



May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:00 Worship Service with Communion
& 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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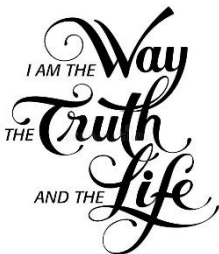
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As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

- by Thomas Williams, setting J. Wayne Kerr

All who are able are invited to stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation p. 19*

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 (one sharp) and 3/4 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." The melody is simple and melismatic, with long notes and ties.

Assistant: Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Congregation: 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 (one sharp) and 3/4 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." The melody is simple and melismatic, with long notes and ties.

Assistant: Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
Congregation: 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.

Verse 3

Congregation:

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

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SALUTATION

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ¹ put to shame;
deliver me ¹ in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ¹ ear to me;**
make haste to de- ¹ liver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag ¹ and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead ¹ me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly ¹ set for me,**
for you are my tow- ¹ er of strength.

⁵Into your hands I com- ¹ mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, ¹ God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are ¹ in your hand;**
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ¹ persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine up- ¹ on your servant;
save me in your ¹ steadfast love."

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All who are able are invited to stand

THE GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

CANON CHOIR: *O Praise the Lord, ye Children!*

-by Natalie Sleeth

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION *(remain seated)*

All who are able are invited to stand

HYMN: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing p. 20*

[The 8:00 a.m. service continues on pg. 10 with Nicene Creed]

(10:30 service only) Presentation of New Members (congregation reads **bold**)

Dear friends, we gather today with these people who have been called by God's Spirit to inquire into the Christian faith and life. Together, let us welcome them to this community of faith in Jesus Christ.

New members are introduced:

The following have come to our congregation from other communities of faith: Thomas & Sally Crowe, Christopher & Eva Wood, Matthew & Lindsay Gillette.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

Stir up in these sisters and brothers in Christ, the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

[The 10:30 service continues on pg. 10 with Prayers of Intercession]

(8:00 service only) 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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid deserts. Protect the earth's diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renewing God, you gather the saints at your heavenly banquet. We give you thanks for the care shown us by those who have gone before us. Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick, *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Rachelle, Kim, Vanessa, Tammy, Dean, Lester, Nat, Hinata, Bob, Lori, Lisa, Olive, Bridget, Anna, Herb, Carol.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Paulette, Obie, Elizabeth, Debra, Jenny, Michele, Elizabeth, Elwood, Karen, Douglas, Timothy.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever, *especially Ken & Sally, Dean & Michele, Ken & Dianne, Sara & Richard, Michael & Susan.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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 Lutheran Congregational Services, Allentown, and their director, Julia Menzo. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

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 OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY: (8:00) *Prayer*

(10:30) *Christians Rejoice!*

-Jordan Chorale

-by Robert Schumann

-by Antonio Lotti, arr. Kenneth Kosche

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 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY

Congregation:

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature. The second staff changes to 3/8 time. The third staff changes to 3/4 time. The fourth staff changes to 6/8 time. The fifth staff changes to 3/4 time. 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!

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.

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION (Intinction Distribution)

Communion Hymn: *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!* p. 21

You Are the Way p. 22

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



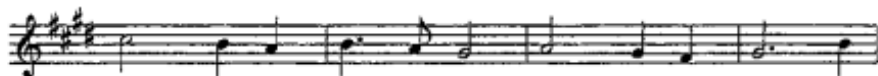
1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



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!



