



**March 26, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
*8:00 a.m. Worship Service p. 1*  
*10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/communion p.10*

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**I AM**  
**THE RESURRECTION**  
**AND LIFE.**  
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**JOHN 11:25**

*In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.*

# GATHERING 8:00 a.m. / Worship Service

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## Bell

## Announcements

**Prelude:** *Seed That in Earth Is Dying*

-Harald Herresthal, setting Philip Gehring

*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.**

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**Gathering Hymn:** *Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense* p. 23

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**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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## WORD

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**Thanks be to God.**

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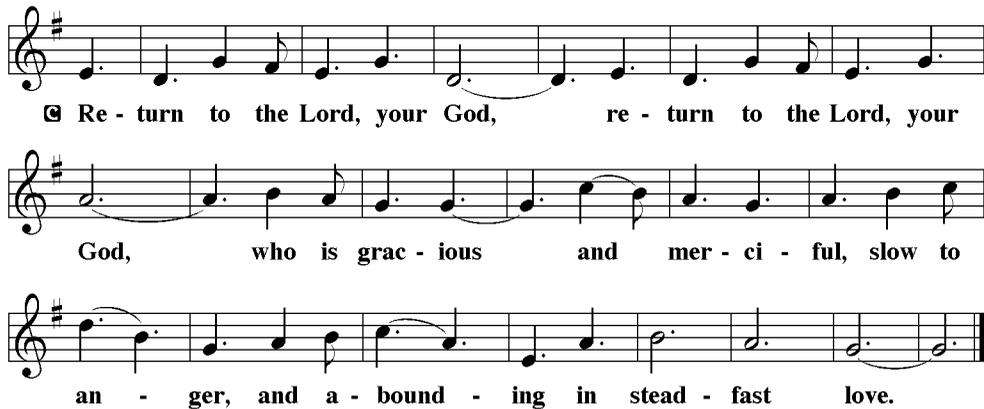
<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. *The Word of the Lord.*

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## The Gospel Verse



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God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to  
an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### The Holy Gospel: John 11:1-45

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<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha

and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All may be seated*

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

### Time of Silent Reflection *(remain seated)*

*All who are able are invited to stand*

**Hymn of the Day:** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 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 have breathed into us the breath of life. Enliven your church. Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches around the globe, and bless the work of missionaries who accompany them. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your spirit brings life to creation. Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing. Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil beneath our feet and the air all around. Merciful God,  
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You redeem the world and its peoples. Free us from systems of oppression. Unbind nations and societies from the sins of racism, sexism, and homophobia. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Merciful God,  
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Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving and in songs of lament and prayer. Merciful God,  
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You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. With thanksgiving, we remember all your saints who now live in your eternal love. Merciful God,  
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You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness especially *Lois, Helen, Susan, Gladys, Rachelle, Kim, Tammy, Vanessa, Dean, Lester, Grace, Nat, Hinata, Bob, Lori, Larry, Lisa, John, Olive*. You hear us when we call to you. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Merciful God,  
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For those celebrating birthdays this week, *Derrick, Phyllis, Kitty, Dale, Roger*. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years. Merciful God,  
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For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. Merciful God,  
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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 Ziegel's, Weisenberg Twp., and their pastor, Andy Meckstroth. Merciful God,  
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*Here other intercessions may be offered*

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen**

# 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:** *Beautiful Things*

-by Michael Gungor and Lisa Gungor

## Offering

*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.*

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. Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:** *What Wondrous Love Is This* p. 27

