



**March 9, 2025**  
**First Sunday in Lent**  
**8:00 a.m. Worship Service**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion**

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*These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*

# GATHERING

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

Congregation reads **BOLD**

## **Bell**

## **Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

- arr. Wayne L. Wold

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

# Gathering Song

## 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: SEELENBRAUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

## **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**

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

*The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs

and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house. *The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)**

*God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)*

<sup>1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—

<sup>2</sup> **you will say to the Lord, "My refuge | and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I | put my trust."**

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the | Lord your refuge,  
and the Most High your | habitation,

<sup>10</sup> **no evil | will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels charge | over you,  
to guard you in | all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> **Upon their hands they will | bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

<sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup> **I will deliver those who | cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**

<sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will | answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

<sup>16</sup> **With long life will I | satisfy them,  
and show them | my salvation.**

## Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

<sup>8b</sup> “The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” *The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## Gospel Acclamation



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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## Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,

to protect you,’

<sup>11</sup> and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. *The Word 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

## Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
so we are dead and live with you in God.  
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

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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**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill *especially Rosie, Lisa, Dale, Nat, Anita, Brian, Ben.* God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Conner, Patrick, Bill, John, Laura, Michael, Nathaniel, Wesley.* God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week, *especially James & Terry.* May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. God, in your mercy,  
**receive 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 Good Shepherd, Kreidersville, and their pastor, Gary Walbert. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**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): *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

- Raymond Henry

(10:30): *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

- Andrew Bruhn

-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.*

## Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*All who are able are invited to stand*

### **Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray. Gracious Provider,

**you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**[8:00 service continues on page 14 with the Lord's Prayer]**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*All may be seated*

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

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.**

[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

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

*Please be seated*

### Communion



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

As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:

**The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.**

The communicant may say: **Amen**



**The Distribution**  
**Communion Hymns**

## Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff for the Soprano part and a bass clef staff for the Alto and Tenor parts. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast 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.

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

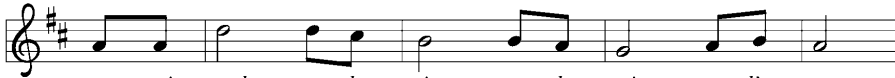
## Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song



- 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 la 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  
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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

### Now the Silence

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

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## **Prayer After Communion**

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**[8:00 service continues here]**

## **SENDING**

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

## **Blessing**

God our tender parent, God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

## 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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## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude:** *Abide With Me*

- setting, Lynn L. Petersen



### ***Lenten Soup Suppers***

Please join us for soup, salad, bread, and dessert beginning TODAY, March 5th, at 6:00pm in the Memory Room prior to the 7:00pm church service. 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. See Doug & Carol Fay, Judy Grim, or Ingrid Martz if you have any questions or can offer your help.

Our Mid-Week Lenten worship theme this year is "**Created for Community**"

March 12 <sup>th</sup>	In Community with Creation	Mark 4:35-41
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	In Community with All the Saints	Mark 9:2-8
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	In Community with Our Neighbor	Mark 2:1-12
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	In Community with Those on the Margins	Mark 5:1-20
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	In Community with Christ	Mark 10:32-45

### ***Holy Week***

<b><i>April 13</i></b>	<b><i>Palm Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m.</i></b>
<b><i>April 16</i></b>	<b><i>Egg Hunt (Family Ctr)</i></b>	<b><i>8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon</i></b>
<b><i>April 17</i></b>	<b><i>Maundy Thursday</i></b>	<b><i>7:00 p.m.</i></b>
<b><i>April 18</i></b>	<b><i>Good Friday/Tenebrae</i></b>	<b><i>7:00 p.m.</i></b>
	<b><i>April 20 Easter Sunday</i></b>	
	<b><i>Breakfast in the Family Center</i></b>	<b><i>6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.</i></b>
	<b><i>Sunrise Service (outdoors weather permitting)</i></b>	<b><i>6:30 a.m.</i></b>
	<b><i>Easter Worship with Holy Communion</i></b>	<b><i>8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m.</i></b>

**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 March 9 - 15

## **TODAY (9)**

- 8:50am, Cherub Choir
- 9:15am, Sunday School & Circle of Faith
- 9:30am, Chorale
- 9:15am, New Membership mtg.
- 1-3pm, First Communion Class
- 5:00pm, 3D Youth Group meeting
- 6:30pm, AA Meeting

## **MON (10)**

- 5:15pm, Canon Choir
- 6:30pm, Jordanians
- 7:00pm, Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm, Parkland Garden Club, Memory Rm.
- 7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## **TUES (11)**

- 1:00pm, Outreach mtg.
- 1:30pm, Game Day M 6/8
- 6:30pm, Bible Study M 8
- 7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## **WED (12)**

- 9:00am, Prayer Shawl
- 6:00pm, Soup Supper, Memory Room
- 6:30pm, Friendship Ringers
- 7:00pm, Mid-Week Lenten Service
- 7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

## **THU (13)**

- 9am-5pm, *Rising Roots Homeschool, Fam. Ctr*
- 7:00pm, Church Council
- 7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall
- 7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## **FRI (14)**

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

## **SAT (15)**

- 10:00am, DAR, Memory Room

### **40 Days – 40 Items**

Each day of Lent, remove one piece of clothing that you don't wear anymore and place it in the donation bag. At the end of Lent, drop it off in our clothing bin. Check the Memory Room for the basket containing a "starter kit" plus a list of accepted/not accepted items.

## **Attendance**

3/2/25  
8:00 – 46  
10:30 – 50

## **NO SPONSORS TODAY**

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

**Order forms are due April 6th**, or 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. If you want to learn more about how you can support Jordan's youth through this convenient fundraiser, our youth leader, Stephany Heckman, will be in the Memory Room after each service on 4/6 to answer your questions.

