



**April 14, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion

*Welcome and thank you to*

*Pastor Gade and Jan Kistler for being with us today!*

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*The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.*

# Bell

## Announcements

**Prelude:** *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*

-arr. D. N. Robertson

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

# Gathering Hymn

## This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

sprung to life this mor - - row.  
wake the dead in num - - ber.  
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934  
 Music: Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. hymnal version  
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## Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen indeed!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# Kyrie

*Assistant:* In peace, in peace,

Musical score for the first part of the Kyrie. It consists of three staves of music in G major and 2/4 time. The first staff is labeled "Assistant:" and the second and third staves are labeled "Congregation:". The lyrics are: "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy."

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

Musical score for the second part of the Kyrie. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 2/4 time. The first staff is labeled "Assistant:" and the second staff is labeled "Congregation:". The lyrics are: "Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - - - men."

# Now the Feast

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God. *to Refrain*

### Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

The musical notation for Verse 2 consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and the instruction "to Refrain".

### Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

The musical notation for Verse 3 consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and the instruction "to Refrain".

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## Salutation

*Presider:* *Congregation:*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

The musical notation for the Salutation consists of two staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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## Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.  
All may be seated*

## First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out." *The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 4 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

*The LORD does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender <sup>1</sup> of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and <sup>1</sup> hear my prayer.



<sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me | when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed | sacrifices,  
and put your trust | in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness | in my heart,  
more than when grain and | wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure.**

## **Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. *The word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## The Gospel Verse

Musical score for "The Gospel Verse" in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. The score is for a congregation and consists of three staves. The first staff is labeled "Congregation:" and contains the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we". The second staff contains the lyrics "go? You have the words of e - ter - nal". The third staff contains the lyrics "life. Al - le - lu - ia!" and ends with a double bar line and the instruction "Repeat optional".

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All may be seated*

**Children’s Message**

Miss Stephanie

**Sermon**

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

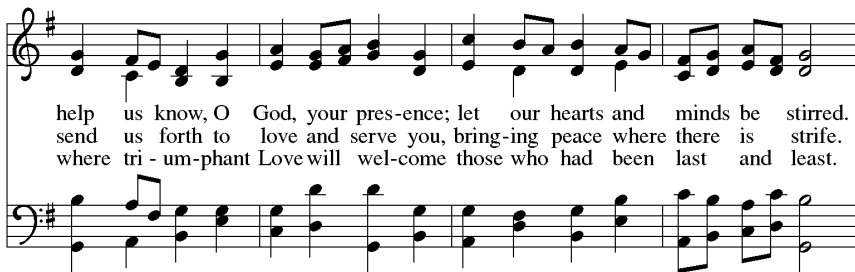
*All who are able are invited to stand*

# Hymn

## As We Gather at Your Table



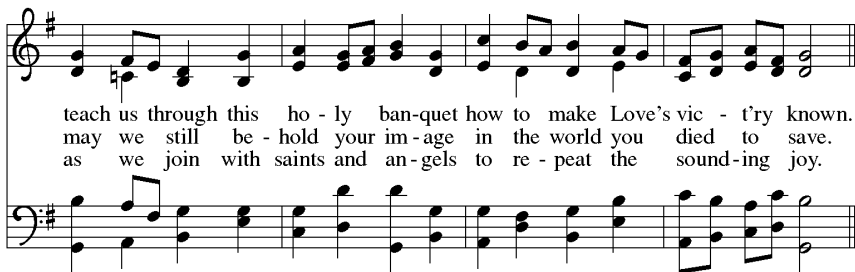
1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944  
Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932  
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## Nicene Creed

*The Creed is professed by all in unison:*

**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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty, heal those who are ill, *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lisa, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Rumpun, Donna, Kathy, Carolyn, Robin, Hope, Jenan, Roger, Kris, Connie, Remy, Ed, Sally, Anne, Judy, Eliza.* God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Ronald, Neil, Ted, Alan, Pr. Dody, Kyle.* God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating anniversaries this week, *especially Dave & Jean, William & Phyllis.* May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding.

We pray especially for Weisenberg, Weisenberg Twsp., and their pastor, Brandon Heavner.  
God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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:** *This Joyful Eastertide*

-arr. D. Johnson

## (8:00) 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.

### For the Life That You Have Given

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second and third staves contain the second and third lines, and the fourth staff contains the final line. The music is written in a simple, melodic style suitable for congregational singing.

