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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. Worship Service &
10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion

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For where
TWO OR THREE
GATHER
IN MY NAME
I am with them
Matt 18:20

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Congregation reads **BOLD**

Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *Blest Are They*

-by David Haas, setting by Charles L. Lenz

All who are able are invited to stand

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

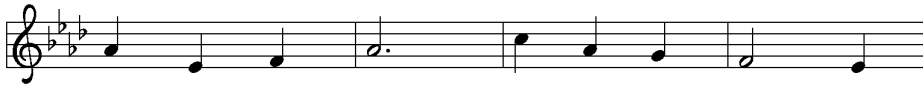
you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

Gathering Song

Earth and All Stars!



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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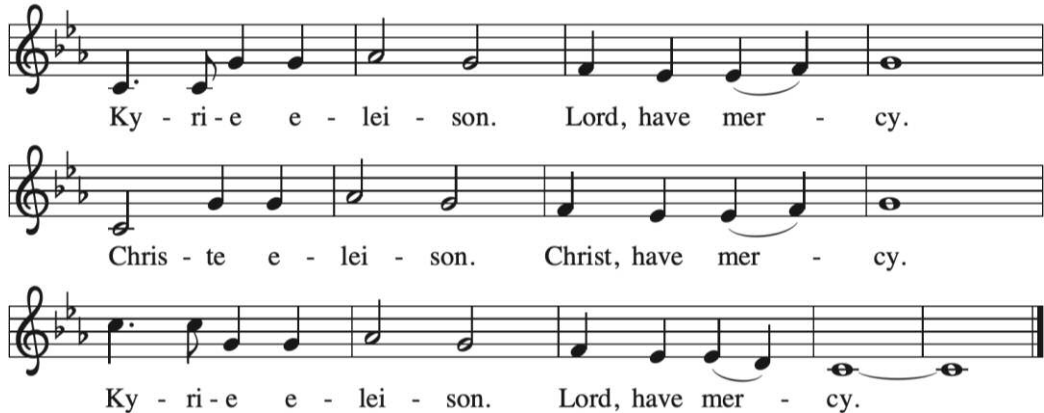
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Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

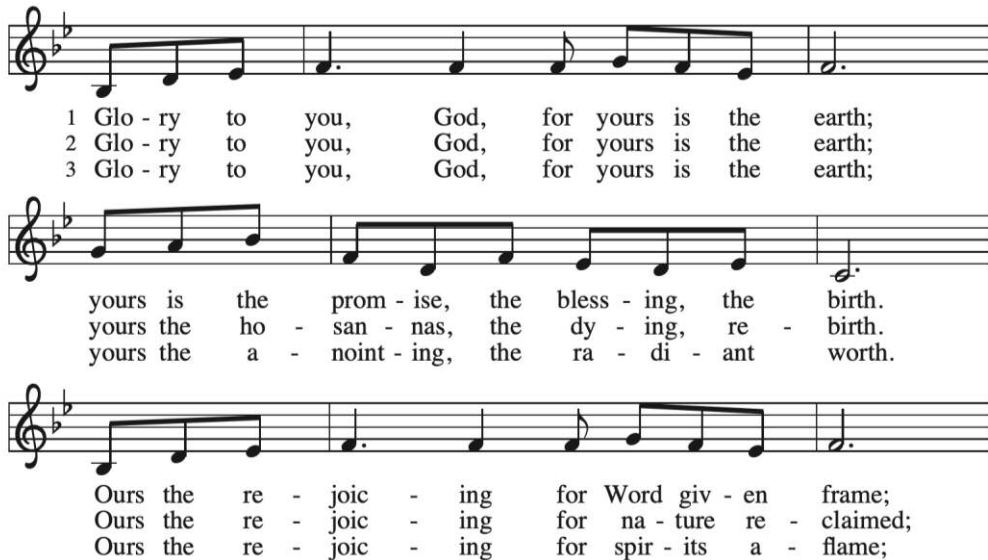


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, 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: Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the

wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way [|] of your statutes,
and I shall keep it [|] to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall [|] keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with [|] all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of [|] your commandments,
for that is [|] my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to [|] your decrees
and not to [|] unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from be- [|] holding falsehood;
give me life [|] in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise [|] to your servant,
which is for [|] those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach [|] that I dread,
because your judg- [|] ments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for [|] your commandments;
by your righteousness en- [|] liven me.**

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of

light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. *The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

All who are able are invited to stand

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

Children’s Sermon / Blessing of Backpacks

God of all learning

God of all learn - ing, God of all know - ing,
 Bless all the stu - dents, young ones and old ones,
 Some kids are poor and some kids are wealth - y;
 Bless all who learn and bless those who guide them,

we bring these back - packs filled with sup - plies. _____
 walk - ing or rid - ing, trav - eling by bus. _____
 may we give all the tools that they need. _____
 bless those who teach and coun - sel and care. _____

Bless all these tools of learn - ing and grow - ing.
 May they re - mem - ber that you go with them,
 May we make sure they're safe, loved and health - y.
 May they re - mem - ber you walk be - side them.