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

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

**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

**South Mountain Memory Care:** Richard Seltzer

**Home:** Roger Schoemaker

**Please keep these people in your prayers:** Rosie Blaukowitz, Lisa Williams, Dale Gogel, Nat Hager, Anita, Brian Hahn, Ben Hartney

**Birthdays this week:** Conner Weidman, Patrick Helsley, Bill Hendricks, John Weremedic, Laura Garrison, Michale Kerschner, Nathaniel Benner, Wesley Filipovits

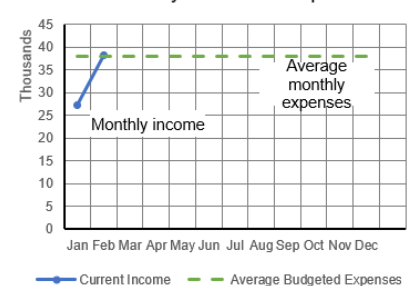
**Anniversaries this week:** James & Terry Gannon (32)

Please check the church website for a copy of the March Newsletter. Due to unresolved email issues, not all members have received theirs by email. If you need the birthday/anniversary list, please pick up a paper copy from the literature racks or the foyer in church. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Average weekly expenses: \$8,787  
Current annual surplus/(deficit): (\$19,050)

Weekly collections	
Feb 2-8	\$19,283
Feb 9-15	\$365
Feb 16-22	\$10,237
Feb 23-Mar 1	\$8,474
Mar 2-8	\$8,478

2025 Monthly Income vs Expenses



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

## **SPONSORSHIPS**

**Altar Flowers:** Mar. 16, 30; Apr. 6, 13, 27, May 18, 25

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

DATE	3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-C Heilman	8:00-J Suhocki 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-C Rabenold 10:30-S Hamil
<b>Lector</b>	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-J Boscia	8:00-D Heckman 10:30-	8:00-M Peters 10:30-S Heckman
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:00-C Wozniak 10:30-A Heckman	8:00-I Strohl 10:30-C Boscia	8:00-P Shafer 10:30-C Boscia	8:00-I Strohl 10:30-N Heckman
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00-R & B Albright 10:30-J Siegfried, L Hendricks	8:00-D & C Rabenold 10:30-D & S Heckman	8:00-D & D Stark 10:30-J Steiner, J Siegfried	8:00-G Vrabel, M Kozy 10:30-B & L Hendricks
<b>Bell Toller</b>	8:00-D Stark 10:30-B Stettler	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-C Boscia	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-C Boscia	8:00-J Bair 10:30-S Hamil
<b>Video</b>	10:30-D Clark	10:30-	10:30-D Dreisbach	10:30-K Boardman
<b>SAT</b>	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-D Clark	8:00- 10:30-	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 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 [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 [hamilrsre@gmail.com](mailto:hamilrsre@gmail.com) // **SAT**/Doug Clark [d.clark854@gmail.com](mailto:d.clark854@gmail.com) // **Video**/Tom Daniels [tkdaniels@ptd.net](mailto:tkdaniels@ptd.net)

### ***Our Heritage, Our Faith, Our Future Capital Campaign***

Thank you for the continued support of the *Our Heritage, Our Faith, Our Future* campaign. We want to offer our heartfelt thanks to all those who have blessed the church through their participation in the campaign so far.

We know that God is calling us to intentionally invest in the future of this vibrant congregation. Now is the time to look at our beautiful church campus, to see those areas that are in need of maintenance and repairs, address any safety and accessibility concerns, and improve the spaces utilized by our many ministries and events.

For those who have not yet had the opportunity to make a contribution, additional commitment forms are available at the church office as well as online.

It is our hope that all Jordan Lutheran Church households are able to participate at a meaningful level for them. We will be following up with families in the following weeks to answer any questions. You may also reach out directly to Richie at 484-364-0781 or [rmusser@kirbysmith.com](mailto:rmusser@kirbysmith.com). Thank you for your dedication, support and generosity!

### ***Toiletry Collection Campaign – ends today, March 9th***

Your donations of travel-size toiletry products, toothbrushes & toothpaste and disposable razors will be so appreciated, and those having a fragrance are welcomed. The Lehigh Conference of Churches will distribute them to the homeless population who they serve. There is a box located in the Memory Room to receive your generous donations.

### ***Circle of Faith – Sunday School for Adults***

Join us each Sunday at 9:15 for a class geared to adults, led by Darlene Wenhold. Our current class, ***“If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat,”*** begins TODAY!

### ***Lenten Blessing Bags***

Please consider adding a "hello" card to the Lenten Blessing Bags for the shut-in's noted below. The bags are located on the pew in the Memory Room today, March, 9<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by and take a bag to deliver to one of the people listed below.

<b>Lillian Semmel</b>	<b>Donald Laudenslager</b>	<b>Reed Klotz</b>	<b>Margaret Smith</b>	<b>Elwood Laudenslager</b>	<b>Richard Seltzer</b>
<b>Paulette Bassler</b>	<b>Herbert &amp; Dorla Hullinger</b>	<b>Roger Schoemaker</b>	<b>Anna Bieber</b>	<b>Dale Gogel</b>	<b>Shirley Wertman</b>

### ***Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>***

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th at 10 am in the Family Center. We are asking members to help fill plastic eggs between the services, Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> for the Easter Egg Hunt. Donations for candy and prizes will be collected in the Memory Room, Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### ***Easter Breakfast – Sausage & Pancakes***

Join us 6:30-9:30 am on Easter Sunday. Your free will donation will benefit Tails of Valor®. Donations of baked goods are appreciated.