



August 14, 2022
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:15 a.m. Worship Service

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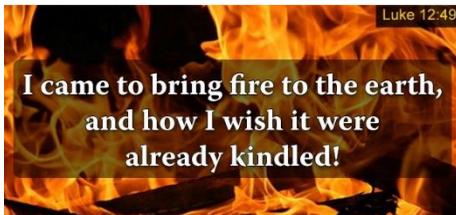
Our Mission

CELEBRATING

GOD

CONNECTING

PEOPLE



The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

GATHERING

Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

-Les Petites Soeurs de Jesus & L'Arche Community, setting by Anne Krentz Organ

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, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me p. 12*

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.

Glory to God

Refrain



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

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, 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. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 82 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²**"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?**

³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

⁷nevertheless, you shall ^l die like mortals,
and fall like ^l any prince.’”

⁸**Arise, O God, and ^l rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations ^l for your own.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. *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 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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: *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord p. 13*

Blessing of Paschal Candle & Base

Sisters and brothers, today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we set apart this Paschal candle and base to the glory of God.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children; and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

Send your blessing on this Paschal candle and base, which we set apart today; may they be to us a sign of Christ, the Light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep, praying for those who are ill or suffer in any way, *especially Reed, Clint, Ron, Lois, Clark, Jane, Helen, Susan, Gladys, Lucille, Sonny, Rachelle, Olive, Jean, Dale, Kim, Tammy, Dale, Vanessa, Michael, Neil, Sally, Grace, Larry.* In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Jonathan, Rebecca, Richard, Jenna, Ila, Donna, William, Alexandra, Karl, Merle, Barbara, Jennifer, Kevin, Dylan, Ruth.* Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever *especially David & Sandy, John & Carla, Lee & Barbara, Richard & Lori.* 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 Grace, Belfast, and their pastor, Dale Sattizahn. 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.

OFFERING

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

All may be seated

Offertory: *If God, My Lord, Be for Me* -16th Century English Melody, setting by Franklin D. Ashdown

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 roval 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.

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

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: *Let the Whole Creation Cry* p. 14

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* -Kathleen Thomerson, setting by Wayne L. Wold

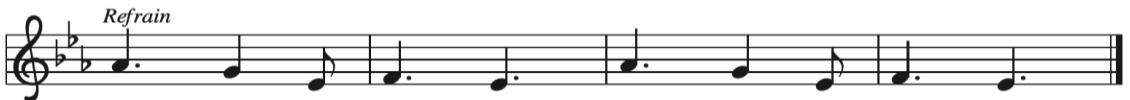
God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me *O Christ, Surround Me*



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

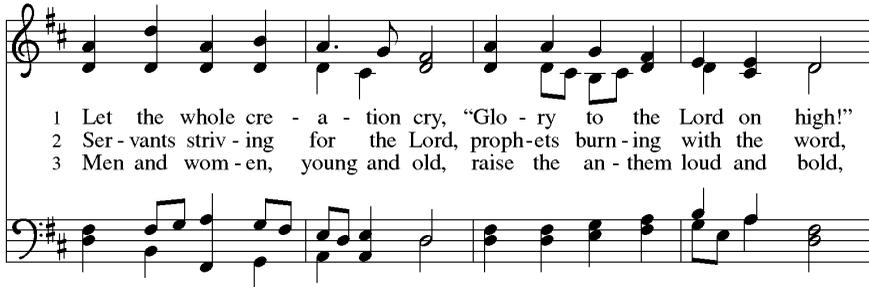
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Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

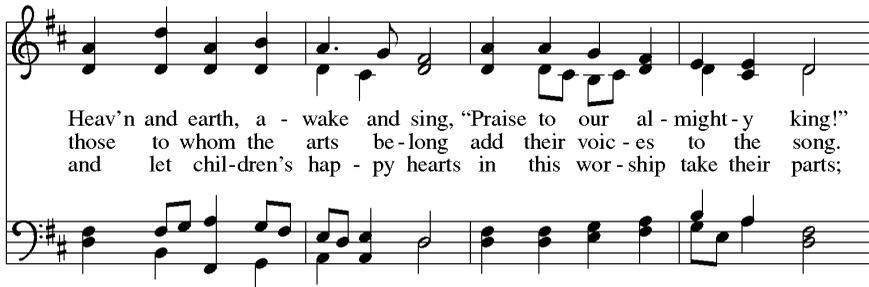
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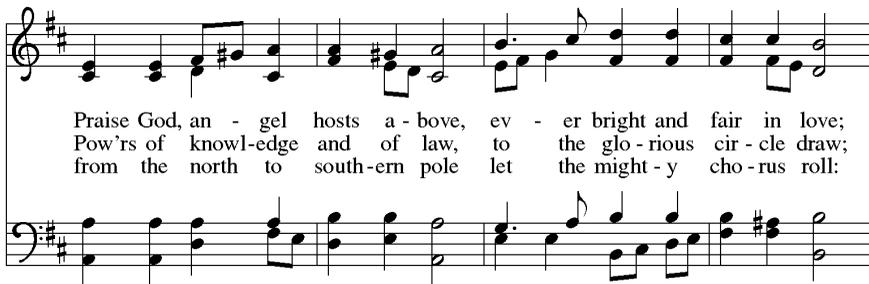
Let the Whole Creation Cry



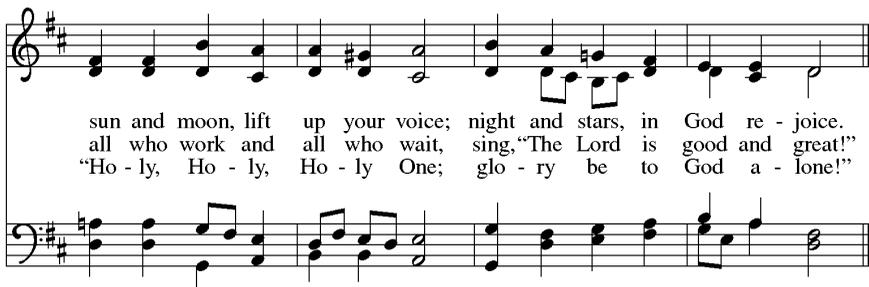
1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song,
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832-1916, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750, adapt.