Use them, we pray, to change man - y lives.
 and that they all are pre - cious to us.
 so that they all may thrive and suc - ceed.
 Through all their school days, you, Lord, are there.

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MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody; harm. by Dean McIntyre, 2013

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Hymn of the Day

In All Our Grief



1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.
2 Help us to put a - side the an - gry word,
3 You did not e - ven spare your on - ly Son.
4 God, when we suf - fer all that we can bear,



O God, you know all that we think or do,
the clen - ing fist, the wish and will to hurt.
He lived our griefs and bore all e - vil done,
then let us know that you in truth are near



you know the pain we put each oth - er through.
Teach us the way in which love best is served.
but through his cross, re - demp - tion has been won.
and will not leave us lost in all our fear.

Refrain



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, grant us peace.

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Installation of Sunday School Teachers

All who are able are invited to stand

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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick, *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Kim, Vanessa, Dean, Lester, Nat, Bob, Lori, Lisa, Carol, Linda, Richard, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Barry, Rumpun, Ted, Nancy, Pam.* Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith. May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Jean, Gary, Thomas, Donald, Durward, Tammy, Kenneth, Larry, Anthony, Lily, Jeffrey.* Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever, *especially Cindy & Steven, Donald & Elsie.* 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 Holy Trinity Slovak, Northampton. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering: (8:00) *If With All Your Hearts* -by Felix Mendelsohn, arr. Roger C. Wilson
(10:30) *Beloved, God's Chosen* -music by Robert A. Hobby, text by Susan Palo Cherwien

All who are able are invited to stand

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty,

all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

[8:00 service continues on page 13 with the Lord's Prayer]

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

All may be seated

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:

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

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

[8:00 service continues here]

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.**

[8:00 service continues on page 18 with the Sending]

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

Please be seated

Communion



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.

As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: **Amen**

The Distribution

Communion Hymns

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in - to our world of stress,
3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re - lease
4 Send us, God of new be - gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in - to life.
5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re - store the hope of heal - ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing all the fail - ures we con - fess.
from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless-ing: make us stron-ger, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en - cour - age and re - new!

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When We Are Living

Pues si vivimos



<p><i>Pues si vi - vi - mos,</i> 1 When we are liv - ing, 2 'Mid times of sor - row 3 A - cross this wide world,</p>	<p><i>pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,</i> it is in Christ Je - sus, and in times of pain, we shall al - ways find</p>
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<p><i>y si mo - ri - mos</i> and when we're dy - ing, when sens - ing beau - ty those who are cry - ing</p>	<p><i>pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.</i> it is in the Lord. . . . or in love's em - brace, . . . with no peace of mind; . . .</p>
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<p><i>Sea que vi - va - mos</i> Both in our liv - ing wheth - er we suf - fer, and when we help them,</p>	<p><i>o que mu - ra - mos,</i> and in our dy - ing, or sing re - joic - ing, or when we feed them,</p>
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<p><i>so - mos del Se - ñor,</i> we be - long to God, we be - long to God, we be - long to God,</p>	<p><i>so - mos del Se - ñor.</i> we be - long to God. we be - long to God. we be - long to God.</p>
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All who are able, please stand

After all have returned to their places:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Canticle

At Last, Lord *Ahora, Señor*



A - ho - ra, Se - ñor, se - gún tu pro - me - sa,
At last, Lord, your word of prom - ise ful - fill - ing,



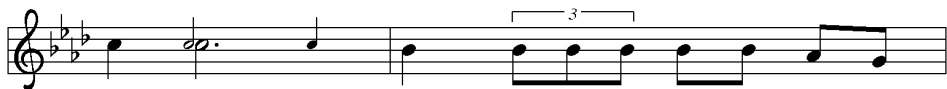
pue - des de - jar a tu sier - vo ir - se en paz.
you let your ser - vant go forth in free - dom and peace.



Por - que mis o - jos han vis - to a tu Sal - va - dor,
With my own eyes I have seen the sal - va - tion



a quien has pre - sen - ta - do an - te to - dos los
you have pre - pared . . . in the sight of all of the



pue - blos: luz pa - ra a - lum - brar a las na -
peo - ples: a light that will re - veal you to the



cio - nes y glo - ria de tu pue - blo Is - ra - el.
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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Prayer After Communion

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

[8:00 service continues here]

SENDING

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

Closing Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Blessing

The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Hymn to Joy*

-by Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Edward Broughton

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.

