



February 26, 2023
First Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Worship p. 1

10:30 a.m. Worship w/communion p. 10

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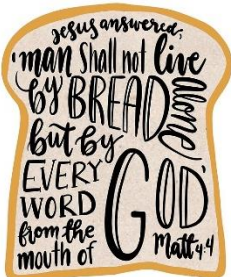
Our Mission

CELEBRATING

GOD

CONNECTING

PEOPLE



Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

GATHERING 8:00 a.m. / Worship Service

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Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *Jesus, Lead Thou On*

-Paul Manz

All who are able are invited to stand

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *Jesus, Still Lead On p. 23*

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

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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.
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Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

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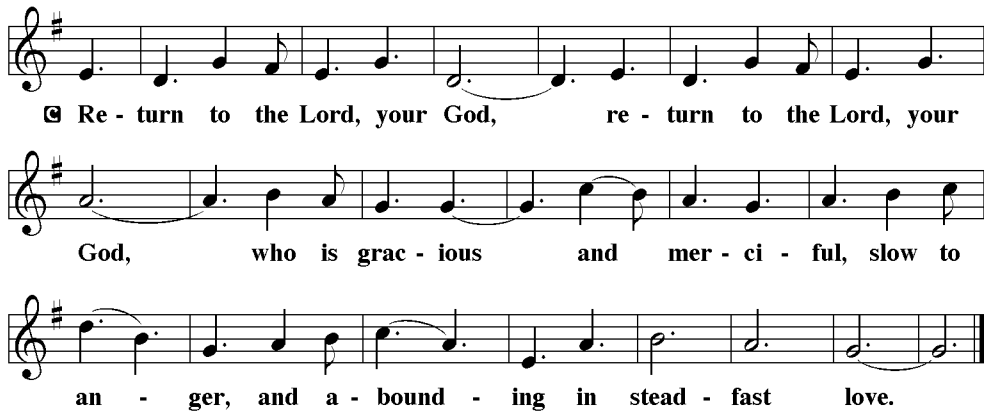
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¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.
The word of the Lord.

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The Gospel Verse



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an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.
Glorify to you, O Lord.

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

Time of Silent Reflection *(remain seated)*

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Hymn of the Day: *When We Are Tested p. 24*

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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You alone are God. Sustain your church in times of wilderness. Give vision and wisdom to bishops, their staff, and all entrusted with the ministry of administration. Counsel all who faithfully lead your people into the future. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You create verdant gardens and expansive deserts. Tend to the needs of every living creature. Bless those who work in fields and orchards, that the world is nourished by the fruits of their labor. Merciful God,
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You offer abundance to all. Bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Care for those who tend to the needs of others, especially worship greeters, fellowship hosts, altar guild, lectors, acolytes and ushers. Merciful God,
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The Peace – *Please share the peace in any manner comfortable to you.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offertory: *What Wondrous Love*

-setting Kristina Langlois

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of good gifts,

receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. 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.**

SENDING

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

Blessing

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* p. 27

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

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Postlude: *The Glory of These Forty Days*

-setting Timothy Albrecht

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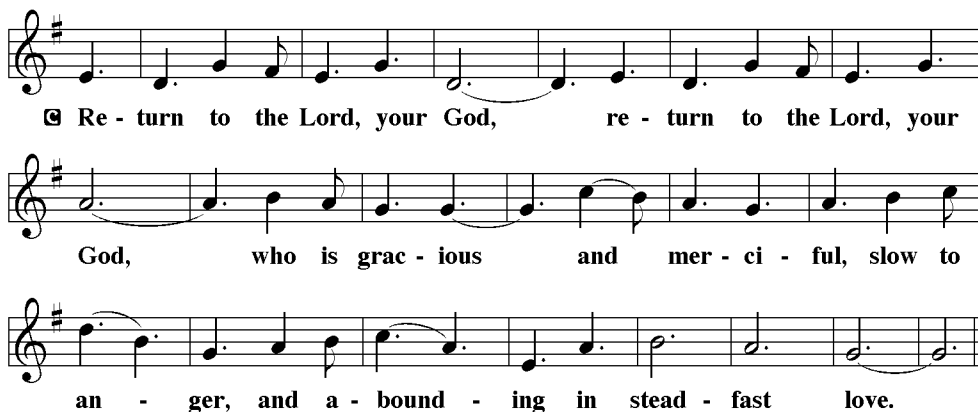
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THE MEAL