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

-Johann Crueger, harmonization by J. S. Bach

# GATHERING / 10:30 a.m. Service w/communion

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-Junior Gyros

-traditional Gaelic melody, arr. Sandra Eithun

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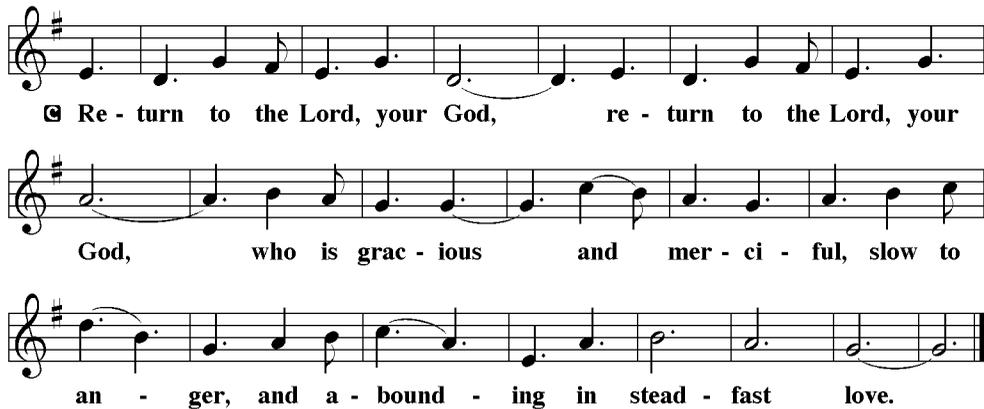
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<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha

and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All may be seated*

**Canon Choir:** *The Walk to Calvary*

-Norma Anderson

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Time of Silent Reflection** *(remain seated)*

## **Hymn of the Day:** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 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 have breathed into us the breath of life. Enliven your church. Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches around the globe, and bless the work of missionaries who accompany them. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your spirit brings life to creation. Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing. Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil beneath our feet and the air all around. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You redeem the world and its peoples. Free us from systems of oppression. Unbind nations and societies from the sins of racism, sexism, and homophobia. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving and in songs of lament and prayer. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. With thanksgiving, we remember all your saints who now live in your eternal love. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness *especially Lois, Helen, Susan, Gladys, Rachelle, Kim, Tammy, Vanessa, Dean, Lester, Grace, Nat, Hinata, Bob, Lori, Larry, Lisa, John, Olive.* You hear us when we call to you. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week, *Derrick, Phyllis, Kitty, Dale, Roger.* May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. Merciful God,  
**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 Ziegel's, Weisenberg Twp., and their pastor, Andy Meckstroth. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen**

**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.**

## THE MEAL

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

*All may be seated*

**Offertory** : *Seed That in Earth is Dying*

-Harald Herresthal, setting Bradley Ellingboe

-Jordan Chorale

## Offering

*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.*



☞ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. 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,



Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to 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.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

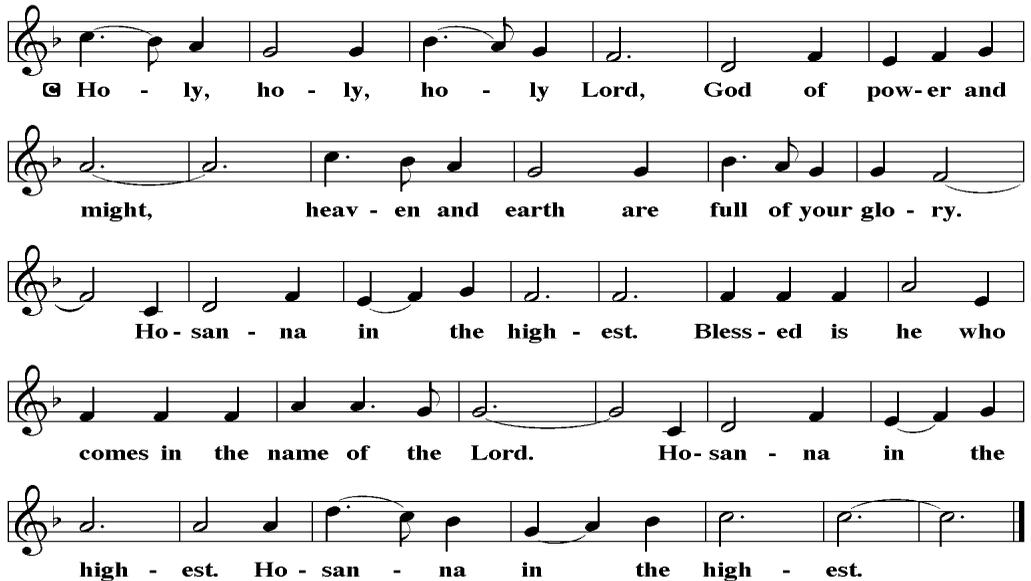
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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:

## 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

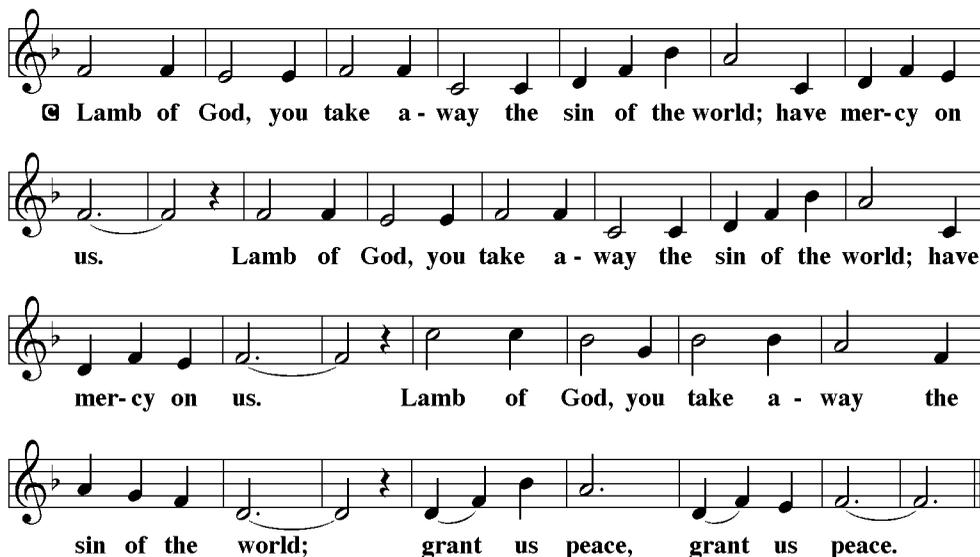
Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

*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: *You Are the Way* p. 25

*Abide With Me* p. 26

After all have returned to their places

*All who are able are invited to stand*

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



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.

## **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:** *What Wondrous Love Is This* p. 27

## **Dismissal**

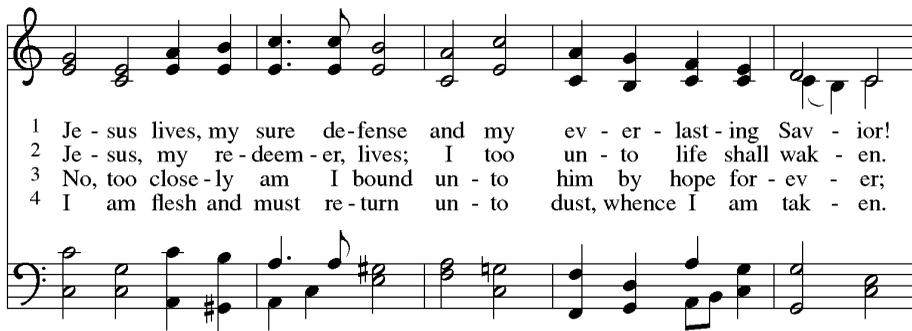
Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

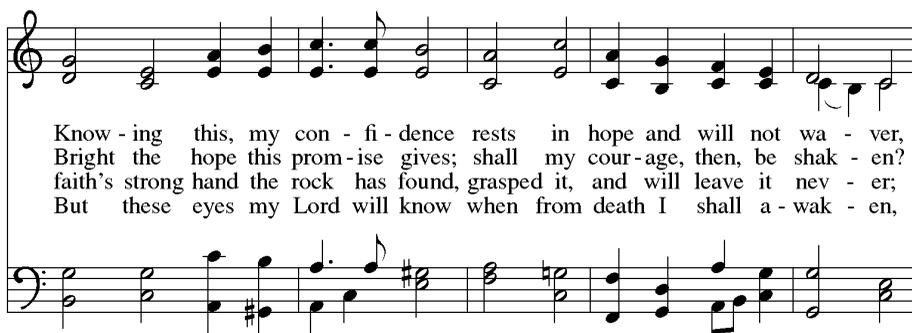
**Postlude:** *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