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.

The use of **electronic devices** during worship is discouraged. Please turn off cell phones or set to vibrate before the start of the service.

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

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

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).

JELC NEWS for the Week of Sept. 10 - 16

THIS WEEK (Sept. 10 – 16)

TODAY (10)

-9:15am, Sunday School
-9:15am, Confirmation Mtg., Conf. Room
-9:30am, Chorale
-12:00noon, Youth Picnic
-6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

MON (11)

-6:30pm, Jordaniers Bowlers
-7:00pm, Boy Scouts
-7:00pm, Parkland Garden Club, Memory Rm.
-7:30pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

TUES (12)

-9:30am, Staff Meeting
-6:30pm, Bible Study, Room 8
-7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (13)

-9:00am, Prayer Shawl
-5:30pm, Jr. Gyros
-6:15pm, Friendship Ringers
-6:30pm, Canon Choir
-7:00pm, Finance mtg.
-7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

THU (14)

-7:00pm, Church Council, Conference Rm.
7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall

FRI (15)

-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
-9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

Attendance

9/3/23 - 62

Altar flowers are given in memory of Norm and all loved ones, by Illa Dietrich (T)

Bulletins are given in honor of Larry Hahn's birthday (9/14), by Donna and family.

Say a Prayer ☞ Send a Card ☞ Pay a Visit

Fellowship Community: Lillian Semmel, Donald Laudenslager

Lehigh Commons: Janet Stettler

Sacred Heart: Dale Gogel **Lehigh Ctr:** Barbara Diehl

Parkland Manor: Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

Heather Glen: Sonny Laudenslager, Herb & Anna Bieber

Home: Margaret Smith, Reed Klotz

Please keep these people in your prayers: Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Kim Demarest, Vanessa Mace, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Nat Hager, Bob Pellen, Lori Kocher, Lisa Williams, Carol Ludwig, Richard Gross, Kim Friend, Bethany Friend, Jon Conrad, Barry Dorney, Rumpun Heller, Ted DuBois, Pam James

Birthdays this week: Jean Adam, Gary Schneck, Thomas Roth, Donald Schey, Durward, Tammy Klotz, Kenneth Ryder, Larry Hahn, Anthony Fay, Lily Turkos, Jeffrey Berdahl

Anniversaries this week: Cindy & Steven Gingras (33), Donald & Elsie Schey (62)

Worship Services are back to 8:00 & 10:30

Looking for volunteers to teach Sunday school once a month starting September 2023!

Join the Sunday School Team to teach kids how to play and pray God's way!

Contact Stephanie Derstine at jordandff@ptd.net for information.

SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22; Nov. 26; Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS: Contact Donna Hahn at 610-295-9148 or dhahn16@gmail.com with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(s). Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the last service or want them taken to shut-ins. If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins.

Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

SPONSORSHIP POLICY: Flowers and other sponsorships may be reserved no earlier than one year from the chosen date. If you wish to reserve the same weekend for the following year, you may do so the day after the current year's sponsorship. No dates will be held; the first request for a date (within the one year limit) will be taken regardless of the previous year's sponsor.

Worship Assistants

DATE	9/10	9/17	9/24	10/1
Altar Guild	8:00-L Daniels 10:30-L Stettler	8:00-J Murphy 10:30-I Martz, G Martz-Shelton	8:00-J Murphy 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Lector	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-C Flemish	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-K Boardman	8:00- 10:30-J Boscia	8:00- 10:30-
Acolyte	8:00- L Epting 10:30- N Heckman	8:00- N Heckman 10:30- C Wozniak	8:00- B Epting 10:30- O Wozniak	8:00- 10:30-
Ushers	8:00-B Lutterschmidt, J Laudenslager 10:30-	8:00-D & D Stark 10:30-	8:00-D & D Stark 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Bell Toller	8:00-D Stark 10:30-J Steiner	8:00-J Bair 10:30-J Siegfried	8:00-D Stark 10:30-B Stettler	8:00- 10:30-
SAT	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-D Heckman	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-D Clark	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Video	10:30-	10:30-	10:30-	10:30-

Please look at the dates we have no one scheduled and give a call to the name listed below for the area(s) you can help with!

Altar Guild/Lynn Daniels lj2137@aol.com // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia Julie.boscia@gmail.com // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman sgarboglio@yahoo.com // **Ushers** /John Weremedic miner70@ptd.net // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil hamilsre@gmail.com // **SAT**/Doug Clark d.clark854@gmail.com // **Video**/Tom Daniels tkdaniels@ptd.net

If you are looking for a way to offer your time & talent, consider one of the above ways – ALL groups need volunteers!