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Offertory : *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

-The Jordan Chorale

-arr. Carlton Young

Offering

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☞ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we
of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,
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Great Thanksgiving

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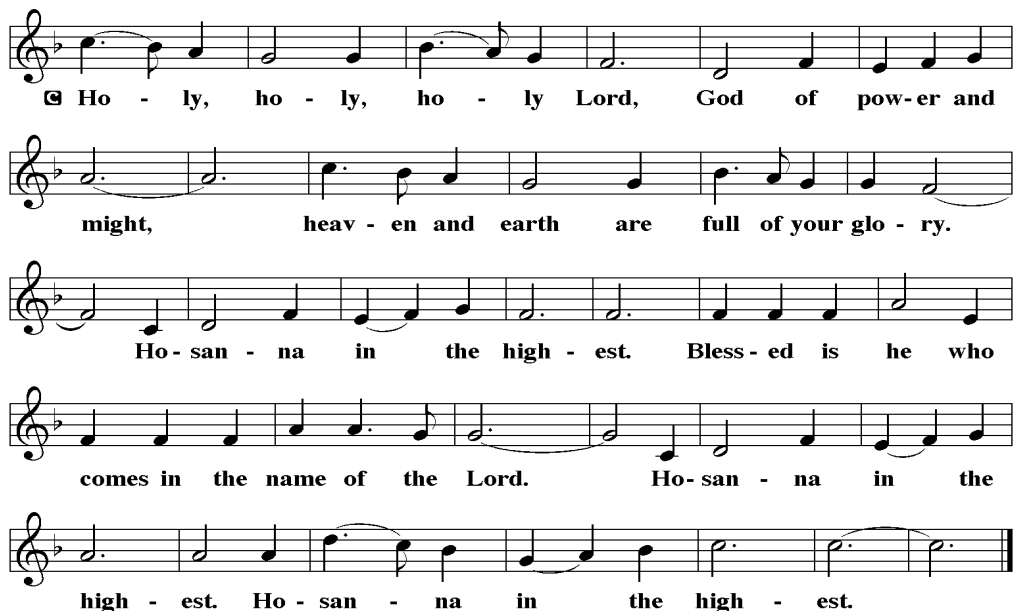
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It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en 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

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.

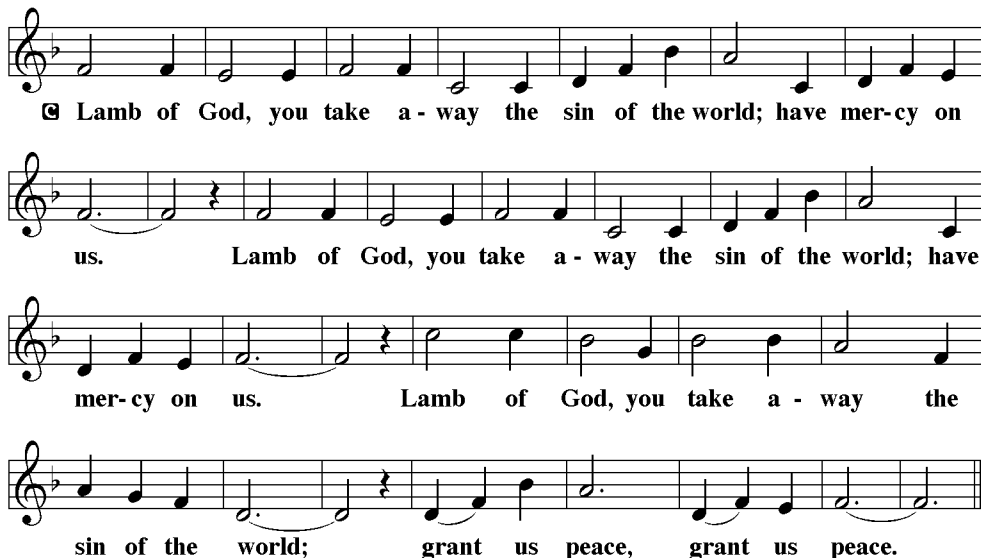
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.
All may be seated

Communion

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you." And each person may respond, "Amen."