THIS WEEK (Aug. 14 – 20)

TODAY (14)

-6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

MON (15) Pantry 9-10 am

-7:00pm, Boy Scouts

-8:00pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE

TUES (16)

-7:00pm, Christian Ed. mtg.

-7:30pm-Volleyball, Family Ctr.

THU (18)

-7:00pm, Overeaters Anon, M1

FRI (19)

-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

Bristol House: 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, Vanessa Mace, Michael Ross, Neil Snyder, Sally Crowe, Grace Keller, Larry Bear

Birthdays this week: Jonathan Horn, Rebecca Peters, Richard Seltzer, Jenna Strobl, Ila Dietrich, Donna Hahn, William Lutterschmidt, Alexandra McDevitt, Karl Kroboth, Merle Cydis, Barbara Diehl, Jennifer Seidel, Kevin Gill, Dylan Edelman, Ruth Shafer

Anniversaries this week: David & Sandy Knotts (49), John & Carla Richebacher (49), Lee & Barbara Kreidler (62), Richard & Lori Semmel (28)

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, 8/7/22

9:15 - 83

Sponsors

Bulletins are given in honor of Donna Hahn's birthday (8/16) by Larry and family.

As we dedicate the new Paschal Candle & Base today, special thanks go to the two anonymous donors who sponsored the cost of the candle, and to Bill Lutterschmidt and Damien (DJ) Erdie for the refurbishment of the base.

Found in the Literature Racks This Week

Last week's bulletin

2021 Annual Reports

GWOH T-shirt order forms/envelopes

This month's newsletter

Endowment Request Forms

Last Month's Treasurer's Report

Worship Assistants

DATE	8/14	8/21	8/28	9/4
Altar Guild	9:15-I Dietrich	9:15-L Stettler	9:15-S Schleicher	9:15-J Grim, I Johnson
Lector	9:15-K Boardman	9:15-K Gross	9:15-C Flemish	9:15-
Acolyte	9:15-	9:15-	9:15-	9:15-
Ushers	9:15-B & L Hendricks	9:15-B & L Hendricks	9:15-B & L Hendricks	9:15-
Bell Toller	9:15-B Lutterschmidt	9:15-S Hamil	9:15-D Stark	9:15-B Lutterschmidt
SAT	9:15- D & K Mancke	9:15-J Siegfried, B Lutterschmidt	9:15-D Wagaman, K Boardman	9:15-
Video				

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

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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 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 JULY 2022				
	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
Income:			Month	YTD
Operating Income	\$ 23,326.00	\$ 222,691.00	\$ 30,530.00	\$ 213,710.00
Benevolence	\$ 714.00	\$ 6,081.00	\$ 1,333.00	\$ 9,333.00
Property	\$ 1,316.00	\$ 9,579.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
Total Income	\$ 25,356.00	\$ 238,351.00	\$ 34,363.00	\$ 240,543.00
Expenses:				
Administration	\$ 1,158.00	\$ 14,068.00	\$ 1,742.00	\$ 12,192.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,737.00	\$ 11,175.00	\$ 1,813.00	\$ 12,688.00
Payroll	\$ 21,403.00	\$ 151,900.00	\$ 21,874.00	\$ 156,370.00
Ministries	\$ 740.00	\$ 6,463.00	\$ 858.00	\$ 6,008.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 7,745.00	\$ 70,741.00	\$ 7,625.00	\$ 53,375.00
Total Expenses	\$ 32,783.00	\$ 254,347.00	\$ 33,912.00	\$ 240,633.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (7,427.00)	\$ (15,996.00)	\$ 451.00	\$ (90.00)

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

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.



Refreshments

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.

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.

Canon Choir...

will resume rehearsals on Wednesday evening, September 14th. We meet in the Choir Room from 6:30 to 7:00 and welcome all young singers ages 8 through 17. Can't read music? That's ok - we'll have fun learning great songs together! Can't sing? Yes, you can! Can't make it to every practice because of sports or dance or too much homework? No problem - attend whenever you can! Have questions? Call or email Miss Jan at 484-225-5693 or janrkis@ptd.net See you on the 14th!

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 M4 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

Keep your eyes open for information about more 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 looking for adult members and confirmed youth to guide our Sunday School children on an exciting journey through rotation teaching stations this Fall. Each week adult leaders and classroom volunteers will lead a rotation station to two different age groups (20 minutes per group). Please contact Steph Derstine at jordandff@ptd.net to sign-up for areas YOU are comfortable — sharing a Bible story, leading a craft, singing a song or playing a game. You may sign up to volunteer for as many Sundays that you are available. All Spark lesson plans will be provided to engage the children. There will be a teacher orientation meeting to discuss the Sunday School classes and rotation stations, Sunday, August 28th, at 10:45 am in Room M4.

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 integral to the success of our year teaching our children. Thank you!

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.