

*Service of the Word*  
*July 25, 2021 9:15 a.m.*

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[congregation reads bold]

**GATHERING**

**Bell**

**Announcements**

**Prelude:** *Give Me Jesus* -arranged by J. Wayne Kerr

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,

you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

**Hymn: *Praise and Thanksgiving* p. 16**

## 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



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## Canticle of Praise



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



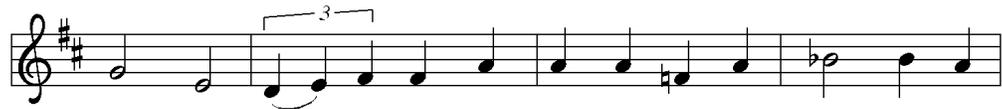
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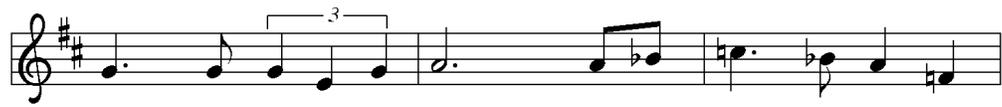
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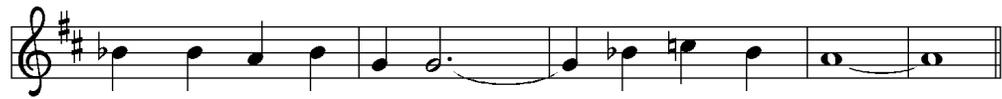
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Final refrain*  
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on  
 earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

**First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44**

*Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.*

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD. *The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 145:10-18 (congregation reads bold)**

*You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)*

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,  
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom  
and speak | of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know | of your power  
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through-  
| out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food | in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open | wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

<sup>17</sup>**You are righteous in | all your ways  
and loving in | all your works.**

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who | call upon you,  
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

## **Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21**

*We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish

abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. *The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



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

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

### Gospel: John 6:1-21

*In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also

the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**Hymn of the Day: *Let us Talents and Tongues Employ p. 17***

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

In the words of the Apostles' Creed, let us confess our faith:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing, *especially Reed, Gary, Clint, Kathleen, Jean, Judy, Ron, Julie, Karl, Paulette, Stanley, Lois, Clark.* 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 Drew, Ruth, Dan, Ella, Erik, Barbara, Tom, Michael, Carla, Kevin, Nancy, Adam.* 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 Matthew & Melissa, Ingrid & Matt.* Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Lord, as our shepherd, guide the ministries of all our siblings in Christ in congregations who continue to do your work. Through your Holy Spirit provide courage, perseverance, and resources to those who speak your word of truth and love. We give thanks this day for our sisters and brothers united through you. We pray especially for Morganland, Lowhill Tsp. May they be filled with your Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

## THANKSGIVING

### Offering

#### Canticle of Thanksgiving

*Refrain*



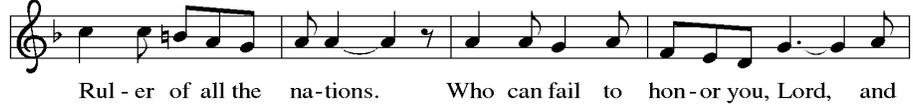
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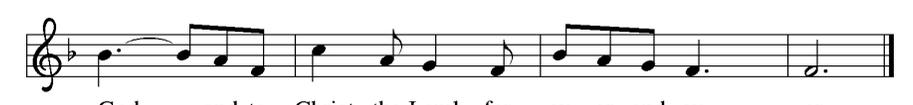
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*Refrain*  
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God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

## **Thanksgiving for the Word**

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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**

### **Blessing**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song: *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me* p. 18**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Amen.

**Postlude: Largo** -by Antonio Vivaldi, arranged by Kevin Norris

Praise and Thanksgiving (*Bunessan*) ELW 689

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (*Linstead*) ELW 674

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Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me (*So nimm den meine Hände*) ELW 767

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**Worship in the sanctuary has resumed!  
Masks and covid protocols will still be observed.  
Streaming of worship continues on our website or Facebook page.**

### Family Promise Update

For the past 15 months, Family Promise has been housing families in hotels with kitchens and a housing unit at the 6th St. Shelter. We have been quite successful in getting families prepared to graduate to apartment living and we are going to be bringing in some new families soon.

Four families are currently in the program – family one with a 9-year-old son, family two with 13- and 15-year-old daughters, family three with 2- and 3-year-old sons, and family four with 4- and 5-year-old daughters. Three families are in a local hotel, one family is in an apartment in the Sixth Street Shelter. Three of the families are currently looking for an apartment.

Families in the program are always looking for apartments. Please keep your eyes and ears open. We do have the year of aftercare which helps with stabilization.

