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9:15 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion

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Our Mission

CELEBRATING

GOD

CONNECTING

PEOPLE

For where your
Treasure is,
there will your
Heart
be also.
~Matthew 6:21

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

GATHERING

Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *Supplication*

-by F. Melius Christiansen

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, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

Gathering Song: *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens 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 Congregation: refrain Leader: verses

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

¹²Happy is the nation whose God ¹ is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to ¹ be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks ¹ down from heaven,
and sees all ¹ humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly en- ¹ throned and watches
all who dwell ¹ on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions ¹ all their hearts
and observes ¹ all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size ¹ of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by ¹ their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain ¹ hope for victory;
despite its great strength it ¹ cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear ¹ you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your ¹ steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their ¹ lives from death,
and to keep them alive in ¹ time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for ¹ you, O LORD,
our helper ¹ and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoic- ¹ es in you,
for in your holy name we ¹ put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, ¹ be upon us,
even as we place our ¹ hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful

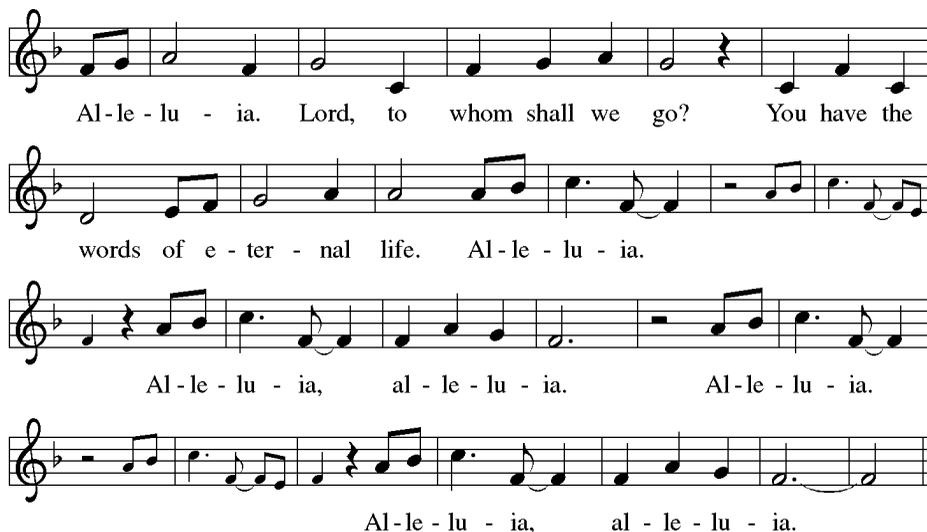
who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

All who are able are invited to stand

The Gospel Verse



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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God’s reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God’s generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear

out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

Sermon

Time of Silent Reflection *(remain seated)*

All who are able are invited to stand

Hymn of the Day: *Rejoice in God's Saints 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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you, *especially Reed, Clint, Ron, Lois, Clark, Jane, Helen, Susan, Gladys, Lucille, Sonny, Rachelle, Olive, Jean, Dale, Kim, Tammy, Dale, Ted, Vanessa, Michael, Neil*. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Kimberly, Michael, Jazlyn, Michael, Logan, Judy, Tracy, Reese, Linda, Bill, Woody, Jan*. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever *especially Bill & Sue, Ryan & Jessica, Barry & Carol, Michael & Amber*. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray especially for Shepherd of the Hills, Egypt, and their pastor, James Schlegel. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

The Peace – *Please share the peace in any manner comfortable to you.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

All may be seated

Offertory: *God is Our Refuge*

-by Randall DeBruyn

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 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo-ments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau-ti-ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes-sag-es from thee.
 take my in-tel-lect, and use ev-ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

