

ABOUT THE DAY: *On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Come, Ye Disconsolate* -by Samuel Webb, arr, by J. Bert Carlson

All who are able are invited to stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN: *Oh Lord, Throughout These Forty Days* p. 16

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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: Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.” *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)

¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

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

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.**

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

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of

God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

All who are able are invited to stand

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

All who are able are invited to stand

HYMN: *When We Are Tested* p. 17

All who are able are invited to stand

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

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer *especially Dorothy, Shirley, Clark, Lois, Dan, Dave, Louise, Stan, Theresa, Reed, Louise, Christopher, Karl, Dave, Darlene, Gary, Jamie, Monica, David*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Kenneth, Erica, Marlene, Caroline, Melissa, Sigrid, Dennis, Barry, Christopher, Sean, Barbara*, hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever *especially Jenny & Jeff*, hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious Lord, as our shepherd, guide the ministries of all our siblings in Christ in congregations who continue to do your work. Through your Holy Spirit provide courage, perseverance, and resources to those who speak your word of truth and love. We give thanks this day for our sisters and brothers united through you. We pray especially for Holy Trinity, Slovak, Northampton, and their SALM, Bill Dimmich. May they be filled with your Holy Spirit, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

OUR OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God,

you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY: *As Your Spirit in the Desert*

-by Michael D. Costello

DIALOGUE

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (spoken)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Lord taught 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

Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Be fed in God's Word and through the Holy Spirit.

BLESSING

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ✠ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Bless Now, O God, the Journey* p. 18

EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* -by Ludvig M. Lindeman, arr. by Jonathan Reuss

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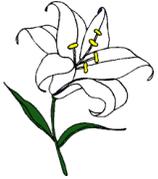
Midweek Lenten Services will be posted on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and can be viewed during that time or at your convenience. We will be using Holden's Evening Prayer. Copies of Holden Evening Prayer will be made available to you on Jordan's webpage and Facebook page. Copies will also be available at Drive thru communion or on the bench at the front door to the church office .

2021 EASTER TRIBUTES

To honor or memorialize a loved one, please fill out this form and return it (along with your check or cash) to the church office or place in the offering plate no later than Palm Sunday. All tributes will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletins. Additional forms are available in the foyer or church office.

Your Name _____

Your phone number or email _____ Env. No. _____



\$ _____ Flowers (\$11.00 per memorial flower)

\$ _____ Hunger Donation

\$ _____ Memorial Fund Donation

\$ _____ Total



One tribute per form, please

In honor of (living)

In memory of (deceased)

By

For office use only – do not detach

Easter Tributes

NAME _____

PHONE NO. or EMAIL _____

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

Please check: ___ Flower ___ Hunger Fund ___ Memorial Fund

THIS WEEK (Feb. 21 – 28)

TODAY (21st)

-9:15am, LIVE-STREAMED Worship Service w/comm.
-10:15-11:00am, Drive-thru communion
-10:15 am, Sunday School (virtual)
-6:30pm, New Beginnings, M3/5/7

MON (22nd)

-6:30pm, Jordanians
-7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Social Hall

WED (24th)

-10:00am, Stewardship (virtual)
-5:30pm, Jr. Gyros
-6:15pm, Friendship Ringers
-7:00pm, Mid-Week Lenten Service available to stream

NEXT WEEK (Feb. 28 – Mar 3)

SUN (28th)

-9:15am, LIVE-STREAMED Worship Service w/comm.
-10:15am, Sunday School (virtual)
-6:30pm, New Beginnings, M3/5/7

Assisting at Worship this Morning

Lector:

Cantor: Jamie Edelman

Video: Tom Daniels, Ken Gross

Say a Prayer ✨ Send a Card ✨ Pay a Visit

Fellowship Mnr: Florence Roth

Lehigh Commons: Barbara Diehl

The Palmerton: Ferne Rock

Manor Care: MaryAnn Rau

Home: Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Warren Gressley, George Hein, Loretta Hein

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Dorothy Diehl, Shirley Hamm, Clark Snyder, Lois Heisler, Dan Stark, Dave Ludwig, Louise Quaintance, Stan Sockel, Theresa Hedrick, Reed Klotz, Louise Stettler, Christopher Fish, Karl Miller, Dave Mancke, Darlene Wenhold, Gary Schneck, Jamie Edelman, Monica Unangst, David Unangst

Birthdays this week: Kenneth Benner, Erica Murphy, Marlene Peters, Caroline Dorney, Melissa Greenawald, Sigrid Warke, Dennis Barr, Barry Nagle, Christopher Fish, Sean Warrington, Barbara Kreidler

Anniversaries this week: Jenny & Jeff Hartz (5)

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2021 SPONSORSHIPS

All sponsorships have been temporarily suspended until we are back to live worship.