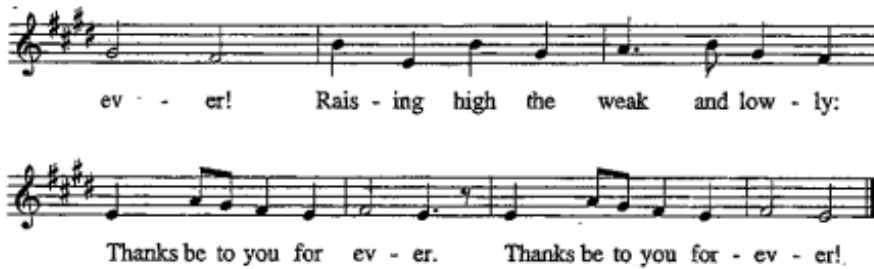
Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



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



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The God of all, who raised +Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Evening and Morning p. 23*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Christians Rejoice!*

-by Antonio Lotti

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

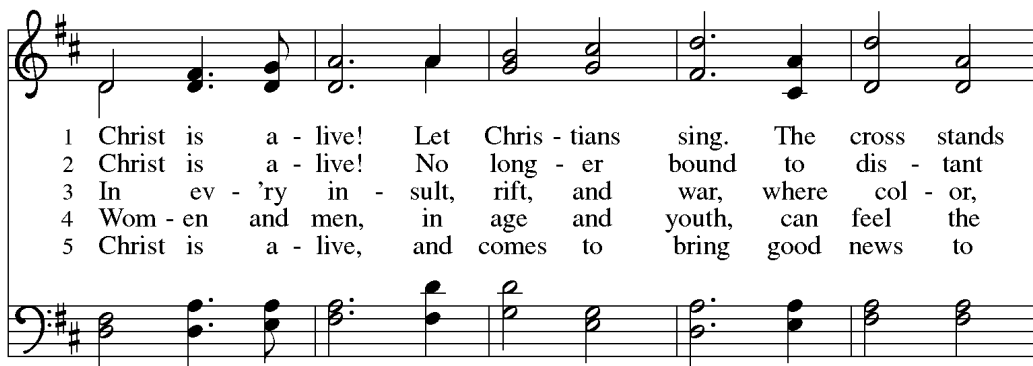
cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

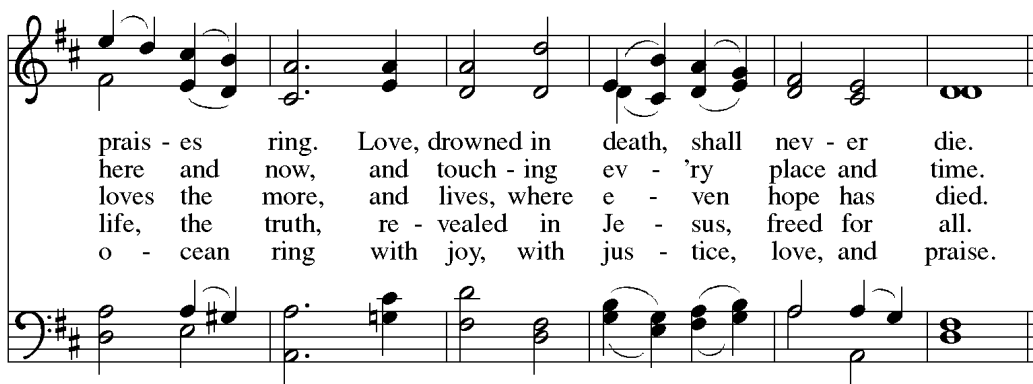
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