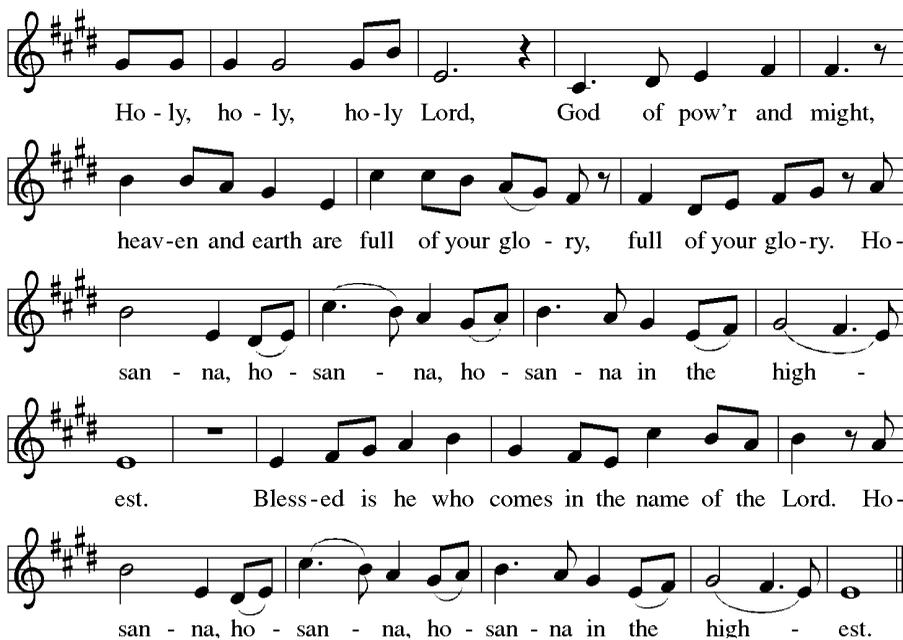
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.
We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.
We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as our Lord taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

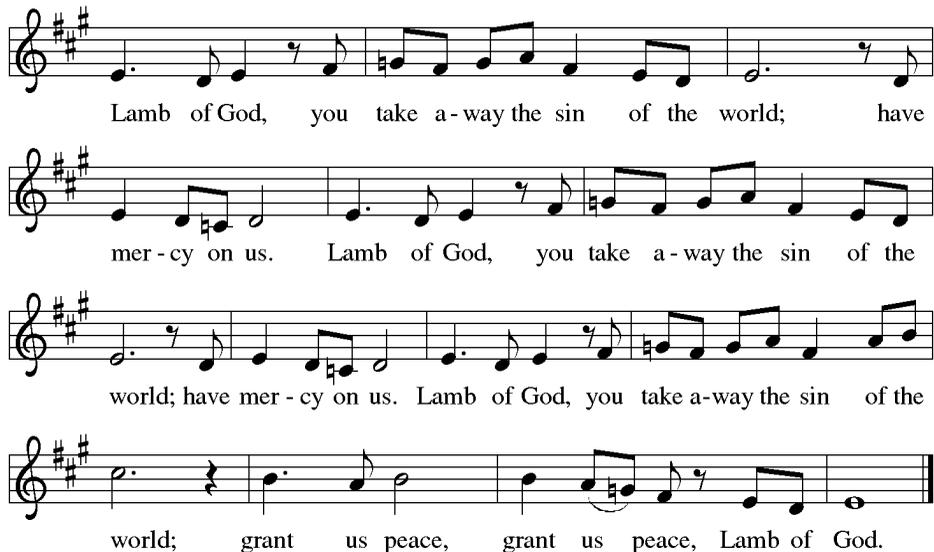
In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

All may be seated

Communion

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you." And each person may respond, "Amen."

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

The Distribution (Intinction Distribution)

Communion Hymn: *How Great Thou Art* p. 18

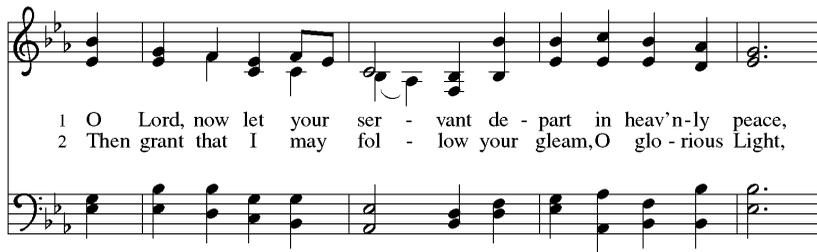
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After all have returned to their places