Thanks for understanding!

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS: Contact Donna Hahn at 610-395-0613 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 9:15 service or want them taken to shut-ins.** If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins.

Altar flowers are \$40. Bulletins are \$20. 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.

**Treasurer's Report
for December 2020**

	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
Income:				
Operating Income	\$ 62,432.00	\$ 341,648.00	\$ 28,950.00	\$ 347,400.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,959.00	\$ 15,068.00	\$ 1,667.00	\$ 20,004.00
Property	\$ 3,020.00	\$ 27,272.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 30,000.00
Deficit Reduction	\$ 2,356.00	\$ 11,401.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 69,767.00	\$ 395,389.00	\$ 33,117.00	\$ 397,404.00
Expenses:				
Administration	\$ 1,119.00	\$ 15,114.00	\$ 1,985.00	\$ 23,820.00
Ministries	\$ 892.00	\$ 9,646.00	\$ 1,437.00	\$ 17,244.00
Payroll	\$ 21,604.00	\$ 255,588.00	\$ 22,048.00	\$ 264,587.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 7,487.00	\$ 76,806.00	\$ 7,942.00	\$ 95,304.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,767.00	\$ 21,359.00	\$ 1,917.00	\$ 23,004.00
Total Expenses	\$ 32,869.00	\$ 378,513.00	\$ 35,329.00	\$ 423,959.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 36,898.00	\$ 16,876.00	\$ (2,212.00)	\$ (26,555.00)

We are now seeing updates on the Truist website for the next phase of the PPP SBA process where we apply for the loan forgiveness but we are in a holding pattern as Truist is finishing their online application process. So, we are still tracking our employee payroll expenses and utilities (electric & oil), which are being paid for through PPP SBA loan funds. We are required to track all these expenses separately for the necessary documentation in our forgiveness application with Truist Bank to show that we have met qualifications for possible forgiveness and conversion to a grant.

In this month's Treasurer's Report, the dollar amounts show the full expenses associated with Payroll and the Property-Utilities, grounds, etc. in the expenses section of the report. These expenses are still being tracked separately from our normal income and expense records using features of our PowerChurch software. This month's Treasurer's Report shows a deficit for the YTD (year to date) a little **more than (\$20,000)**. Treasurer's Reports will NOT be reporting any surplus amounts due to the \$ 47,400 SBA Loan, since this amount was deposited into our Operating Income as a balance adjustment until we are potentially granted forgiveness.

2020 Annual Report: If you are the chair of or involved in any committees that had activity last year (or would just like to submit a report about your committee), we are looking for your report to include in the **2020 Annual Reports of the Congregation**. It may not have been the busiest year, but it's still important to document all activity for historical purposes. We will be distributing the reports mainly electronically this year, but a limited number of paper copies will be available, as well. Target **date for distribution is February 28th**, or one week prior to the **Second Congregational Meeting on March 7, 2021**, so please have reports to the church office by February 21st.

A gentle reminder about appropriate masks that are required to be worn whenever in the Jordan building: The masks should be either the disposable type or two-layer fabric masks of a similar design that cover both the nose and mouth. Face coverings such as plastic shields (unless used in conjunction with an appropriate mask) and masks with vent valves included, are not considered by the CDC to provide adequate protection. CDC approved masks are available in Monica's office if needed.

Having all abide by the CDC guidelines will enhance the safety of others within the building. The responsible focus here is not our own personal preferences, it is based upon our loving consideration for those around us and reliable information. Please enjoy our streamed services from the comfort of your home now through February 28th, 2021.

The Relaunch Committee



Church Office Hours: The office is still open! Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon, to take your phone calls, drop off your offering envelopes, etc. Always contact-free if needed!

Annual Cemetery Lot Holder's Meeting: is postponed until regular church services are reestablished. A notice will be posted 2 weeks prior to that date.

2020 Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2021: The Thrivent Choice charitable grant program engages Thrivent clients with membership and Thrivent Member Networks in providing grants that support charitable activities, furthering Thrivent's mission and its purposes under state law grant decisions, including grant recipients and amounts, are made at the sole discretion of Thrivent. Directing Choice Dollars is subject the program's terms and conditions available at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Start 2021 on a generous note! If you haven't already, you can still direct 2020 Choice Dollars® before they expire*! With over 40,000 organizations to choose from, you can make an impact on the causes you care about most. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back! Directing Choice Dollars online is fast and easy.

