



August 28, 2022
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
9:15 a.m. Worship Service
Welcome Pastor Ray Hand!

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Our Mission

CELEBRATING

GOD

CONNECTING

PEOPLE

Matthew 23:12

For whoever exalts
himself will be humbled,
and whoever humbles
himself will be exalted.

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

GATHERING

Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *O God of Life*

-arr. K. Kosche

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: *All Are Welcome 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,

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

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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

- ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 112 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

- ¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹ fear the LORD
and have great delight in ¹ God's commandments!
²**Their descendants will be mighty ¹ in the land;
the generation of the upright ¹ will be blessed.**
³Wealth and riches will be ¹ in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹ last forever.
⁴**Light shines in the darkness ¹ for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full ¹ of compassion.**
⁵It is good for them to be gener- ¹ ous in lending
and to manage their af- ¹ fairs with justice.
⁶**For they will nev- ¹ er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- ¹ ing remembrance.**
⁷They will not be afraid of any ¹ evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting ¹ in the LORD.
⁸**Their heart is established and ¹ will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ¹ on their enemies.**
⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands ¹ fast forever;
they will hold up their ¹ head with honor.
¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and ¹ pine away;
the desires of the wick- ¹ ed will perish.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to 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 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

Sermon

Rev. Ray Hand

Time of Silent Reflection *(remain seated)*

All who are able are invited to stand

Hymn of the Day: *Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways p. 13*

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.

For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people. Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all the saints who confessed God's name, we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving 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, Carol, Sally, Kathy. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, especially Will, Glenn, Mary, Beth, Judy, Kathleen, Donald, Rose, Robert. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever especially Anthony & Jill, Kurt & Joyce. 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 Trinity, Hecktown, and their pastor, Spencer Steele. 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.

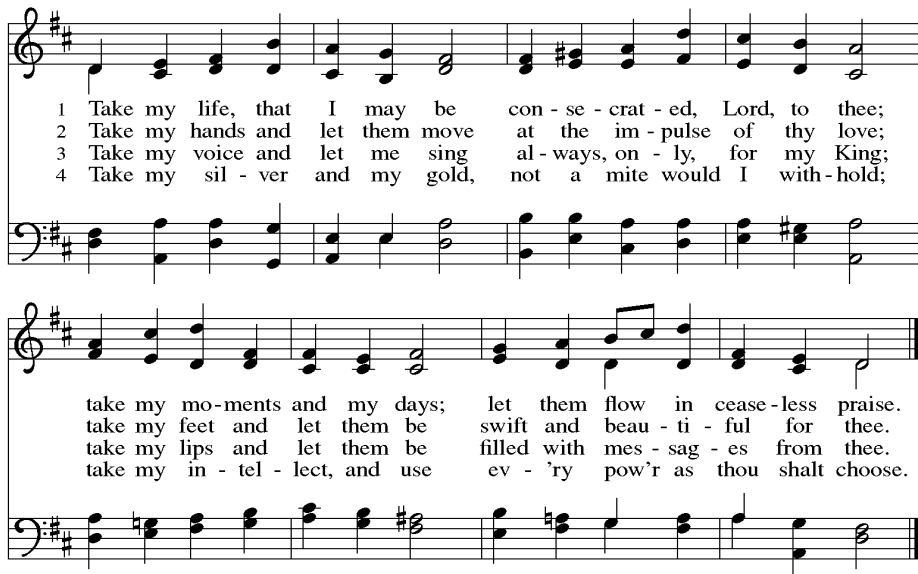
All may be seated

Offertory: *In All Our Need*

-J. Pachelbel

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: *Oh, Praise the Gracious Power p. 14*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Toccata*

-L. Boellmann

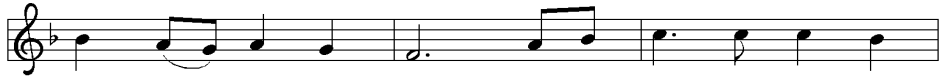
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:

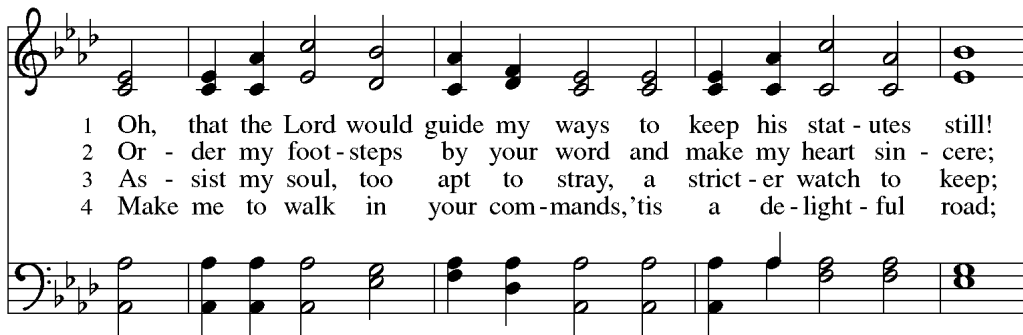


all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



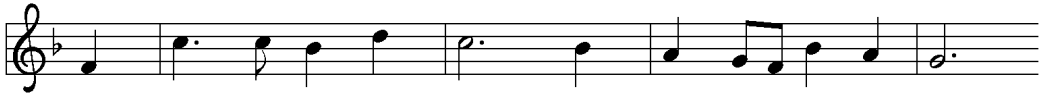
1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- | | |
|--|---|
| <p>6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
 the love, the word, the tide.
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
 praise Christ the crucified: <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>7 Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945
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THIS WEEK (Aug. 28 – Sept. 3)

TODAY (28th)

-10:45am, Sunday School Teachers' mtg.
-6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

MON (29th)

-7:00pm, Boy Scouts
-8:00pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

TUES (30th)

-7:30pm-Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (31st)

-5:00pm, SOS, Conference Rm.

THU (1st)

-7:00pm, Overeaters Anon, M1

FRI (2nd)

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

**Pr. Dody is on vacation August 27 – Sept. 4.
Pastor Gade will be covering pastoral
care/emergencies during this time.
Contact info can be found on the church
answering machine by connecting to Pr.
Dody, or from the church office during
regular hours.**

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, Grace Keller, Larry Bear,
Carol Jean Lehr, Sally Crowe, Kathy Leonard

Birthdays this week: Will Kroboth, Glenn Hahn, Mary
Rock, Beth Trumbauer, Judy White, Kathleen Kerr,
Donald Peters, Rose Laudenslager, Robert Heilman

Anniversaries this week: Anthony & Jill Fay (12), Kurt &
Joyce Oertner (63)

*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, 8/21/22
9:15 – will report next week**

Sponsors

Altar Flowers are given with gratitude and celebration of my daughter,
Ingrid's birthday on August 23rd. She is my strength and my rock! From
Mamma. (T)

Bulletins are given in honor of Terry Hahn's birthday, by his family.

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	8/28	9/4	9/11	9/18
Altar Guild	9:15-S Schleicher	9:15-J Grim, I Johnson	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-J Grim, I Johnson	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-J. Grim, I Johnson
Lector	9:15-C Flemish	9:15-	8:00- 10:30	8:00- 10:30
Acolyte	9:15-	9:15-	8:00 10:30	8:00 10:30
Ushers	9:15-B & L Hendricks	9:15-	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Bell Toller	9:15-D Stark	9:15-B Lutterschmidt	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
SAT	9:15-M Russell, K Boardman	9:15-K & D Mancke	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Video			10:30-	10:30-

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

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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: 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!

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 to 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!

PA Dutch Classes

begin their fall session on **Thursday, September 8th, at 7:00 p.m.** in our Social Hall. New students are welcome by calling Jean & Dave Adam at 610-395-4282.

Harvest Home Sunday

Sunday, September 18, 2022. We will be accepting items to be donated to the food pantry to display on Harvest Home Sunday, beginning in early September. There will be a special basket, marked Harvest Home, for those items. Your fresh produce would also be welcome for the display and may be dropped off Saturday afternoon, September 17th, by 1:00 p.m.

Game Day

will resume **Tuesday, September 20th, at 1:30 p.m.** We plan on meeting in our Social Hall. Plans are to meet the *first and third Tuesday of each month*. For additional information or comments, call Jean & Dave Adam at 610-395-4282.

God's Work. Our Hands.

Sunday, October 2nd, 2022. Watch for more information about available activities!

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.