-Johann Cruegar, harmonization by J. S. Bach

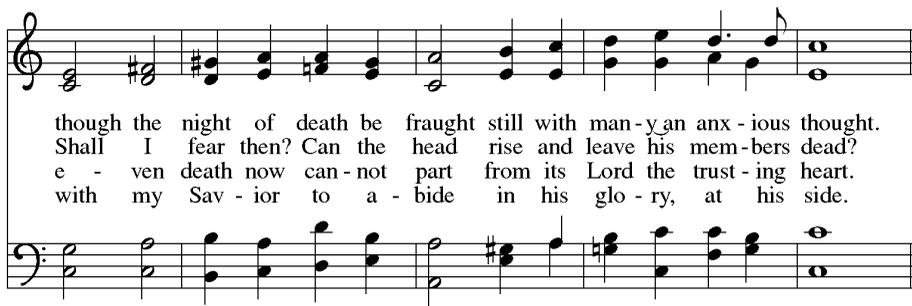
## Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense



1 Je - sus lives, my sure de - fense and my ev - er - last - ing Sav - ior!  
 2 Je - sus, my re - deem - er, lives; I too un - to life shall wak - en.  
 3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by hope for - ev - er;  
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence I am tak - en.



Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence rests in hope and will not wa - ver,  
 Bright the hope this prom - ise gives; shall my cour - age, then, be shak - en?  
 faith's strong hand the rock has found, grasped it, and will leave it nev - er;  
 But these eyes my Lord will know when from death I shall a - wak - en,

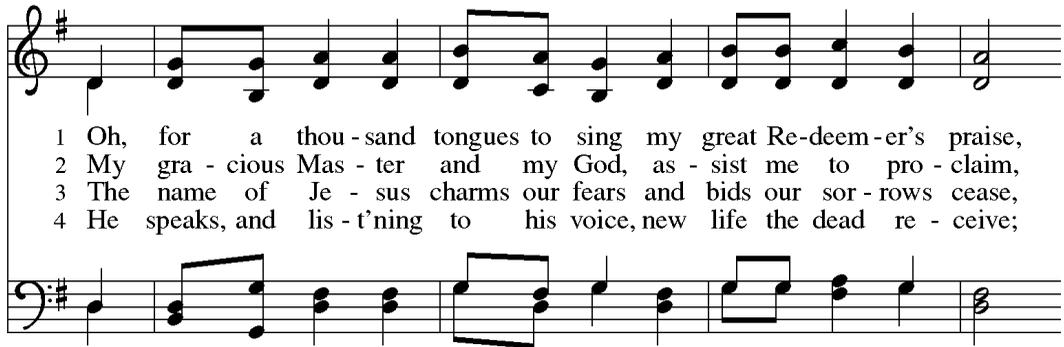


though the night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.  
 Shall I fear then? Can the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?  
 e - ven death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.  
 with my Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.

5 Then take comfort and rejoice  
 for his people Christ will cherish.  
 Fear not, you will hear his voice;  
 dying, you will never perish;  
 for the very grave is stirred  
 when the trumpet's blast is heard.

6 Here on earth, then, let your hearts  
 rise from longings vain and hollow.  
 Seek what Christ your Lord imparts  
 while you in his footsteps follow.  
 As you now still wait to rise,  
 set your hearts beyond the skies!

# Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



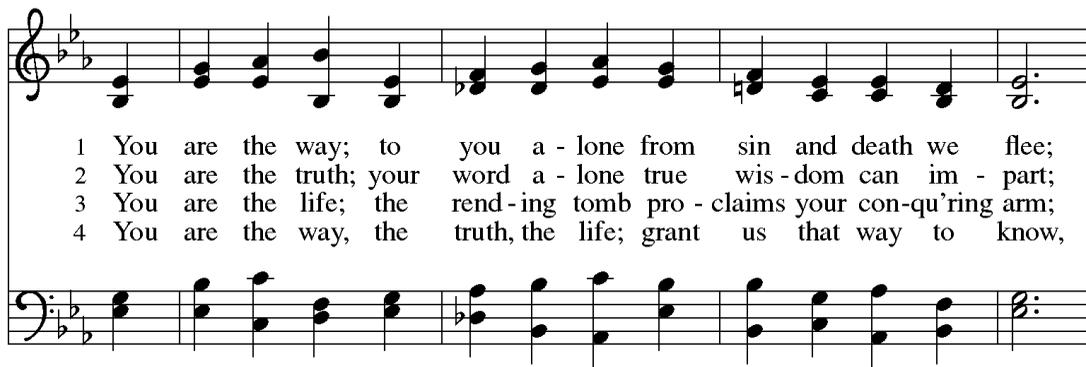
the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

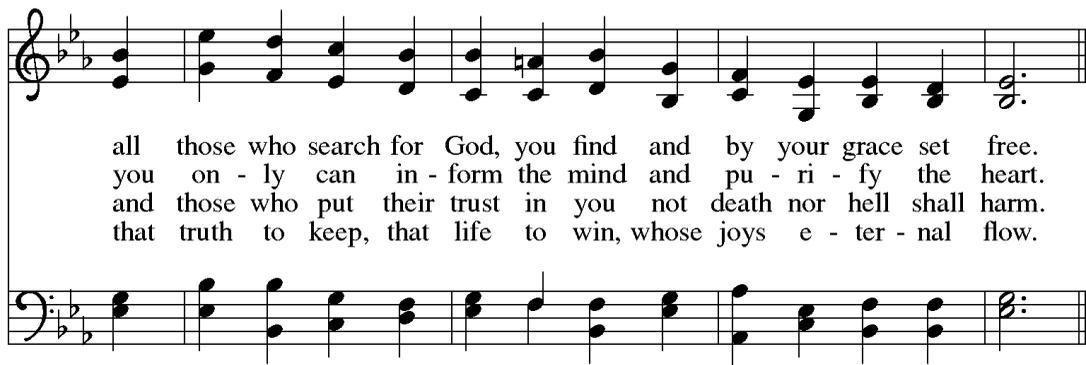
6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## You Are the Way



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.  
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

# Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847  
 Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

# What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.  
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.  
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**THIS WEEK (Mar 26 – Apr 1)**

**TODAY (26)**

- 8:50am, Cherub Choir
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 9:30am, Chorale
- 12:00noon, Egg Hunt Prep, Family Ctr.
- 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, Rm. 8
- 7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

**WED (29)**

- 9:00am, Prayer Shawl
- 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 (30)**

- 8:00am-5:00pm, Rising Roots Homeschool, Fam. Ctr.
- 6:30pm, Exec. Com. (zoom)
- 7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall
- 7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

**FRI (31)**

- 7:00pm, Set up for Boy Scout event, Family Ctr.

**SAT (1)**

- 7am-4pm, Boy Scout Trade-O-Ree, Family Ctr.

*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, Rachele Shollenberger, Kim Demarest, Tammy Harding, Vanessa Mace, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Grace Keller, Nat Hager, Hinata Grant, Bob Pellen, Lori Kocher, Larry Hahn, Lisa Williams, John Weremedic, Olive Wood