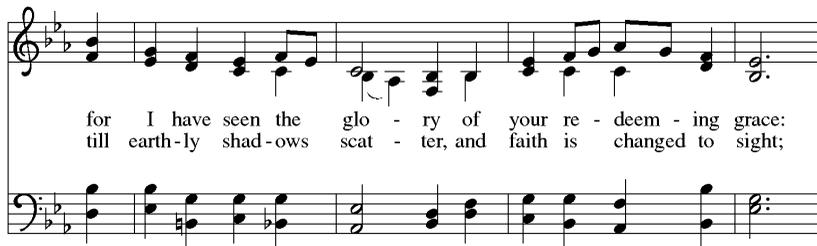
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May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

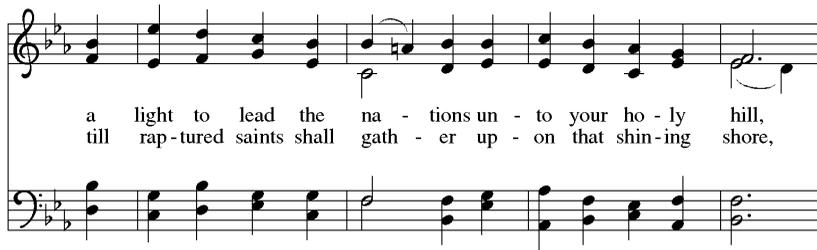
Song after Communion



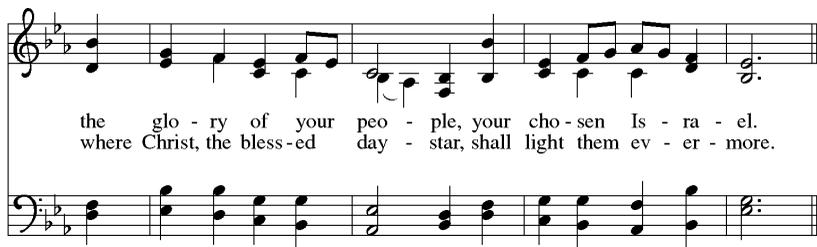
1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n - ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth - ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap - tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Blessing

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

Amen.

Sending Song: *Jesus, Still Lead On* p. 20

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Jesus, Still Lead On*

-by Paul Manz



We are looking for two people to coordinate the Sunday refreshment times (one for each service), beginning after Labor Day. We have a checklist of duties if you'd like to see a "job description" before you commit, just call the church office.

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Rejoice in God's Saints

1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!

A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own:
 A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!
 their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: LAUDATE DOMINUM, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

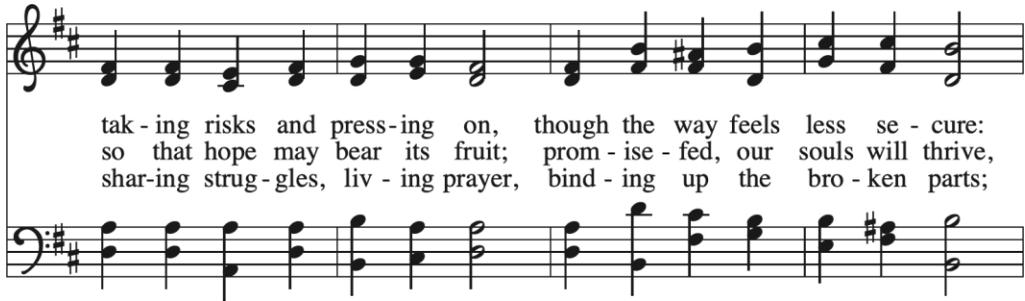
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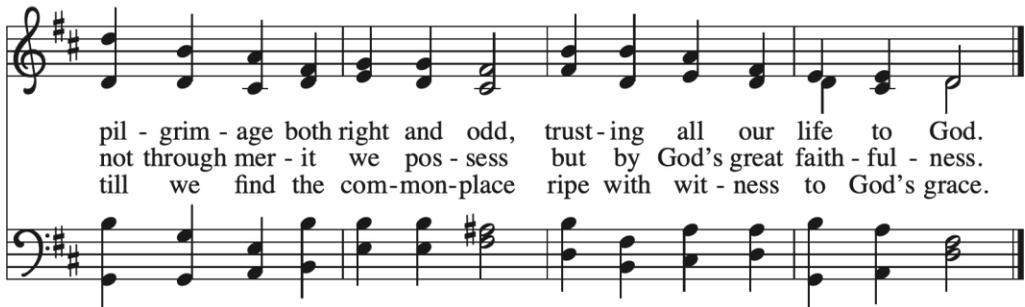
Faith Begins By Letting Go