Please see our updated COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR JORDAN LUTHERAN CHURCH on page 12 of this bulletin. The policy can also be found on our website and Facebook page.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

After careful consideration, together with the recommendation of the Relaunch Committee, Church Council has decided to continue VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES through April 4th. At that time, conditions will be re-evaluated, and we will either continue our "pause" or resume in-person worship.

We send our gratitude to those who continue to faithfully make their offerings!

We highly recommend that at this time you prayerfully consider using online giving. Here is how you sign up:

WEBSITE – go to www.jordanlutheran.org click on the **SUPPORT** tab, then **Electronic Giving** and you will be offered two options to set up your electronic giving

GIVE+ PLUS (a free, secure phone app) download this free app to your mobile phone, search by zip code 18069 and when you see Jordan, follow the instructions to make your donation.

COVID-19 Guidelines for Jordan Lutheran Church

First, some definitions of two additional ways to help prevent the spread of COVID.

- **Isolation** applies to people who are infected. It separates them from others, so the others cannot be infected.
- **Quarantine** applies to people who *might* be infected by exposure to people who are known to be infected. It separates them from others for a period long enough to ensure that the quarantined are not infected.

These guidelines are a result of our concern for one another at Jordan. Our mission is to promote the safety of those who attend worship services or gather for varying reasons.

1. To gather or attend worship at Jordan, you must wear a mask. Although your mask provides you protection from others, its primary purpose is to protect *others* in the event you are infectious.
2. During worship family groups are to remain at least six feet from one another. This distancing helps to prevent to the possibility of close contact between healthy people and others that might be infectious. *Close contact* is defined as being less than six feet from someone for 15 minutes or longer.
3. Do not gather or attend worship if:
 - You are not feeling well
 - You have a fever
 - You have a cough, loss of taste or smell, nausea, headaches, or any other symptoms of COVID-19

These guidelines will also help to prevent infecting others. (Good advice anytime, whether or not there is a pandemic.)

4. If you test positive for COVID-19, you should isolate yourself from others, to help reduce spreading the infection. You may gather or attend worship again **at least 10 days** after the symptoms appeared, or you tested positive, as long as:
 - You have gone at least 24 hours with no fever, without any fever-reducing medication, **AND**
 - Your other symptoms are improving.

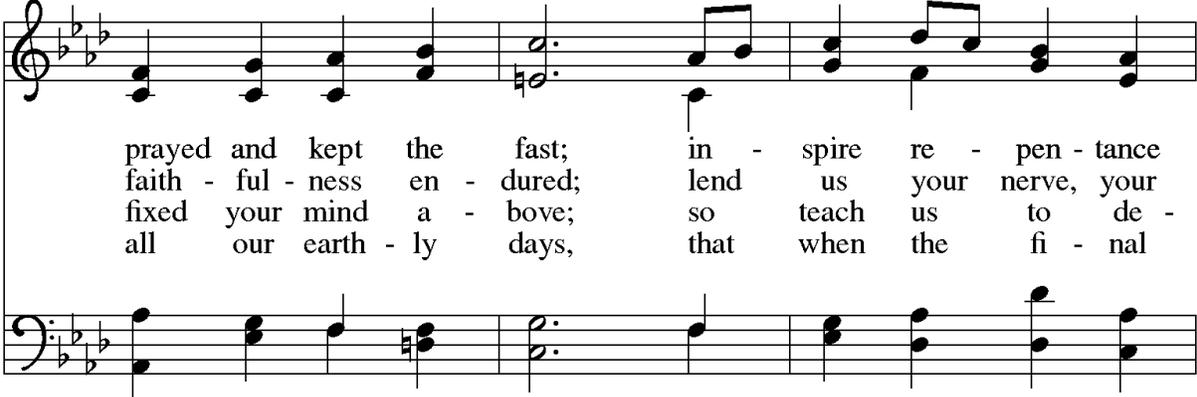
This guideline applies even if you did not display any symptoms, but had a positive test.

5. If you are aware you were in contact with someone who developed symptoms of COVID, or learned that s/he had a positive test result, you should quarantine yourself for 14 days from the time of contact. You may be around others or attend worship after that time, as long as you have not developed any symptoms or had a positive test result yourself.
6. If someone who gathered or attended worship notifies the Church s/he tested positive, those attending with that individual will be notified. Due to confidentiality the person will **not** be identified.
7. As always, you should contact your medical provider involving personal health concerns. These Guidelines are based on CDC recommendations. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/need-to-know.html>

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

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When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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Bless Now, O God, the Journey

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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