



**June 4, 2023
The Holy Trinity
4-F Celebration**

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Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Jesus Shall Reign*

-John Hatton, arr. Venita MacGorman

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 greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea,
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. 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
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
to Refrain
for ev - er.

Verse 3*Congregation:*

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

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SALUTATION



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and 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: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 8 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. *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. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

CHERUB CHOIR: *When We Worship God*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION *(remain seated)*

All who are able are invited to stand

HYMN

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION & CLOSING (congregation reads bold)

A Reading from Proverbs:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your insight. In all your ways acknowledge God, and God will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Appreciation of Sunday School Teachers/Recognition of Students

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, for the ways you speak to us and through us. Increase in us a desire for wisdom and insight that we may use what we have learned for the sake of the common good. We pray in the name of the one who taught disciples and told stories, Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

You have learned and taught.

Thanks be to God!

You have grown and matured.

Thanks be to God!

You have explored and created.

Thanks be to God!

You have loved and been loved.

Thanks be to God!

Now, enter into rest and play, the re-creation of summer. We close this 2022-2023 Sunday School year, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And God's people said:

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN: *Sunday School Medley*

(Please join in singing with us as you identify the song!)

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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel and direct all the baptized into lives of humble service. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect lands and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain living creatures of every kind: wild animals, birds, fish, and every creeping thing. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth. Raise up leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal divisions between nations, that we might agree with one another and live in peace. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy three, holy one, you set the earth on its axis, and we experience the seasons. Strengthen those enduring challenges this summer: those who suffer in the heat, parents overwhelmed by childcare responsibilities, and children experiencing food insecurity outside of school. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy three, holy one, you give rest when our work is done. We give thanks for all the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the age to come. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age. Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who are grieving, and those who are sick *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Rachelle, Kim, Vanessa, Dean, Lester, Nat, Hinata, Bob, Lori, Lisa, Olive, Carol, Linda, Barbara, Janie*. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Ronald, Judy, Jessie, Gregg, Kevin, Michael, Florence, David, Frank, Bill, Lillian*. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever, *especially Frank & Angela, Roger & Carol, Ted & Joan, Ashley & Chris, Gary & Hope*. God, in your mercy,
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 St. John, Bath, and their pastor, Terrence Walsh. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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: *Amazing Grace*

-Traditional American hymn

-Sawyer Martz-Shelton, soprano recorder

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Listen, God Is Calling *Neno lake Mungu*

Refrain
Leader All



Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,



ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

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Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK (June 4 – 10)

TODAY (4)

-6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

MON (5)

-7:00pm, Boy Scouts

-7:30pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

TUES (6)

-7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (7)

-9:30am, Staff mtg.

-7:00pm, Finance mtg.

-7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

THU (8)

-7:00pm, Church Council

-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

FRI (9)

-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

-9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

SAT (10)

-4:00pm, Wedding of Carol Fredericks & Douglas Fay

- **Beginning June 11th through September 3rd, we will be worshipping together at one service at 9:15.**
- **Beginning Monday the church office is on Summer hours, 8am-3pm (Fri till 2pm)**

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, Herb Bieber

Lehigh Center: 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, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Kipe, Nat Hager, Hinata Grant, Bob Pellen, Lori Kocher, Lisa Williams, Olive Wood, Carol Ludwig, Linda Kressley, Barbara Godshall, Janie Bear

Birthdays this week: Ronald Keinert, Judy Murphy, Jessie Greenawald, Gregg Knotts, Kevin Murphy, Michael Ream, Jr., Florence Roth, David Rakos, Frank Heston, Bill Lutterschmidt, Lillian Semmel

Anniversaries this week: Frank & Angela Heston (23), Roger & Carol Wendling (42), Ted & Joan DuBois (69), Ashley & Chris Helsley (10), Gary & Hope Strobl (44)

Attendance
Sunday, 5/28/23
9:15 am - 97

Sponsors

No altar flowers at picnic

Found in the Literature Racks This Week

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| <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 | 6/4 | 6/11 | 6/18 | 6/25 |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Altar Guild | 9:15- X | 9:15- | 9:15- | 9:15- |
| Lector | 9:15-J. Boscia | 9:15-C Dorney | 9:15-K Boardman | 9:15- |
| Acolyte | 9:15- X | 9:15-N Heckman | 9:15-B Epting | 9:15-D Dreisbach |
| Ushers | 9:15-X | 9:15- | 9:15- | 9:15- |
| Bell Toller | 9:15- X | 9:15-B Lutterschmidt | 9:15-D Stark | 9:15-S Hamil |
| SAT | 9:15- X | 9:15-K Boardman | 9:15-D Clark | 9:15- B Lutterschmidt |
| Video | 9:15- X | 9:15- | 9:15 | 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 ljd2137@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 jwill02@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: June 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) |

Wedding Banns

Douglas R. Fay and **Carol J. Fredericks** announce their intention to marry here at Jordan on June 10, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. We pray God's blessing upon this couple as they begin their lives anew, united in God's love. We pray that God would bless them with the inner gifts of trust, compassion, forgiveness, and truth, that they may live and grow together in love and peace.