Lamb of God



☞ 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 Distribution (Altar Rail Distribution)

Communion Hymns: *When Peace Like a River p. 25*

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word p. 26

After all have returned to their places

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Amen.

Song after Communion

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

Prayer after Communion

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Blessing

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* p. 27

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *The Glory of These Forty Days*

-setting Timothy Albrecht

Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

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

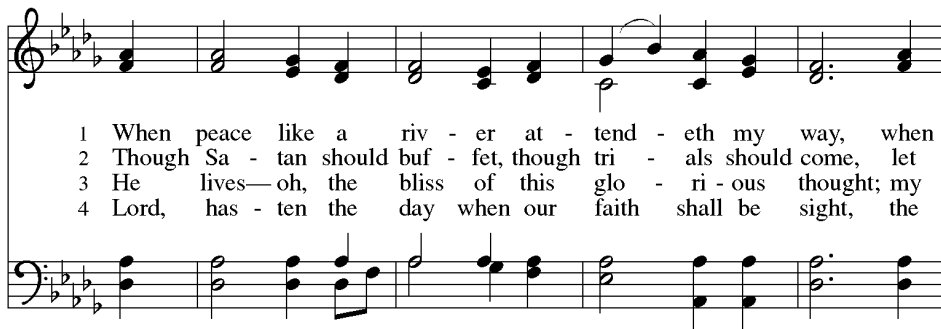
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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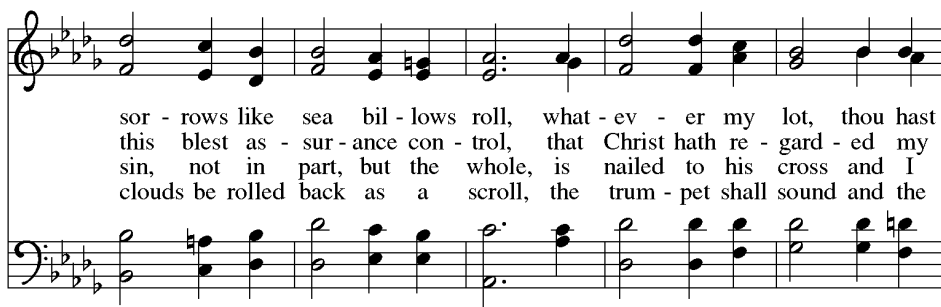
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When Peace, like a River

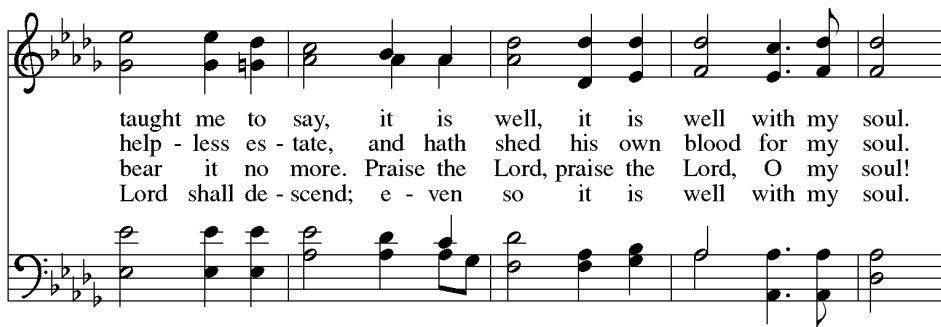
It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in three verses, with the first verse starting at the beginning of the first system and the second and third verses starting at the beginning of the second and third systems, respectively. The lyrics are: 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife and bring to naught all he has done. may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly. and lead us out of death to life.