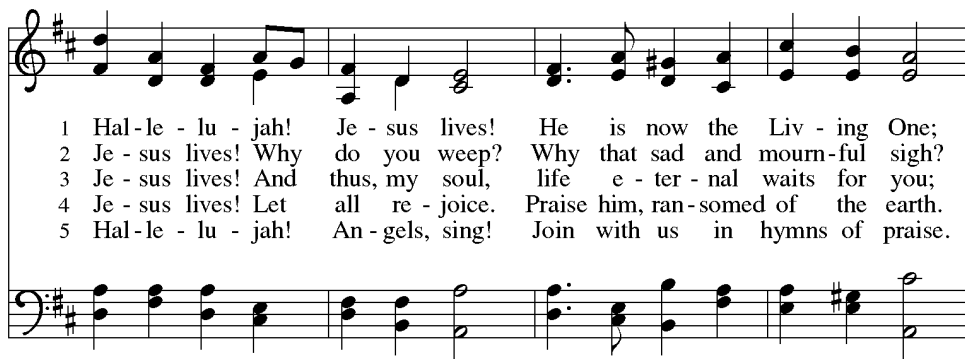
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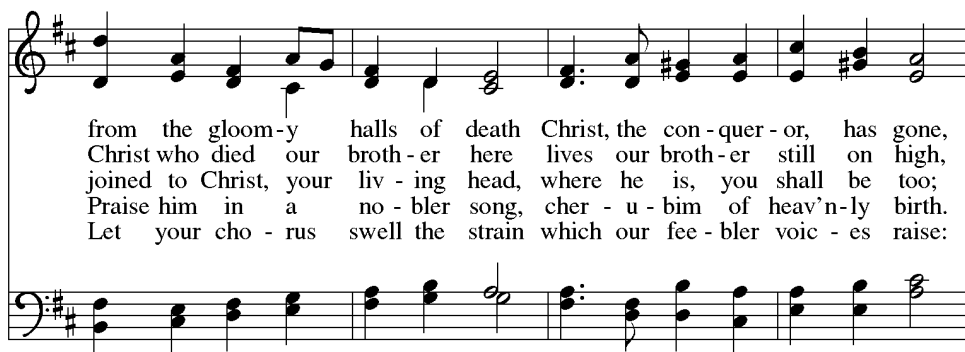
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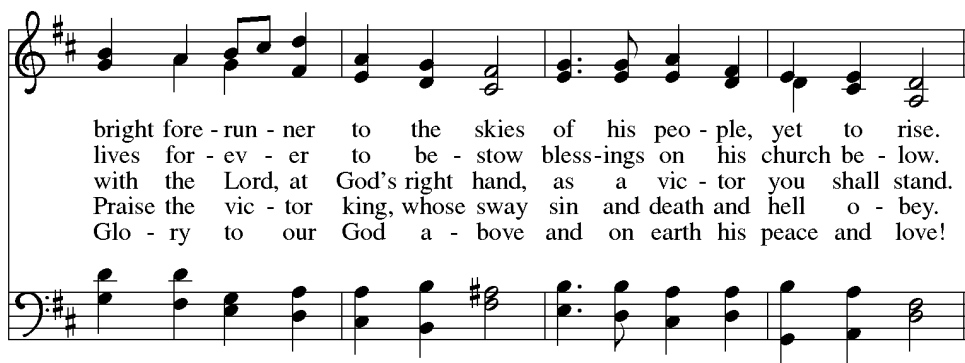
Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran-somed of the earth.
5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



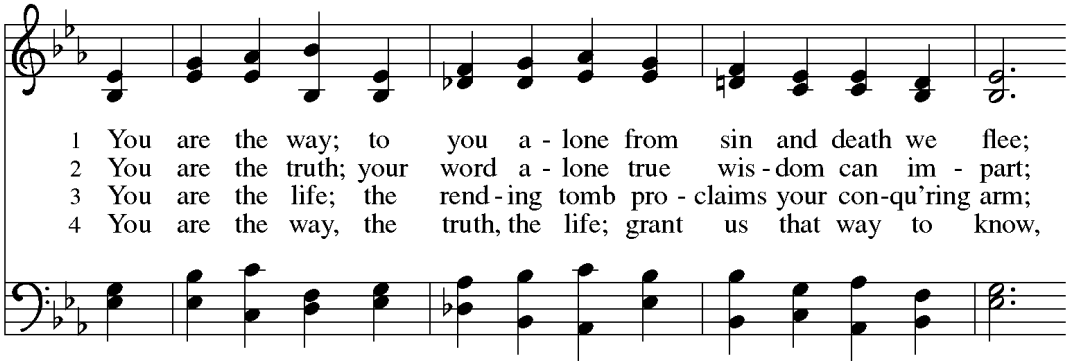
from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con-quer-or, has gone,
Christ who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