Live-Stream

Tom Daniels and Ken Gross are looking for additional help for volunteers to help with live streaming. They would like to have several additional members that would be willing to fill in from time to time at the 10:30 a.m. service by just starting the livestream, and then shutting it down at the end of the service. This just involves a few simple steps. The camera may stay in a fixed position, so minimal work is required. Kindly see either Tom or Ken!



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.**

All students who register online will receive a free Babylon T-Shirt!!

The Donation Station for this year's VBS is set up in the Memory Room. 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.





Beginning June 5th through September 1st, the church office will be switching to a summer schedule. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the office will open one hour earlier, at 8:00 a.m., and close one hour earlier, at 3:00 p.m. On Fridays, the office will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m.

Thank You

for clothing donations! We received \$571.20 for the donated bags, a credit will be made to the youth fundraising efforts. Also thank you to everyone that helped load the clothing onto the truck during youth service day. Your time was greatly appreciated!

Sunday School Volunteers

Our Fall Sunday School and Confirmation classes are currently looking for volunteers. You don't need a teaching background – just spending time on Sunday morning with the children of Jordan, using obtainable lesson plans. The time you serve as a volunteer is flexible, once a month or every week, the choice is yours. Please contact Steph Derstine at jordandff@ptd.net for additional information.

Choral Opportunity for Summer

Sacred Voices is an ecumenical choir that rehearses only during the summer months: Thursdays 7 p.m.- 9 p.m., June 22 through August 24, culminating in a formal September concert on Sunday, September 24. No auditions required. Last summer 49 singers participated in Sacred Voices, and we anticipate an even larger turnout this summer!

This year's concert theme, "From Lament to Praise: The Psalms," will include unique settings of some of the Bible's most beloved psalms, written from the 18th through the 21st centuries. The centerpiece of the concert will be composer Dan Forrest's "Hallelu Yah: Three Psalms of Praise," written in 2022 and based on the final three psalms (147, 148, and 150). Professional instrumentalists will join us for a unique concert that explores scriptures celebrating God's eternal love, providence and grace. Contact Susan Frickert, Director of Music, Union Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sfrickert2001@yahoo.com or 484-788-9476 to register or for more information.

Geraniums

Be sure to look at and admire the beautiful red geraniums planted on the grounds from your Pentecost sponsorships. Thanks to Lynn & Tom Daniels, Kathy Leonard, and Chris Heilman for doing the planting!

Calling All Graduates . . .

Class of
2023

It's that time of year when many people, young or a little bit older, are coming to the closing chapter of their studies at various schools. Jordan would like to honor all recent graduates, including high school, vocational schools, college, specialty school - whatever! Please fill out the form below if you are a recent graduate or have someone in your family who is a recent graduate. We will print the information in the August newsletter. Your church family wants to share your joy!

Graduate Information Form

Name of Graduate _____

Name of School _____

Degree/Curriculum _____

Additional Information (honors, awards, etc.): *if there are many, please choose a few you are most proud of* _____

Plans after graduation (employment, college, graduate studies, etc.):

Jordan relationships (son/daughter/grandchild of etc.):

Scholarships Available to Members

Did you know that Jordan's Endowment Disbursement fund has money available for you to use toward your college expenses? \$600 per year, maximum of \$2400 per person is available. Educational assistance may include tuition, room and board, books and supplies, educational camps/conferences, etc. Please contact the church office for a request form.



June 19 - June 23 9am-12pm daily



Join us
this
summer!



Babylon



Daniel's Courage in Captivity



Online registration opens May 15:
<https://vbspro.events/p/1320fd>

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 set to vibrate before the start of the service.

Hearing assistance is available for members and visitors to Jordan. Please see an usher to arrange to use a receiver.

A Koala Bear **baby changing station** is located in the handicapped restroom across from the church offices (in the new section). Children's welcome bags and bulletins are located in the narthex. Please ask ushers for help.

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.