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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Jesus, Still Lead On

1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELENBRAUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

THIS WEEK (Aug. 7 – 13)

TODAY (7)

-6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

MON (8)

-7:00pm, Boy Scouts

-7:00pm, Parkland Garden Club, Memory Rm.

TUES (9)

-7:30pm-Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (10th)

-6:30pm, Mini golf at Bear Rock Junction

THU (11)

-7:00pm, Church Council

-7:00pm, Overeaters Anon, M1

FRI (12)

-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

-7:30pm, AA meeting, Social Hall

-9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

Help is needed in the office during the secretary's vacation August 22, 23, 24, 25, & 26.

Please call or email me if you can take one day, from 10 am – 2 pm, to answer the phone/take messages.

Say a Prayer  Send a Card  Pay a Visit

Fellowship Mnr: Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel

Lehigh Commons: Janet Stettler

Lehigh Center: Barbara Diehl

The Palmerton: Ferne Rock

Parkland Manor: Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

Heather Glen: Herb & Anna Bieber

Sacred Heart Sr. Living: Dale Gogel

Home: Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Loretta Hein

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Reed Klotz, Clint Trumbauer, Ron Andersch, Lois Heisler, Clark Snyder, Jane Laudenslager, Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Lucille Laudenslager, Sonny Laudenslager, Rachelle Shollenberger, Olive Wood, Jean Adam, Dale Gogel, Kim Demarest, Tammy Harding, Dale Hahn, Ted DuBois, Vanessa Mace, Michael Ross, Neil Snyder

Birthdays this week: Kimberly Demarest, Michael Wertman, Jazlyn White, Michael Tom, Logan Edelman, Judy Grim, Tracy Heberling, Reese Hoffman, Linda Posegay, Bill Weber, Woody Haas, Jan Kistler

Anniversaries this week: Bill & Sue Weber (57), Ryan & Jessica Merrill (5), Barry & Carol Nagle (49), Michael & Amber Kerschner (17)

If you've asked to have someone added to the prayer list, don't forget to let us know when they are well enough to take them off!

**Attendance Sunday, 7/31/22
9:15 - 59**

Sponsors

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Sue & Bill Weber.

Found in the Literature Racks This Week

<i>Last week's bulletin</i>	<i>This month's newsletter</i>
<i>2021 Annual Reports</i>	<i>Endowment Request Forms</i>
<i>GWOH T-shirt order forms/envelopes</i>	<i>Last Month's Treasurer's Report</i>

Worship Assistants

DATE	8/7	8/14	8/21	8/28
Altar Guild	9:15-I Dietrich	9:15-I Dietrich	9:15-L Stettler	9:15-S Schleicher
Lector	9:15-L Stettler	9:15-K Boardman	9:15-K Gross	9:15-C Flemish
Acolyte	9:15-	9:15-	9:15-	9:15-
Ushers	J Steiner, J Laudenslager	9:15-B & L Hendricks	9:15-B & L Hendricks	9:15-B & L Hendricks
Bell Toller	9:15-B Stettler	9:15-B Lutterschmidt	9:15-S Hamil	9:15-D Stark
SAT	9:15-D Clark, D Mancke	9:15- D & K Mancke	9:15-	9:15-
Video				

If you would like to assist at worship in any of these capacities, please contact the person listed:

Altar Guild/Lynn Daniels lj2137@aol.com // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia Julie.boscia@gmail.com // **Acolytes**/Stephanie Derstine jordandff@gmail.com // **Ushers** /John Weremedic miner70@ptd.net **Bell**/Sandie Hamil hamilsre@gmail.com // **Outreach**/Kay Mancke mancke@rcn.com // **Video**/Julie Williams jbwill02@gmail.com

Blessing of Backpacks Sunday, August 21st

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.