We are tentatively planning on going back to a week at each sponsor congregation on September 1.

We have not proposed to Jordan Council to restart housing at our facility. If you helped in the past or are interested in helping, please call/email Ingrid or Dean. You can donate items, help setup and tear down rooms, cook a dinner, or be a sleep over chaperone.

One of our first families recently stopped back to donate items to Family Promise – now that they are back on their feet. It was great to see!

Dean Wagaman – [wagamand@ptd.net](mailto:wagamand@ptd.net) – 484-241.6992

Ingrid Martz - [liveloughlove823@yahoo.com](mailto:liveloughlove823@yahoo.com) – 610-739-1026

**THIS WEEK (July 25 – 31)**

**TODAY (25<sup>th</sup>)**

-9:15am, Worship Service, Sanctuary & Streaming  
-6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

**MON (26<sup>th</sup>)**

-7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Social Hall

**TUES (27<sup>th</sup>)**

-6:00pm, Stewardship

**WED (28<sup>th</sup>)**

-5:30pm, Christian Ed. mtg.

**THU (29<sup>th</sup>)**

-7:00pm, Overeaters Anon., Room M1

**FRI (30<sup>th</sup>)**

-7:30pm, AA meeting, Social Hall  
-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.  
-9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

**NEXT WEEK (Aug. 1 – 7)**

SUN (1<sup>st</sup>) -9:15am, Worship Service, with  
communion, Sanctuary & Streaming  
MON (2<sup>nd</sup>) -7:00pm, Boy Scouts  
TUES (3<sup>rd</sup>) -7:00pm, Music & Worship  
THU (5<sup>th</sup>) - -6:00pm, Exec

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

**Fellowship Mnr:** Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel

**Lehigh Commons:** Barbara Diehl, Howard & Janet Stettler

**The Palmerton:** Ferne Rock

**Manor Care:** MaryAnn Rau

**Aria Senior Living:** Betty Gockley

**Parkland Manor:** Herb Bieber, Anna Bieber

**Home:** Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Warren Gressley, Loretta Hein

**Please keep these people in your prayers:**

Reed Klotz, Gary Schneck, Clint Trumbauer,  
Kathleen Bacak, Jean Wisler, Judy Young, Ron  
Andersch, Julie Boyer, Karl Kroboth, Paulette  
Bassler, Stanley Buz, Lois Heiser, Clark Snyder

**Birthdays this week:** Drew Gaugler, Ruth  
Kemp (94), Dan Stark, Ella Collins, Erik Fitzgerald,  
Barbara Thirion, Tom Ward, Michael Ream Sr.,  
Carla Richebacher, Kevin Wikert, Nancy Haas,  
Adam Hager

**Anniversaries this week:** Matthew & Melissa  
Greenawald (19), Ingrid Martz & Matt Shelton  
(17)

**ATTENDANCE: 7/18/21 – 53**

***Assisting at Worship This Morning***

**Lector:** Karen Boardman

**Cantor:** Glenn Wagner

**Altar Guild:** Karen Boardman & Darlene Wenhold

**Video:** Tom Daniels

**Bell Toller:** Dan Stark

**Ushers:**

*No sponsors today*

**2021 SPONSORSHIPS**

**Altar Flowers:** Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29; Sept. 5, 26; Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24; Nov. 28; Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26

**HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS:** Contact Donna Hahn at 610-395-0613 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 9:15 service or want them taken to shut-ins.** If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins.

Altar flowers are \$40. Bulletins are \$20. 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 June 2021**

Income:	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
Operating Income	\$ 29,586.12	\$ 194,635.00	\$ 29,261.00	\$ 175,566.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,168.00	\$ 7,189.00	\$ 1,333.00	\$ 7,998.00
Property	\$ 1,897.00	\$ 11,034.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
Deficit Reduction	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,540.00	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 32,851.12</b>	<b>\$ 214,398.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,094.00</b>	<b>\$ 198,564.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Administration	\$ 1,866.00	\$ 7,317.00	\$ 1,690.00	\$ 10,140.00
Ministries	\$ 576.00	\$ 3,399.00	\$ 906.00	\$ 5,436.00
Payroll	\$ 19,370.00	\$ 124,258.00	\$ 21,657.00	\$ 129,942.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 8,396.00	\$ 41,393.00	\$ 7,567.00	\$ 45,402.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,720.00	\$ 10,563.00	\$ 1,825.00	\$ 10,950.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 31,928.00</b>	<b>\$ 186,930.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,645.00</b>	<b>\$ 201,870.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 923.12</b>	<b>\$ 27,468.00</b>	<b>\$ (551.00)</b>	<b>\$ (3,306.00)</b>