**Birthdays this week:** Derrick Gaugler, Phyllis German, Kitty Tom, Dale Hahn, Roger Schoemaker

**Anniversaries this week:** [none]

**Attendance**

**Sunday, 3/19/23**

**8:00-45 10:30-69**

**Wed. 3/22 - 46**

**Bulletins** are given in loving memory of husband, Norm, by Ila Dietrich.

***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	3/26	4/2 Palm Sun	4/9 Easter	4/16
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-L Daniels	8:00- 10:30-L Stettler	8:00- 10:30-L Stettler	8:00-J Suhocki 10:30-K Leonard
<b>Lector</b>	8:00-R Shafer 10:30-C Flemish	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:00-G Schuler 10:30-O Wozniak	8:00-B Epting 10:30-J Kerschner	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-N Heckman	8:00-C Weidman 10:30-O Wozniak
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00-R & B Albright 10:30-J & C Boscia	8:00-D & D Stark 10:30-Stettler, Jensen, Hartz families	8:00-D & D Stark 10:30-Stettler, Jensen, Hartz families	8:00-D & D Stark 10:30-Stettler, Jensen, Hartz families
<b>Bell Toller</b>	8:00-D Stark 10:30-J Siegfried	8:00-G Schuler 10:30-C & C Boscia	8:00-D Stark 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-C & C Boscia
<b>SAT</b>	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-D Heckman	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
<b>Video</b>	10:30-	10:30-	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](mailto:lj2137@aol.com) // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia [julie.boscia@gmail.com](mailto:julie.boscia@gmail.com) // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman [sgarbeglio@yahoo.com](mailto:sgarbeglio@yahoo.com) // **Ushers**/John Weremedic [miner70@ptd.net](mailto:miner70@ptd.net) // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil [hamilsre@gmail.com](mailto:hamilsre@gmail.com) // **SAT**/[Karen Boardman/kjb59@ptd.net](mailto:Karen Boardman/kjb59@ptd.net) // **Video**/Julie Williams [jbwill02@gmail.com](mailto:jbwill02@gmail.com)

### SPONSORSHIPS

**2023 Altar Flowers:** April 30; May 21, 28; June 4, 11, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
 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](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.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2023				
	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
<b>Income:</b>				
Operating Income	\$ 44,561.00	\$ 82,167.00	\$ 29,351.00	\$ 58,699.00
Benevolence	\$ 588.00	\$ 1,111.00	\$ 1,333.00	\$ 2,667.00
Property	\$ 847.00	\$ 2,292.00	\$ 2,083.00	\$ 4,167.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 45,996.00</b>	<b>\$ 85,570.00</b>	<b>\$ 32,767.00</b>	<b>\$ 65,533.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Administration	\$ 1,432.00	\$ 4,618.00	\$ 1,554.00	\$ 3,108.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,688.00	\$ 3,875.00	\$ 1,813.00	\$ 3,625.00
Payroll	\$ 23,848.00	\$ 46,753.00	\$ 22,738.00	\$ 45,475.00
Ministries	\$ 464.00	\$ 2,120.00	\$ 973.00	\$ 1,946.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 19,216.00	\$ 23,325.00	\$ 9,125.00	\$ 18,250.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 46,648.00</b>	<b>\$ 80,691.00</b>	<b>\$ 36,203.00</b>	<b>\$ 72,404.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (652.00)</b>	<b>\$ 4,879.00</b>	<b>\$ (3,436.00)</b>	<b>\$ (6,871.00)</b>

## *EASTER EVENTS -- Save These Dates!*

### ***Easter Breakfast***

Sunday, **April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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. Your donation of *baked goods* would be appreciated – drop off Saturday morning after 9AM or bring on Easter Sunday. Thank you!

### ***Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations***

Candy donations & gift cards to purchase candy (put in offering plate) are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt, April 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. Place the candy in the labeled Egg Hunt Donation box in the Memory Room **by March 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, between services. Egg Hunt Volunteer opportunities please sign-up in the Memory Room. April 8<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto: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!***

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

***Palm/Passion Sunday, April 2<sup>n</sup> - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. w/Holy Communion***

***Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.***

***Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.***

***The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 9<sup>th</sup>***

***6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service on the Cemetery (weather permitting)***

***8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/Holy Communion***

## ***Share the love; take a sign with you!***

All are encouraged to pick up a free sign (located near the outdoor electronic sign) as they drive by our church and then plant them in their yards for all to see. Let us know where in the Lehigh Valley you see our signs displayed!