God’s Work. Our Hands.

Sunday, October 2nd, 2022. See the table in the Memory Room for a sample T-shirt for this event. Order forms are on the table or in the literature racks. Orders must be placed *by August 24th*.



Sip, Dip & Mingle (fundraiser)

Join **Family Promise of Lehigh Valley** for a fabulous evening featuring wine & craft beer tastings, delicious dips and more. August 25th, 5:00-8:00 pm, at Stone Farm Cellars & Vineyard, 5831 Vera Cruz Road, Upper Saucon Township. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door. Sponsorship Opportunities Available. For more information call 610-351-1368, email Devdirector@fplehighvalley.org or visit our website fplehighvalley.org

Family Center Reservations

If you plan to use the Family Center during the September 2022 – August 2023 season (either for a personal event OR a church event) please call the church office ASAP to get your date on the calendar before we begin scheduling the sports groups.

Holiday Hope Chest Project

We need your donations of shoeboxes for the Holiday Hope Chest shoebox program. This will once again be part of our GWOH Day, wrapping boxes on 10/2 after church that Sunday. It will be a busy weekend! Drop your boxes off in the designated (green) box in the Sunday School foyer or at the church office. *Don’t forget to save your shoeboxes from school shoes!!*

2022 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: August 14, 21; October 2, 16, 23; November 27; December 4, 11, 18, 25

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS: Contact Donna Hahn at 610-395-0613 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.

Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$40/2 vase, or *\$20/1 vase*; Bulletins for \$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 2022

Income:	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
Operating Income	\$ 25,763.00	\$ 199,315.00	\$ 30,530.00	\$ 183,180.00
Benevolence	\$ 738.00	\$ 5,368.00	\$ 1,333.00	\$ 8,000.00
Property	\$ 1,262.00	\$ 8,264.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
Total Income	\$ 27,763.00	\$ 212,947.00	\$ 34,363.00	\$ 206,180.00
Expenses:				
Administration	\$ 1,908.00	\$ 12,910.00	\$ 1,742.00	\$ 10,450.00
Ministries	\$ 403.00	\$ 5,723.00	\$ 858.00	\$ 5,150.00
Payroll	\$ 21,562.00	\$ 130,497.00	\$ 22,416.00	\$ 134,496.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 9,568.00	\$ 62,995.00	\$ 7,625.00	\$ 45,750.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,688.00	\$ 11,125.00	\$ 1,813.00	\$ 10,875.00
Total Expenses	\$ 35,129.00	\$ 223,250.00	\$ 34,454.00	\$ 206,721.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (7,366.00)	\$ (10,303.00)	\$ (91.00)	\$ (541.00)

If you would like a contributions statement (any time of year) please contact the church office.



Mini-golf and Ice Cream!

Before Summer slips away, let's get together for a fun night of mini-golf at **Bear Rock Junction (8181 PA-309, New Tripoli, PA 18066) on Wednesday, August 10th at 6:30 p.m.** We will meet there under the pavilion to team up. The cost is \$9.50 for adults, \$7.50 for children 4 -12 yrs, \$8.75 for seniors 60+. Following mini-golf we can gather for some delicious ice cream and fellowship. Please sign up in the memory room or call the office 610-395-5912 with contact info in the event of rain

cancellation. Hope to see you at the Junction....Bear Rock Junction! Check out the link:

<https://bearrockjunction.com/>

Interested in joining Jordan's faith family?

Pastor Dody will hold an informational meeting on **Sunday, Sept 18th, at 9:15 a.m.** for anyone who is interested in becoming a disciple at Jordan. Please contact the office or Pastor Dody if you desire to be a part of the informational session. Once the group is determined, there will be dates set for three 1 hour sessions.