\*Operating income includes proceeds from PPP Loan \$47,400.00

**CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS:** In our continuing effort to contain costs, we are asking members to state a preference for delivery of their periodic Contributions Statements. If you would like to review your "Six Month Contribution Statement" for this year, please speak to any member of the Finance Committee, call the church office at 610-395-5912 or email the church at [jordanlutheran@ptd.net](mailto:jordanlutheran@ptd.net) to request your statement. You may pick up your statement in the church office during office hours, at worship on Sundays, have it mailed to your home or have it emailed to you (confirm email address upon request). Please indicate which one of the above methods you prefer to receive your Contribution Statement when requesting. This is a good time of the year to review and/or plan your charitable giving for this 2021 calendar year.



A gentle reminder about appropriate masks that are required to be worn whenever in the Jordan building: The masks should be either the disposable type or two-layer fabric masks of a similar design that cover both the nose and mouth. Face coverings such as plastic shields (unless used in conjunction with an appropriate mask) and masks with vent valves included, are not considered by the CDC to provide adequate protection. CDC approved masks are available in Monica's office if needed.

The Relaunch Committee continues to review current information to keep best covid practices in place for the safety of all congregants. As it is now recognized that a temperature is not a primary symptom of COVID, we will no longer be taking temperatures prior to service.

Having all abide by the CDC guidelines will enhance the safety of others within the building. The responsible focus here is not our own personal preferences, it is based upon our loving consideration for those around us and reliable information. Please enjoy our streamed services from the comfort of your home if you are unable to join us in person.

The Relaunch Committee

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***All worship assistant positions need to be filled as we get back to in-person worship and our attendance grows. Please consider once again assisting as you had in the past, or even trying out a new way of helping out with Sunday worship! Call the church office if you would like more information about lectoring, ushering, bell tolling or altar guild.***

**Snowplowing:** The contractor that has been plowing snow from the church lots, cemetery and sidewalks is retiring this summer. If anyone knows of a contractor interested in taking over the snow plowing responsibility, please contact Kevin Murphy at 484-408-2450.

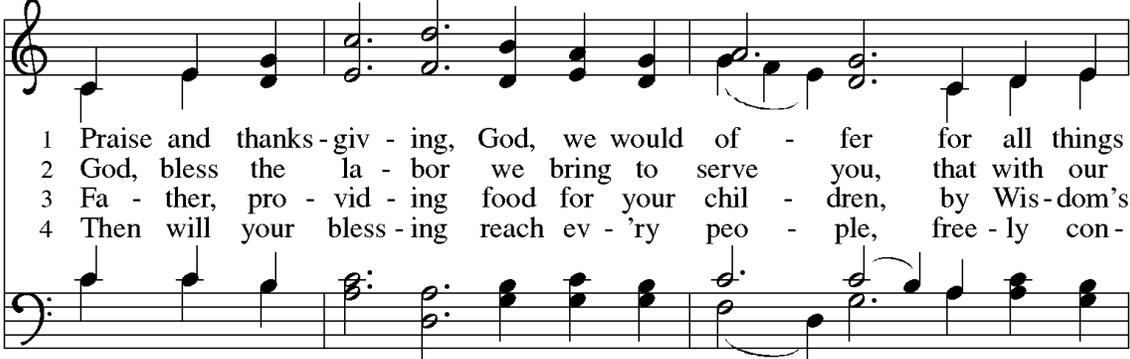
**PA Dutch Class will be back!!** Pa Dutch class taught by Jean and David Adam in our Social Room will begin Thursday evening, September 9th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The class will be every Thursday for 13 weeks, skipping Thanksgiving Day. Our emphasis is on learning to speak the dialect. We read together, play games, sing and talk among our class. Cost for the class is \$15 for the entire session. Class material is provided by the Big Daddy Groundhog Lodge. A dictionary and learning CD's are available for purchase but not required for the class. For registration or any questions, please call the Adams at 610-395-4282 or e-mail at [dhadam@rcn.com](mailto:dhadam@rcn.com).