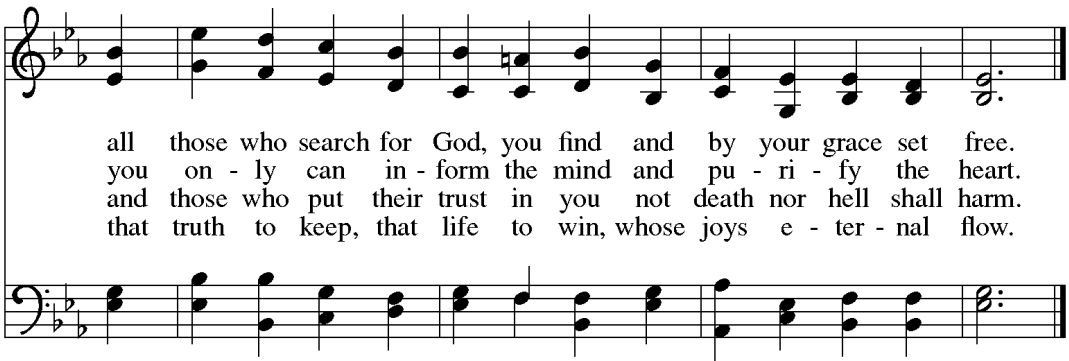
bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless-ings on his church be - low.
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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

Evening and Morning



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, sun - set and dawn - ing,
 2 Gra - cious Lord, hear me, par - don and spare me;
 3 Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me;
 4 To God in heav - en all praise be giv - en!



wealth, peace, and glad - ness, com - fort in sad - ness:
 calm all my ter - rors, blot out my er - rors,
 though bil - lows tow - er, and winds gain pow - er,
 O God, we of - fer and glad - ly prof - fer



these are your works, rich in glo - ry di - vine!
 that jus - ti - fied in your sight I may stand.
 af - ter the storm the fair sun shows its face.
 gifts from your hand; these a - lone you will prize:



Times with - out num - ber, a - wake or in slum - ber,
 Or - der my go - ings, di - rect all my do - ings;
 Joys e'er in - creas - ing and peace nev - er ceas - ing:
 hearts that re - ceive you and faith to be - lieve you;



your eye ob - serves us, from dan - ger pre - serves us,
 guard me and guide me and stay close be - side me;
 these shall I trea - sure and share in full mea - sure
 hymns that a - dore you are pre - cious be - fore you



caus - ing your mer - cy up - on us to shine.
 all I com - mit to your fa - ther - ly hand.
 when in your man - sions you grant me a place.
 and to your throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. composite
 Music: DIE GÜLDNE SONNE, Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–1676
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THIS WEEK (May 7 – 13)

TODAY (7)

-9:15am, Sunday School
 -9:30am, Chorale
 -6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

MON (8)

-7:00pm, Boy Scouts
 -7:00pm, Parkland Garden Club, Memory Rm.
 -8:00pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

TUES (9)

-1:00pm, 4-F Celebration meeting, Rm. 8
 -6:30pm, Bible Study, Rm. 8
 -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (10)

-9:00am, Prayer Shawl
 -9:30am, Staff Meeting
 -5:30pm, Jr. Gyros
 -6:15pm, Friendship Ringers
 -6:30pm, Canon Choir
 -7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

THU (11)

-8am-5pm, Rising Roots School, Family Ctr.
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

FRI (12)

-8:00am-4:00pm, L.V. Decorative Painters, Soc. Hall
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
 -9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

Smile God Loves You!

Please take one of the FREE signs located near our outdoor electronic sign and post in your own yard. Send us a photo of your sign or any other of our signs you might spot!