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and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song



- 1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

- 2 *Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route;*
Jésus, je voudrais que ma voix soit l'écho de ta joie,
et que chante la terre et que chante le ciel;
Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route.
- 3 *Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route,*
Jésus, je voudrais partager les souffrances de ta croix,
car tu livres pour moi et ton corps et ton sang;
Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route.
- 4 *Jésus, je voudrais tout au long de ma route,*
entendre tes pas résonner dans le nuit près de moi,
jusqu'à l'aube du jour où ton peuple sauvé,
Jésus, chantera ton retour sur ma route.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931
 Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community
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T H I S W E E K (Feb 26 – Mar 4)

TODAY (26)

- 8:50am, Cherub Choir
- 9:15am Sunday school
- 9:15am, Thrivent Breakfast, Memory Rm.
- 9:30am, Chorale
- 1:00pm, First Communion Class, M8
- 6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

MON (27)

- 6:30pm, Jordaniers Bowlers
- 7:00pm, Boy Scouts
- 8:00pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

TUES (28)

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

WED (1)

- 9:00am, Prayer Shawl
- 1:00pm, Staff Meeting
- 5:00pm, Soccer, Family Ctr.
- 5:30pm, Jr. Gyros
- 6:00pm, Soup Supper, Memory Rm.
- 6:15pm, Friendship Ringers
- 6:30pm, Canon Choir
- 7:00pm, Holden Evening Prayer Service
- 7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

THU (2)



- 8:00am-5:00pm, Rising Roots Homeschool, Fam. Ctr.
- 6:00pm, Executive Com. mtg.
- 7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall
- 7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

FRI (3)

- 7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
- 7:30pm, AA meeting, Social Hall
- 9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

SAT (4)

- 11:00am, DAR Tea, Memory Rm.

Say a Prayer  Send a Card  Pay a Visit

Fellowship Community: Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel, Donald Laudenslager

Topon: Clint Trumbauer

Lehigh Commons: Janet Stettler

Sacred Heart: Dale Gogel **Lehigh Ctr:** Barbara Diehl

Parkland Manor: Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

Heather Glen: Herb & Anna Bieber, Sonny Laudenslager

Home: Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Reed Klotz

Please keep these people in your prayers: Lois Heisler, Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Rachelle Shollenberger, Kim Demarest, Tammy Harding, Vanessa Mace, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Anna Bieber, Grace Keller, Nat Hager, Hinata Grant, Bob Pellan

Birthdays this week: Barbara Kreidler, Charlotte Horn, Karen Boardman, Tighe Parker, Thomas Friday, Claire Pierce, Taylor Wikert, Leslie Dennis, Glen Wagner, Joshua Smith

Anniversaries this week: Jenny & Jeff Hartz (7)

Attendance

Sunday, 2/19/23

8:00-46 10:30-47

No sponsors today

Found in the Literature Racks This Week

<i>Last week's bulletins</i>	<i>This month's newsletter</i>
<i>2022 Annual Reports</i>	<i>Endowment Request Forms</i>
<i>Easter Tribute Forms</i>	<i>Last Month's Treasurer's Report</i>

Worship Assistants

DATE	2/26	3/5	3/12	3/19
Altar Guild	8:00-L Daniels 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-C Dorney, L Green 10:30-K Leonard	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-S Wagaman	8:00-C Dorney, L Green 10:30-I Martz
Lector	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-J Siegfried	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Acolyte	8:00-C Weidman 10:30-L Epting	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Ushers	8:00-D & C Rabenold 10:30-J & C Boscia	8:00-R & B Albright 10:30-	8:00-R & B Albright 10:30-	8:00-R & B Albright 10:30-
Bell Toller	8:00-G Schuler 10:30-S Hamil	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
SAT	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-I Martz	8:00-K & D Mancke 10:30-D Clark	8:00- 10:30-D Clark	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-K Boardman
Video	10:30-K Gross	10:30-T Daniels	10:30-	10:30-