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es; heart and mind and strength we bring.  
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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HOLY MANNA



## (10:30) 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.

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

*Verses*



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
*to Refrain*  
may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Risen One,

**you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

[8:00 service continues on p. 19 w/The Lord's Prayer]



## Holy, Holy

Congregation:

The image shows a musical score for a congregational song. It consists of five staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with the word 'Congregation:' above it. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and dynamic markings like 'f'.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. 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.**

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

## **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.**

**[8:00 service continues on p. 24 w/The Sending]**

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

*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

The musical score is written in a single system with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is marked 'Congregation:' and 'Congregation or Assistant:'. The lyrics for the first staff are: 'Lamb of God, \* you take a - way the sin of the / you broke the bonds of sin and of / you are the way of jus - tice and / you are the way of mer - cy and'. The second staff is marked 'Congregation:' and the lyrics are: 'world: / death: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, / peace: / love:'. The third staff is marked 'Congregation:' and 'Congregation or Assistant:'. The lyrics for the third staff are: 'mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you / take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace, / grant us peace, grant us peace.'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

## The Distribution

### Communion Hymns

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.  
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781-1821

## Around You, O Lord Jesus

1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still  
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath

to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—

You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple

bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

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 Music: O JESU, AN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569  
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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.

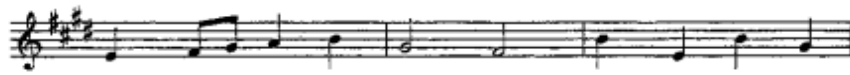
Amen.

## Song After Communion

Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy;  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:




Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



## **Post Communion Prayer**

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

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

## **SENDING**

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

## **Blessing**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

# Sending Hymn

## Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain!*

-arr. J. C. Goode

**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.

**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.

# JELC NEWS for the Week of April 14 - 20

## TODAY (14)

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

## MON (15) 9:00-10:00-PANTRY

-6:30pm, Jordanians Bowlers  
 -7:00pm, Boy Scouts  
 -7:00pm, 4-F Meeting, Room 8  
 -7:30pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

## TUES (16)

5:00pm, Brownies, Social Hall  
 -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## WED (17)

-9:00am, Prayer Shawl  
 -5:00pm, SOS, Conf. Room  
 -6:15pm, Friendship Ringers  
 -6:30pm, Canon Choir  
 -7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

## THU (18) 9am-4pm, Rising Roots Homeschool

-7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall  
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

## FRI (19)

-4:00pm, Youth Badminton, Family Ctr.  
 -5:00pm, Jr. Gyros  
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.  
 -9:00pm, Volleyball, Family Center

## New Member Info Class

Meet in Pastor Dody's office on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am if you are interested in becoming a member of Jordan or reinstating your membership. Two additional meetings will take place May 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and new members will be received at a convenient date to be determined by the group. Please contact the church office or Pastor if interested.

## Attendance

4/7/24

8:00 - 36

10:30 - 52

## Sponsors

Altar flowers are given in memory of Eleanor Figner and Edith Kistler, by Dave Figner & Jan Kistler (T1 D1)

## Pr. Dody will be on vacation April 13 - 21.

Pr. Brandon Heavner will provide pastoral care. If you have an emergency, you may call the office during regular hours, or contact Pr. Heavner directly at 484-735-5924.

**Family Center carpet being shampooed Saturday, 4/20.** Please do not enter the area that day for any reason.  
 Thanks!

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

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

**Lehigh Commons:** Janet Stettler

**Cedar Crest Post Acute:** Reed Klotz

**Parkland Manor:** Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

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

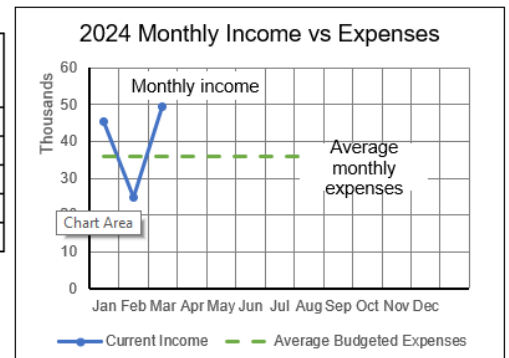
**Home:** Margaret Smith, Dale Gogel, Richard Seltzer, Roger Schoemaker, Carolyn Flemish

**Please keep these people in your prayers:** Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Nat Hager, Lisa Williams, Kim Friend, Bethany Friend, Jon Conrad, Rumpun Heller, Donna Stark, Kathy Attieh, Carolyn Flemish, Robin, Hope, Jenan, Kris, Roger, Connie, Remy Sedlock, Ed Rabenold, Sally Crowe, Anne, Judy Young, Eliza

**Birthdays this week:** Ronald Hamm, Neil Snyder, Ted DuBois, Alan Rotz, Pr. Dody, Kyle Heston

**Anniversaries this week:** David & Jean Adam (63), William & Phyllis German (53)

Average weekly expenses: \$8,259	
Current annual surplus/(deficit): (\$4,503)	
Weekly collections	
Mar 17-23	\$3,824
Mar 24-30	\$17,961
Mar 31-Apr 6	\$9,782
Apr 7-13	\$6,063