School bells ring and children sing....

It's time to gather up this year's cherub choir. Children who love to sing and are ages 3 years old through 2nd grade are invited to participate in the choir. We will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 6:20pm beginning September 14, 2022. Meetings are held in Sunday School room M5. Questions can be directed to Marlene Peters at (610) 573-6586 or petersfarm19529@yahoo.com.



Parent/Youth Confirmation Meeting

August 24th, at 7:00 pm, in the Conference Room (next to church office)

All confirmation students and their parents are asked to attend. We will review the expectations of confirmation students/parents and teachers, sign the covenant and discuss how we will go forward this year. There will be a time for questions/concerns from both parents and students.

Rally Day is coming!!!

Inviting you to "Come Follow JESUS", September 11th, 9:15 am – 10:15 am on Rally Day!!

We will meet in Room 4 and walk together through the Bible learning more about Jesus. There will be Bible stories, engaging songs, and fun activities for children age 3 – 11, however, all are welcome to attend, following Jesus through the Bible. Additional information about our Fall Sunday School classes will be shared and noted on our website at www.jordanlutheran.org/sunday-school.html. Please contact Stephanie Derstine at jordandff@ptd.net with questions.

Fall 2022 - Youth and Family Activities are coming soon, so stay tuned!

Keep your eyes open for information about upcoming Youth and Family Activities, they are currently in the planning stage and will be announced soon, so stay tuned! If you have an idea for an activity please feel free contact Stephanie Derstine at jordandff@ptd.net

Sunday School Teachers / Volunteers Needed - Please consider serving!!!!

We are in need of Sunday School teachers and/or volunteers to serve 20 min., or up to an hour every week or once a month, your time and assistance how ever much you offer would be appreciated. Training will be available. **Classes resume, September 11th, so please contact Stephanie Derstine at your earliest convenience at jordandff@ptd.net to serve. Thank you.**

Installation of Sunday School teachers

Please join us **Sunday, September 11, at both services**, as our volunteer Sunday School teaching staff is installed for the 2022-2023 teaching year. Having the support of the congregation is an integral part to the success of our year teaching our children. Thank you!



Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Dear friend,

You may have seen the distressing news about flash flooding in eastern Kentucky. A line of severe storms dumped record amounts of rain on the area, overflowing rivers and creeks onto streets and neighborhoods. The floodwaters rose in the middle of the night from July 27 to 28, leaving people little time to evacuate. These severe floods are not limited to Kentucky. There has also been flooding in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia and other states in the region.

At the time of writing this note, the death toll in Kentucky was at 16 people, and more deaths are expected as search and rescue efforts continue. Though hundreds of people have been rescued, the number of people missing is still unknown. Rising waters have damaged infrastructure, including roads, bridges and power lines, which hinders rescue efforts. The flooding has damaged hundreds of homes and other buildings and disrupted the lives of families.

The survivors of the flooding need your support. Your gifts to "U.S. Flooding" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the record-setting rainfall.

As the waters recede and the full scope of the damage is assessed, Lutheran Disaster Response will work with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and local community partners to focus on long-term needs. There are several ELCA churches in the impacted area, and we continue to be in communication with them. We anticipate our response to include rebuilding homes, replacing lost household items and providing emotional and spiritual care to survivors. We will also continue to accompany survivors of the December 2021 tornadoes in western Kentucky.

We pray that God's presence will be felt amid suffering and bring comfort to those who are hurting. Together, we can show our neighbors in Kentucky that they are not alone. Thank you for your partnership.

*Make checks payable to
Lutheran Disaster Response, write "U.S. Flooding" on your check's memo line and send to:*

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
ELCA Gift Processing Center
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Or check your email or ELCA.org to give online.

Treasures in Heaven

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Luke 12:34 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 12:32-34 (NIV).



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PLEASED	WEAR	KINGDOM	LUKE	FLOCK
EXHAUSTED	MOTH	HEART	AFRAID	SELL
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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.