Please look at the dates we have no one scheduled and give a call to the name listed below for the area(s) you can help with!
Altar Guild/Lynn Daniels lj2137@aol.com // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia Julie.boscia@gmail.com // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman sgarbeglio@yahoo.com // **Ushers** /John Weremedic miner70@ptd.net // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil hamilsre@gmail.com // **SAT**/Karen Boardman/kib59@ptd.net // **Video**/Julie Williams jwill02@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIPS

2023 Altar Flowers: Mar. 19, 26; April 2, 16, 30; May 7, 21, 28

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2023				
	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
Income:				
Operating Income	\$ 37,483.00	\$ 37,483.00	\$ 29,351.00	\$ 29,351.00
Benevolence	\$ 523.00	\$ 523.00	\$ 1,333.00	\$ 1,333.00
Property	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 2,083.00	\$ 2,083.00
Total Income	\$ 39,451.00	\$ 39,451.00	\$ 32,767.00	\$ 32,767.00
Expenses:				
Administration	\$ 3,187.00	\$ 3,187.00	\$ 1,554.00	\$ 1,554.00
Benevolence	\$ 2,188.00	\$ 2,188.00	\$ 1,813.00	\$ 1,813.00
Payroll	\$ 22,905.00	\$ 22,905.00	\$ 22,738.00	\$ 22,738.00
Ministries	\$ 1,657.00	\$ 1,657.00	\$ 973.00	\$ 973.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 4,109.00	\$ 4,109.00	\$ 9,125.00	\$ 9,125.00
Total Expenses	\$ 34,046.00	\$ 34,046.00	\$ 36,203.00	\$ 36,203.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 5,405.00	\$ 5,405.00	\$ (3,436.00)	\$ (3,436.00)



Journey of Stones

Midweek Lenten Worship Services kick off with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd as we prepare ourselves by taking time to reflect on our relationship with God. Join us each week at 6:00 p.m. for a soup/salad/sandwich dinner in the Memory Room, followed by the traditional worship service at 7:00 p.m. with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

On the following Wednesdays during Lent (March 1st - March 29th), we will worship at 7:00 p.m. using Holden's Evening Prayer. This year's theme will be "Journey of Stones" inspired by ELCA Lutheran pastor, Rev. Steven Molin, Stillwater, Minnesota. Each week's scripture will be based on the stones portrayed in scripture as we reflect upon the stones (the sins) that are in our life. Each week you will receive a stone, symbolic of your sins. During the service you will be invited to leave that stone at the cross of Jesus.

The focus and themes are as follows:

Week 1 - March 1	Rejected Stones	Psalm 118; Mark 12:1-2
Week 2 - March 8	Stick & Stones	John 8:1-12
Week 3 - March 15	Hearts of Stone	Luke 11:37-52
Week 4 - March 22	Upon This Rock	Matthew 16: 13-20
Week 5 - March 29	Crying Stones	Luke 19: 29-40
Easter Sunday	He's Alive!	John 20:1-18

Please join us this Lenten season for a time of reflection, rejuvenation, and reconnecting!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. April 8th
Egg Hunt - 10 am
Family Ctr
Age 0 – 12
Rain or Shine
Crafts & Candy!



Sat. May 6th
Mother's Day
Brunch - 10 am
Memory Room
Food &
Fellowship
\$5 donation

Fri. June 16th
Iron Pigs
Baseball Game
7pm – Coca-Cola Park
Faith Night - Picnic
Patio – seats reserved.



June 19 to 23
Vacation Bible School
9 - 11:45 am - Fam Ctr
Ages 3 to Grade 5
Stories, Crafts,
Songs, Games!