### *Blessing of Backpacks Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>*

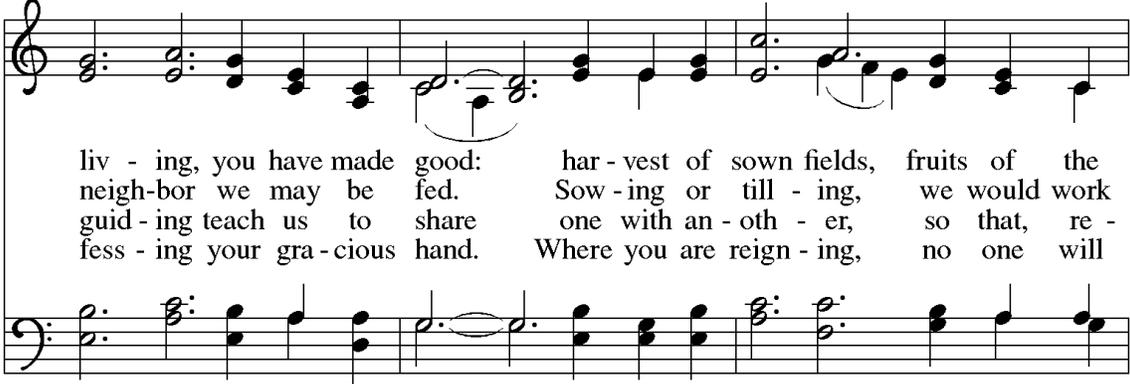


Students of all ages and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks/ book bags/briefcase for a special blessing for the new school year! Each student is encouraged to extend an invitation to bring their friends along as well! Everyone will receive a special tag for their backpack reminding them of God's love and presence in their daily learning/teaching.

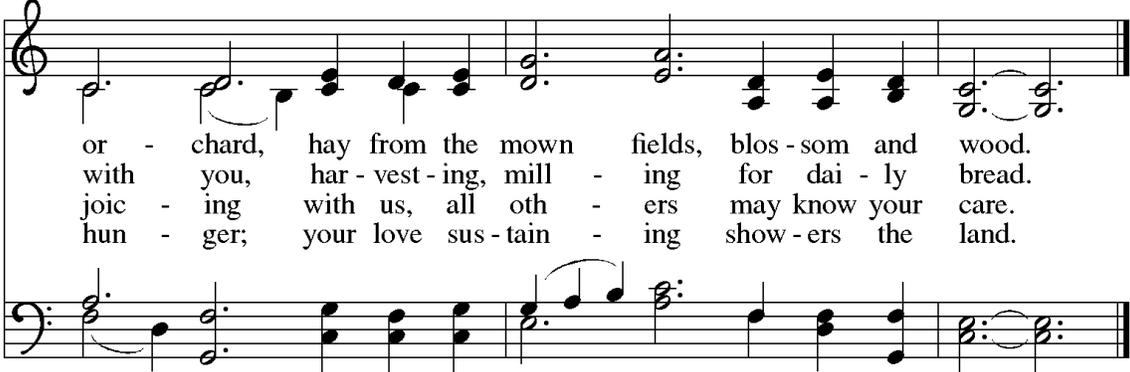
# Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things  
 2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
 3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's  
 4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-'ry peo-ple, free-ly con-



liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work  
 guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-  
 fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will



or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.  
 with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.  
 joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.  
 hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

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## Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

### *Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTED, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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# Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.  
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825–1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
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## **COVID-19 Guidelines for Jordan Lutheran Church**

These guidelines are a result of our concern for one another at Jordan. Our Relaunch mission is to promote the safety of those who attend worship services or gather for varied reasons.

1. To gather or attend worship at Jordan, you must wear a mask. Although your mask provides you protection from others, its primary purpose is to protect *others* in the event you are infectious.
2. During worship we ask that nonrelated family groups remain at least six feet from one another. This distancing helps prevent the possibility of close contact between healthy people and others that may be infectious. *Close contact* is defined as being less than six feet from someone for 15 minutes or longer. The use of alternating pews will help with this spacing.
3. Many congregants at Jordan have received the full complement of COVID vaccination. If this is true for you, you may sit with other people not in your family group who agree to be part of your "bubble", as long as they, too, have been fully vaccinated.
4. Do not gather or attend worship if:
  - You are not feeling well
  - You have a fever
  - You have a cough, loss of taste or smell, nausea, headaches, or any other symptoms of COVID-19

These guidelines will also help to prevent infecting others. (Good advice anytime, whether or not there is a pandemic.)

5. If you test positive for COVID-19, you should isolate yourself from others, to help reduce spreading the infection. You may gather or attend worship again **at least 10 days** after the symptoms appeared, or you tested positive, as long as:
  - You have gone at least 24 hours with no fever, without any fever-reducing medication, **AND**
  - Your other symptoms are improving.

This guideline applies even if you did not display any symptoms but had a positive test.

6. If you are aware you were in contact with someone who developed symptoms of COVID, or learned that she/he had a positive test result, **and are fully vaccinated**, according to the CDC you do not need to do anything except monitor yourself for symptoms. If you develop symptoms, you should arrange to be tested, and then follow the guidelines in #4 (above). You may be around others or attend worship after that time.
7. As always, you should contact your medical provider involving personal health concerns. These guidelines are based on recent CDC recommendations.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/need-to-know.html>