall  
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## FRI (17)

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

## SAT (18)

10:00am, Lacrosse, Family Ctr.

January 25<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am-3:30pm Learning Ministries Day

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – following 9:15 service Second Congregational Meeting – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Attendance

1/5/25  
 8:00-36  
 10:30-61

## SPONSORS

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lida Cottle and Jack Weber, by Sue and Bill Weber.

**Annual Cemetery Lot Holders meeting – Jan. 19, 2025** - Meet 30 min. after the 10:30 service in Classroom 8.

## 2024 Offering Statements

Please request a statement by calling or emailing the church office. Statements will no longer be printed for those who do not request one.

Average weekly expenses: \$8,259	
Current annual surplus/(deficit): (\$8,484)	
Weekly collections	
Nov 17-23	\$7,688
Nov 24-30	\$7,520
Dec 1-7	\$5,851
Dec 8-14	\$7,598
Dec 15-21	\$3,871

*Say a Prayer & Send a Card & Pay a Visit*

**Fellowship Community:** Lillian Semmel, Donald Laudenslager

**Lehigh Commons:** Janet Stettler

**Cedar Crest Post Acute:** Reed Klotz

**Parkland Manor:** Paulette Bassler

**The Palmerton:** Shirley Wertman

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

**Devon House:** Margaret Smith

**Home:** Dale Gogel, Richard Seltzer, Roger Schoemaker

**Please keep these people in your prayers:** Rosie Blankowitch, Anita, Madison Dreisbach, Darrell Correll, Jean Adam, Lisa Williams, Joan DuBois, Jimmy Lee Werley

**Birthdays this week:** Christopher Boscia, Steve Laudenslager, Aubrey Filipovits, Marie Mikols, Ulla Martz, Sawyer Martz-Shelton, John Hivizdak

**Anniversaries this week:** Tom & Carina Epting (19)

Please stop by the Memory Room to pick up your/your family's 2025 boxed sets of offering envelopes at your earliest convenience. We also welcome help from those who are able to deliver additional boxes to friends or shut-ins.

2024 Monthly Income vs Expenses



Check our website, Facebook page or newsletter for complete information on upcoming events

## SPONSORSHIPS

**Altar Flowers:** Jan. 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$50/2 vase, or \$25/1 vase; Bulletins for \$20

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

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

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

### Worship Assistants

<b>DATE</b>	<b>1/12</b>	<b>1/19</b>	<b>1/26</b>	<b>2/2</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-C Heilman	8:00-B Albright 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-B Albright 10:30-K Boardman	9:15-S Hamil
<b>Lector</b>	8:00-A Russell 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-M Peters 10:30-D Mancke	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-S Heckman	9:15-
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:00-P Shafer 10:30-A Heckman	8:00-I Strohl 10:30-C Boscia	8:00-C Wozniak 10:30-N Heckman	9:15-P Shafer
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00-D & D Stark 10:30-J Steiner, J Siegfried	8:00-G Vrabel, D Heckman 10:30-B & L Hendricks	8:00-M Kozy, B Lutterschmidt 10:30-Stettler family	9:15-J Steiner, D Heckman
<b>Bell Toller</b>	8:00-D Stark 10:30-C Boscia	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-B Stettler	9:15-S Hamil
<b>Video</b>	10:30-D Dreisbach	10:30-O Wozniak	10:30-D Dreisbach	9:15-K Boardman
<b>SAT</b>	8:00-D Heckman 1:30-K Boardman	8:00- 10:30-K & D Mancke	8:00- 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 [ljd2167@yahoo.com](mailto:ljd2167@yahoo.com) // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia [Julie.boscia@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.boscia@gmail.com) // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman [stephanyheckman@gmail.com](mailto:stephanyheckman@gmail.com) // **Ushers** /Dan [Heckman/dsheckman11@yahoo.com](mailto:Heckman/dsheckman11@yahoo.com) // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil [hamilsre@gmail.com](mailto:hamilsre@gmail.com) **SAT**/Doug Clark [d.clark854@gmail.com](mailto:d.clark854@gmail.com) // **Video**/Tom Daniels [tkdaniels@ptd.net](mailto:tkdaniels@ptd.net)

### ***The Second Congregational Meeting***

will be held Sunday, **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**. **In the event of inclement weather, it will be held February 9<sup>th</sup>. All committees are asked to submit their yearly reports by Jan. 19, 2025.** Your report helps us to have a historical record of the people and events of Jordan Lutheran! Reports will be distributed a week prior to the meeting for your review. Members who receive church emails will receive a copy by email, and it can also be accessed on our website. A limited number of paper copies will be available, which saves us paper/printing costs.

### ***JELC 3D Youth Gift Card Fundraiser Perfect for birthdays, groceries, gas, travel, restaurants and much more!***

Order forms are due February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and don't forget you can order online and have them delivered directly to you! Instructions are available in the literature racks in the church foyer and Memory Room. The convenience of gift cards awhile supporting Jordan's youth!

### ***Family Promise***

We are hosting Family Promise at Jordan the weeks of Jan 5 & 12 and Feb 23 & Mar 2. You can volunteer for a shift using the link to sign up genius at: <https://www.jordanlutheran.org/> -> Ministries -> Outreach

The following events to benefit Family Promise of Lehigh Valley are coming soon (Check the Family Promise of the LV website - [fplehighvalley.org](http://fplehighvalley.org) for more information and details)

January 18th: Bingo – Jordan UCC.

March 29: Homecoming 25 - Twin Lakes

May 31st: Highmark Walk

There is a wish list for a recently graduated family on the FP Facebook page. These Items can be brought to the Day Center. Contact Dean Wagaman with any questions or to discuss further about Family Promise – [wagamand@ptd.net](mailto:wagamand@ptd.net) – 484-241-6992. Thanks to the entire congregation for this ministry.

### **Capital Campaign - What Projects Are Included?**

**Our campaign will focus on several important building projects to ensure the safety, function and longevity of our church. The order of these projects was prioritized based on member feedback as well as the urgency of the project itself. Detailed information on the proposed projects will be mailed to each household at the end of this month!**