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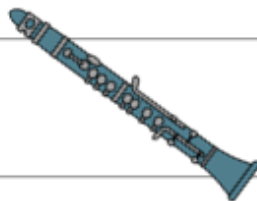


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MUSICIANS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER IS SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH. INSTRUMENTAL MUSICIANS ARE NEEDED TO ACCOMPANY SERVICES AT 6:30 A.M. (IN CEMETERY, WEATHER PERMITTING), 8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M. I ANTICIPATE TWO REHEARSALS TO PREPARE. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH IN A VERY IMPORTANT WAY ON THE PRIMARY FESTIVAL OF THE CHURCH YEAR, PLEASE COMPLETE THE SLIP BELOW AND RETURN TO SUSAN HARTNEY, ORGANIST. PLAYERS OF ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME!

Any questions, contact Susan Hartney
Phone: 610-360-6934
Email: suzyflute@aol.com



YES! I would like to play on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. I understand I am committing to two rehearsals and playing at the service(s) I choose. You may return slip via offering plate, USPS, or reply by phone or email.

Name _____ Contact Info _____

Instrument _____

Played for how long? _____

Preferred Service Time (circle one) 6:30 8:00 10:30 *You may choose more than one!!*

Save These Dates!

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 9th, from 7:00 to 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center. Stop by before or after worship for a breakfast of scrambled eggs, homefries and sausage. A freewill donation will be accepted.

All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, April 22nd, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Dinner includes your pasta, meatballs, garlic bread, salad and a dessert for just \$10! Eat in or takeout will be available. The Outreach Committee is sponsoring this dinner and all profits will go to support The Sanctuary at Haafsville (a non-profit haven for homeless dogs and cats).

4-F Outdoor Worship & Picnic

This year's 4 – F Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 4th! Lots more information to come, but you don't want to miss this day of Faith, Fun, Food, and Fellowship!

Family Promise

Please take a minute and sign up to help the weeks of Mar 19, Mar 26, Aug 6, Aug 13, Oct 1, & Oct 8 - on the Jordan website → Ministries -> Outreach.

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations

Candy donations & gift cards to purchase candy (put in offering plate) are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt, April 8th. Donation tags will be available in the Memory Room. Please take a tag, purchase the candy, and bring the bags of individually wrapped, small candy back between March 5th - 26th. Place the candy in the labeled Egg Hunt Donation box in the Memory Room **by March 26th**. Thank you.



Help JELC prepare for the Egg Hunt!

Please plan to join us to stuff eggs for the Egg Hunt. We will gather in the Memory Room, April 2nd, between services. Egg Hunt Volunteer opportunities please sign-up in the Memory Room. April 8th - Day of event, volunteers needed for stations, 9 am – 10:30 am Sign-up sheets will be in the Memory Room the next three Sundays. Email Steph Derstine with questions at jordandff@ptd.net



Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt (children 12 and under)

Saturday, April 8, 2023, in the Family Center. Registration begins at 9:30 and events begin at 10:00. Activities for children include crafts, jellybean & candy guessing, children's skit, goody bags and prizes! Grab your Easter basket and hop on over! **Invite your friends and neighbors – not just for JELC members!**

Mid-Week Lenten Service & Soup Suppers

Please join us on the Wednesdays of Lent at 7:00 pm for a Holden Evening Prayer Service, and soup, salad, bread, and dessert at 6:00pm in the Memory Room if you would like to contribute food to any of the suppers, please use the sign-up sheet located on the circular bulletin board in the Memory Room.

2023 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, on the website, or from the church office.

Your Name _____

Your phone number _____ Env. No. _____

\$ _____ Flowers (\$12.00 per memorial flower)

\$ _____ Hunger Donation

\$ _____ Memorial Fund Donation

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. _____

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

Please check: ___ Flower ___ Hunger Fund ___ Memorial Fund

Masks are a PERSONAL PREFERENCE at Jordan

*We respect the decision of those individuals who wish to continue wearing masks.
They are encouraged to take the precautions they think necessary to protect their health.*

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 RAIL 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.

The use of **electronic devices** during worship is discouraged. Please turn off cell phones or place on 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.

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.

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 15th of the month.