### ***Vacation Bible School***

**June 19 to 23, 9:00-11:45 a.m.** in the Family Center for kids age 3 to Grade 5. Stories, crafts, songs, games! Online registration opens May 15<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is BABYLON!

### ***4-F Outdoor Worship & Picnic***

This year's 4 – F Celebration will be held on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** at Lone Lane Park Pavilion, followed by a lunch to enjoy and games thereafter as we have use of the site throughout the day. A sign up sheet will soon be appearing to indicate what appetizers, salads, sides and desserts will be provided by our members for all to enjoy. The entrée will be provided by Chef Glenn and his capable, culinary staff. We encourage board, card and lawn games be brought for all to enjoy later in the day.

### ***March Madness, Sunday, TODAY, 12 - 3 pm***

Sunday School Children/Parents; Confirmation Students/Parents; Sunday School Teachers and Volunteers will meet in the Family Center starting with a light lunch at noon and then the madness begins. We need to separate and count about 1,000 plastic eggs (and candy pieces) so they are ready for the members to stuff them, Sunday, April 2nd between the services. We also need to prepare 30 prize gift bags. We will take a little time to discuss the organization of the Egg Hunt and also practice a very short skit that will be presented to the children that attend the Easter Egg hunt. After all that madness, we'll play gagaball, cornhole, and other fun games (teachers and parents are invited to play too!).

### ***Mother's Day Brunch***



Join us for a festive Mother's Day Brunch celebrating all the Moms at Jordan on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Memory Room. It will be a time of Food, Fun and Fellowship. Leah Heilman Easterday will guide us through a "Tea Tasting" and there will be a small houseplant exchange for anyone interested. A donation of \$5 per person will cover the food (please pay at the door). **A sign up sheet will be available soon!**

### ***All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner***



Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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). Limited to 200 dinners so get there early! Desserts are provided by The Buttered Crumb.

### ***Mid-Week Lenten Service & Soup Suppers***

Just one more Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer service and Soup Supper to finish off Lent, 2023! Please join us this Wednesday, 3/29, at 7:00 pm for worship, 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.

### ***Family Promise***

We are hosting the weeks of March 19 & 26. There are a few open slots. The link to signupgenius can be found in the Jordan website under Ministries -> Outreach. We currently have four (4) families with 6 children ages 1-3 and 5 adults.

Our main fundraising event will be April 1, 2023 - HOMECOMING 23 - at the Hyatt Place, Aster Event Center with COCKTAILS/DINNER/ AUCTION /ENTERTAINMENT.

In 2022 – Family Promise of the LV had over 500 volunteers, provided 18,303 meals, provided 6101 Bed Nights, there were 29 Host/Partner Congregations, and 55 Families were Served (193 Individuals, 78 Adults, 115 Children).



### ***New Member Info Class***

Please contact the church office or Pastor Dody if you are interested in becoming a member of Jordan or reinstating your members. There will be a brief meeting in Pastor's office on **April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am**. At that meeting future sessions for April/May will be determined.

## 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



# Jordan Lutheran Church Family Event Iron Pigs “Faith Night” Baseball Game

Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Iron Pigs Way, Allentown, PA 18109

**Friday, June 16th, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**



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**\$28 per ticket - includes Picnic Patio seating,  
2 ½ hour all-you-can-eat buffet, unlimited soft drinks  
(\$5 parking not included)**

**(please note-this is a cashless ballpark)**

Additional park information can be found at [IronPigsBaseball.com](http://IronPigsBaseball.com)

Please email Steph Derstine with questions at: [jordandff@ptd.net](mailto:jordandff@ptd.net)

**Please detach section below, place form in the offering plate, or send it to the church office.**

**Note: IRON PIGS on the front of the envelope.**

**Payable by cash or check to: Jordan Lutheran Church**

**DUE DATE: SUN., MAY 7, 2023**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Digital tickets will be sent to your email.

If you do not have email, a paper copy will be printed and given to you at church.

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ (Children 2 and under are Free)

    x \$28     Total due = \_\_\_\_\_

**Form and Payment due: SUN., MAY 7, 2022**

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.