## SPONSORSHIPS

**Altar Flowers:** May 26; June 2, 9, 30, July 7, 14, 28; Aug. 11, 18, 25; Sept. 1, 29

**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.

**\*\*Please Note: on May 1, Flower prices will increase to \$50/2 vases & \$25/1 vase.**

## **Worship Assistants**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>4/14</b>	<b>4/21</b>	<b>4/28</b>	<b>5/5</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-C Heilman	8:00-S Wagaman 10:30-K Leonard	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-L. Stettler	8:00-J Murphy 10:30-K Boardman
<b>Lector</b>	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-A Russell 10:30-	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-J. Boscia	8:00- 10:30-
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:00-P Shafer 10:30-N Heckman	8:00-L Epting 10:30-D Dreisbach	8:00-I Strohl 10:30-O Wozniak	8:00- 10:30-
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00- 10:30-Stettler & Jensen fams	8:00- 10:30-Stettler & Jensen fams	8:00- 10:30-Stettler & Jensen fams	8:00- 10:30-
<b>Bell Toller</b>	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-C & C Boscia	8:00-D Stark 10:30-B Stettler	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-B Stettler	8:00- 10:30-
<b>Video</b>	10:30-D Clark	10:30-	10:30-	10:30-
<b>SAT</b>	8:00-K & D Mancke 10:30-D Heckman	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 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 [sgarboglio@yahoo.com](mailto:sgarboglio@yahoo.com) // **Ushers** /John Weremedic [miner70@ptd.net](mailto:miner70@ptd.net) // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil [hamilsre@gmail.com](mailto:hamilsre@gmail.com) // **SAT**/Doug Clark [d.clark854@gmail.com](mailto:d.clark854@gmail.com) // **Video**/Tom Daniels [tkdaniels@ptd.net](mailto:tkdaniels@ptd.net)

### **Sunday School Fundraiser**

The Sunday School Dept. is asking for donations for Gress Mountain Ranch, therapeutic ranch and forever home to 50+ rescue animals, located in Orefield, PA. Specific items needed: Pine shavings, pelleted horse bedding, Senior Horse food, 50 lb. bag of popcorn (purchase Restaurant store, no salt or butter), canned pumpkin, monetary and gift cards highly encouraged. Gift cards: Tractor Supply, Bird Mania, Quakertown Vet, Weis, Costco, Albright's Mill, Mill in Germansville  
Additional items needed: Desktop computers, Gatorade Zero, Pot-bellied pig, Mazuri Rabbit and Guinea Pig Food. Donations will be collected in the Memory Room, April 7th - 28th.

### **Outdoor Worship Service ~ June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**

Enjoy an uplifting day of **Faith, Fellowship, Food and Fun** in God's magnificent outdoors. Our 4 – F Celebration Service will be held at the Lone Lane Park Pavilion followed by a delectable lunch and enjoyable games. Sous Chef Hahn and his culinary staff will be providing a tasteful entrée and you will be asked to bring sides to share with others. We welcome your ideas of group games that we can enjoy and are looking for volunteers to oversee each game activity. Anticipate additional information to be available soon. Questions, receptive volunteers or suggestions: Contact Kathy Leonard, 4 – F Coordinator. 610.597.4398

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

Join us for Mother's Day Brunch celebrating all the Moms at Jordan, Saturday, May 4th, at 10:00 am in the Memory Room. It will be a time of food, fun and fellowship. A presentation by "Empty Nest Crafts" will create Spring wreaths. A donation of \$5 per person will cover the food, collected at the door. Please invite friends and neighbors. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Memory Room the month of April.

### **Iron Pigs Baseball Game**

Faith Night at the Iron Pigs, Friday, June 7th, at 7:05 pm., Coca-Cola Park, Allentown, PA. Cost is \$30 per person: Includes Picnic Patio seating, a 2 1/2 hour all you can eat buffet, and unlimited soft drinks. Order forms for tickets are available in the literature racks, our website and in the April newsletter. Sign-up now! Deadline: Sunday, May 5th.

**Vacation Bible School** - June 17 - 21, from 9am - 11:45 am - For children age 3 to Grade 6. Meet in the Family Center.

Stories, crafts, songs, and games! Online registration opens May 15th. This year's theme is Rocky Railway.

### **Save the Date!!!! Sight and Sound Bus Trip to see 'Daniel'**

Jordan Lutheran Church is sponsoring a bus trip to Lancaster County, Sight & Sound Theater to see 'Daniel', Friday, November 29th, 3:00 p.m. Additional information will be forthcoming. SAVE THE DATE!!

### **Thank you - Clothing donations**

Thank you for the clothing donations! We received \$431.20 for the donated bags. A big thank you to our confirmation class for their help loading the bags on the truck during their retreat day. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated!

**Special Thank You** to Matt Russell and Amber Kerschner, for providing the "egg-stra" special KONA Ice treat during our egg hunt. It was a very 'cool' treat that everyone enjoyed.