Say a Prayer ☞ Send a Card ☞ Pay a Visit

Fellowship Community: Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel, Donald Laudenslager

Topton: Clint Trumbauer

Lehigh Commons: Janet Stettler

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

Parkland Manor: Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

Heather Glen: Sonny Laudenslager

Lehigh Center: Herb & Anna Bieber

Home: Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Reed Klotz

Please keep these people in your prayers: Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Rachelle Shollenberger, Kim Demarest, Vanessa Mace, Tammy Harding, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Nat Hager, Hinata Grant, Bob Pellen, Lori Kocher, Lisa Williams, Olive Wood, Bridget Mancke, Anna Bieber, Herb Bieber, Carol Ludwig

Birthdays this week: Paulette Bassler, Obie Freitag, Elizabeth Gross, Debra Ross, Jenny Hartz, Michele Kozy, Elizabeth Habermehl, Elwood Laudenslager, Karen Paul, Doug Fay, Timothy Kocher

Anniversaries this week: Ken & Sally Gross (35), Dean & Michele Wagaman (35), Ken & Dianne Benner (37), Sara & Richard Serensits (11), Michael & Susan Wertman (28)

Attendance
Sunday, 4/30/23
8:00 - 44 10:30 - 38

Sponsors
Altar Flowers are given in honor of the wedding anniversary of Bruce and Louise Stettler. (T)

<i>Found in the Literature Racks This Week</i>	
<i>Last week's bulletins</i>	<i>This month's newsletter</i>
<i>2022 Annual Reports</i>	<i>Endowment Request Forms</i>
<i>Event posters/info</i>	<i>Last Month's Treasurer's Report</i>

Worship Assistants

DATE	5/7	5/14	5/21	5/28
Altar Guild	8:00-B Albright 10:30-L Stettler	8:00-B Albright 10:30-L Stettler, J Grim	8:00- 10:30-L Stettler	9:15-
Lector	8:00-C Rabenold 10:30-C Flemish	8:00-A Russell 10:30-J Boscia	8:00- 10:30-K Boardman	9:15-
Acolyte	8:00-N Heckman 10:30-J Kerschner	8:00-B Epting 10:30-D Dreisbach	8:00-L Epting 10:30-O Wozniak	9:15-G Schuler
Ushers	8:00-S Schleicher, D Daniel 10:30-B & L Hendricks	8:00-S Schleicher, D Daniel 10:30-Boscia family	8:00-B Lutterschmidt, J Laudenslager 10:30-Boscia family	9:15-B Lutterschmidt, J Laudenslager
Bell Toller	8:00-J Bair 10:30-B Stettler	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-B Stettler	8:00-D Stark 10:30-B Stettler	9:15-S Hamil
SAT	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-D Clark	8:00-D Wagaman 10:30-K Boardman	8:00- 10:30-	9:15-
Video	10:30-	10:30-	10:30-	9:15-

Please look at the dates we have no one scheduled and give a call to the name listed below for the area(s) you can help with!
Altar Guild/Lynn Daniels lj2137@aol.com // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia Julie.boscia@gmail.com // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman sgarbeglio@yahoo.com // **Ushers** /John Weremedic miner70@ptd.net // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil hamilsre@gmail.com // **SAT**/Doug Clark d.clark854@gmail.com // **Video**/Julie Williams jbwill02@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: May 21, 28; June 4, 11, 25; July 9, 16, 23, 30; August 13, 20, 27; Sept. 3

Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$40/2 vase, or *\$20/1 vase*; Bulletins for \$20.

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS: Contact Donna Hahn at 610-295-9148 or dhahn16@gmail.com with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(s). **Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the last service or want them taken to shut-ins.** If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins. Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

SPONSORSHIP POLICY: Flowers and other sponsorships may be reserved no earlier than one year from the chosen date. If you wish to reserve the same weekend for the following year, you may do so the day after the current year's sponsorship. No dates will be held; the first request for a date (within the one year limit) will be taken regardless of the previous year's sponsor.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2023				
	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
Income:				
Operating Income	\$ 33,294.90	\$ 142,829.45	\$ 29,360.01	\$ 127,400.03
Benevolence	\$ 1,067.00	\$ 2,854.00	\$ 1,333.33	\$ 5,333.32
Property	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 4,993.00	\$ 2,083.33	\$ 8,333.32
Total Income	\$ 35,831.90	\$ 150,676.45	\$ 32,776.67	\$ 141,066.67
Expenses:				
Administration	\$ 2,749.15	\$ 8,268.94	\$ 1,554.17	\$ 6,216.68
Benevolence	\$ 1,687.50	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 1,812.50	\$ 7,250.00
Payroll	\$ 21,765.39	\$ 90,598.59	\$ 22,737.56	\$ 90,950.31
Ministries	\$ 1,200.32	\$ 4,414.87	\$ 972.91	\$ 3,891.64
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 9,997.41	\$ 37,863.02	\$ 9,124.99	\$ 36,499.96
Total Expenses	\$ 37,399.77	\$ 148,395.42	\$ 36,202.13	\$ 144,808.59
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (1,567.87)	\$ 2,281.03	\$ (3,425.46)	\$ (3,741.92)

Youth Service Day Projects

Two youth service projects have been scheduled for Saturday, May 20th, from 10 am – 2 pm. (1) Knotting blankets for the shut-ins 10 am – 11 am; light lunch 11 am – noon; and (2) clothing drive pickup noon – 2 pm. These two projects need many helping hands, so please invite your friends to join us! An online signup genius will be available in the coming weeks to note your participation. All members are welcome to join us!

SOS (Shout Out to Shut-ins)

...thanks members for their support to help make this a self-supporting ministry with their generous donations. Currently the group, which sends greeting cards to our homebound members and friends, could use postage stamps, cards for anniversaries, Easter/Spring, Valentines Day, July 4th and Thanksgiving.

Ocean Grove Choir Festival



The impressive Ocean Grove Choir Festival is Scheduled for July 9th at 7:00 pm at the historic Great Auditorium, Ocean grove, NJ. Tickets are not required for this evening of sacred music offered by a single massive choir, made up of multiple choirs from around the nation. In as much as Jordan will not be sponsoring a bus trip this year, we encourage our congregation to attend this memorable event. A free-will offering will be taken at the event.

www.oceangrove.org/choir-festival

Jordan Lutheran's clothing donation. Next drop off deadline before: May 20th!

Spring cleaning? Drop off your donations before the next deadline: May 20th!

Place your bags (reasonably filled to lift) in the available bins located at the Office Entrance and the old Social Hall. Drop off times: Sunday mornings before worship and Mon. – Fri. - 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. or during office hours.

Accepted Items: Gently used clothing & shoes (men's, women's & children's), purses, belts, backpacks, hats, scarves, gloves, ties, blankets, tablecloths, bed sheets, curtains & drapes, pillows, towels, quilts, comforters, stuffed animals. **NOT accepted:** hard children's toys, bicycles, baby gear, VCR tapes, CD's, electronics, monitors, books, workout equipment, mattresses, appliances, furniture, lamps, house décor, board games, glassware, pots & pans, rugs. Proceeds from the donations benefit youth programs and events. Thank you! Questions?? Contact Stephanie Derstine, jordandff@ptd.net

Hearts for Music

A musical opportunity for children and adults with special needs. May 27th, at 6:30 p.m. at Union Lutheran Church, 5500 Rt. 873, Schnecksville. Guests: Dolcetto-The Glenn Hofmann Trio, Valley Voices Community Choir, Members of the Young People's Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley, and the Union Lutheran Praise Band. Tickets are \$10 each. Contact www.ulclv.org, click on the Give Now/Fundraisers/Ticket Sales button.



You are invited to express your gratitude to our Sunday school children and teachers for a job well done **during the 4F Worship Service, June 4th**, Lone Lane Park, at 10:30 am. Each child and teacher is asked to attend this special service to be recognized by the Sunday School Department. **Please note: the last day for Sunday School classes is May 21st.**



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.



VS



**\$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

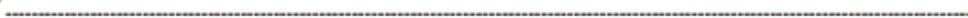
Please email Steph Derstine with questions at: jordandff@ptd.net

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 = _____

Forms also available in the literature racks in the Foyer & Memory Room.

Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday May 28, 2023



Please use a separate form for each plant being sponsored.

No orders will be taken without payment.

Please see that your form is in by Sunday, May 21st.

All geraniums will be planted on church grounds as living memorials.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

_____ geraniums x \$9 = \$ _____ (amount enclosed)

For office use only – do not detach

Pentecost Geraniums

NAME _____

PHONE NO. or EMAIL _____

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



Outdoor
Worship
Service

4-F Celebration

Food and Fun in God's magnificent outdoors. On **June 4th, 2023, 10:30 AM** at **Lone Lane Park Pavilion**, we will see your family, friends and you at the ***4 F Celebration***. Following this special service, you will be served a gourmet luncheon of hot dogs and hamburgers complimented by the sides and desserts you bring to be shared. Look for the sign-up board to register your attendance. Clear skies and fresh air have already been reserved. Please bring tablecloth, board and lawn games for all to enjoy! See you then and there!!

Who: Jordan Lutheran Church Family & Friends

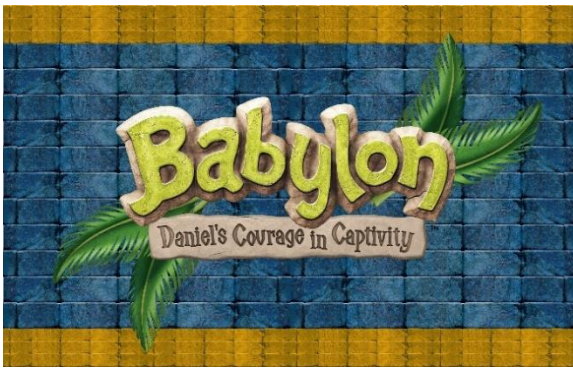
What: 4 F Celebration

Where: Lone Lane Park Pavilion (30 Lone Lane, Allentown 18104)

When: June 4, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Luncheon: Hot dogs/Hamburgers/Your shared sides

Questions: Kay Mancke (484.358.7411)



Help us kickoff registration for VBS TODAY!

Online Registration for participants and volunteers is now open!

Go to www.jordanlutheran.org, click on Ministries tab → Faith Formation → VBS, and see the link to sign up online. **VBS takes place June 19 – 23, 9am – 12:00 noon.**

Early Registration Bonus! Register during the month of May, and you will receive a free Babylon T-Shirt!!

The Donation Station for this year's VBS will be set up in the Memory Room beginning May 7th. If you want to contribute to VBS, but can't be here during the week of VBS, this is a great way to make an impact! The needed items will be hanging on the display - simply sign out the tickets that you take on the color coordinated sheets that will be on the table.

VBS "Called by God" Staff Needed: Is God calling you to have fun this summer by helping children grow in their faith and knowledge of God? Adults and teens, Grade 6 and up, are needed to staff this year's Vacation Bible School program. If you are interested in helping, please register online or contact Amber Kerschner (mamjkerschner@yahoo.com). Childcare is provided for volunteers with children younger than 3 years of age. **Due to changes in PA Law regarding volunteer screenings, it is important for all volunteers to be identified by June 1st.** Clearances must be current. If you have questions regarding clearances, please contact Stephanie Derstine at jordandff@ptd.net

VBS Set-Up Dates: Set-up will be the week before VBS– watch the bulletin for the specific times. All are welcome to help! We have a lot of fun!

VBS Leader & Helper Training: Check your bulletin for date & time announcement of training.



"I Am the Way"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Based on John 14:1-14



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HEARTS
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LIFE

Masks are a PERSONAL PREFERENCE at Jordan

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 15th of the month.