Family Promise 2023

We have two more weeks to host families at Jordan in 2023. Please consider signing up soon. You can go the Jordan website -> Ministries -> Outreach for the link to SignUpGenius or use the links here:

Week of October 1 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45AEA82FAAF85-hosting5>

Week of October 8 – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45AEA82FAAF85-hosting6>



Adult Bible Study

Our class will resume in the fall on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month at 6:30 – 7:30/8:00 p.m. Many times, our second scripture readings assigned on Sunday mornings are from the Apostle Paul’s letters.

Join us this year (16 sessions) as we journey with the Apostle Paul from the Book of Acts through the Epistles (Paul’s Letters). In addition to lively conversation and fun fellowship, each session will

feature a DVD segment of the sand art depictions of the Bible story by renowned artist Joe Castillo. Each session video brings the story to life as the image continuously transforms from one element of the story to another.

Our class begins Tuesday, September 12th. Class books have been ordered, but if you really want to join in, there are a limited number of extras.

God’s Work Our Hands

Members and friends of Jordan are invited to celebrate “God’s Work Our Hands” on Sunday, October 15th, 2023. Our activities have been carefully chosen so that our community and shut-ins may benefit from our benevolent actions. As always, our celebration will be preceded by a gourmet luncheon that will provide the nourishment and spiritual strength to do God’s Work. Lots of projects are under consideration and if you have ideas for how we can extend ourselves to benefit the community, please let us know!

Let us *all* take part in this rewarding celebration by helping those who will benefit from our God gifted time and talent. Watch for additional information and a sign-up easel appearing soon!

Be a part of this day of giving and look the part in your official “yellow mellow” T-shirt! Shirts are \$12.50 each, final order date is September 24th. Contact Dave Mancke of the Outreach Committee at 484-866-6620.

Grandparents Day



Celebrate grandparents TODAY, September 10th, at the “Goodies with Grands” celebration held after each worship service in the Memory Room to honor grandparents. Goodies provided by our Christian Education Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2023				
	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
Income:			Month	YTD
Operating Income	\$ 16,473.39	\$ 230,785.54	\$ 29,350.00	\$ 254,800.05
Benevolence	\$ 494.00	\$ 4,863.00	\$ 1,333.33	\$ 10,666.64
Property	\$ 775.00	\$ 8,451.00	\$ 2,083.33	\$ 16,666.64
Total Income	\$ 17,742.39	\$ 244,099.54	\$ 32,766.66	\$ 282,133.33
Expenses:				
Administration	\$ 1,201.73	\$ 13,884.21	\$ 1,554.17	\$ 12,433.36
Benevolence	\$ 1,687.50	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 1,812.50	\$ 14,500.00
Payroll	\$ 21,779.98	\$ 178,779.31	\$ 22,311.05	\$ 180,675.56
Ministries	\$ 834.51	\$ 7,895.62	\$ 972.91	\$ 7,783.28
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 6,072.29	\$ 75,385.89	\$ 9,124.99	\$ 72,999.92
Total Expenses	\$ 31,576.01	\$ 290,445.03	\$ 35,775.62	\$ 288,392.12
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (13,833.62)	\$ (46,345.49)	\$ (3,008.96)	\$ (6,258.79)

Coming to Jordan this Fall!!!

Who: All members of Jordan, from the newly confirmed to those approaching 100

What: A new Sunday interactive gathering called Circle of Faith

When: Sunday mornings at 9:15 beginning September 17th

Where: Nursery/Preschool Room

Why: To strengthen our faith

How: We will view and share thoughts on the current streaming TV series, "The Chosen," which focuses on the everyday lives of the original 12 disciples and Mary Magdalene and how they were "chosen" by Jesus.



Looking forward to your participation in this gathering of faith. If you have questions, contact Darlene Wenhold at 610-737-0954.

Harvest Home, October 8, 2023



There will be a special basket in the narthex for non-perishable food donations for Harvest Home. Items will be donated to the Food Pantry after Harvest Home. Anyone who has fresh produce to be used for the display, please bring it to the church, Sat., Oct. 7th, by 10:00 AM. It can be set on the porch at the Sunday School foyer if the doors are locked. If you wish to reclaim your produce, it can be picked up after the 10:30 service on October 8th.



We thank God for each of you. You share yourself and your love for God with our children and youth and YOU yourself are a gift to Jordan. When you volunteer to teach Sunday School, you are faithful to the promise that each of us makes at baptism to help raise our children in the Christian faith.

Adult Class

Darlene Wenhold

Confirmation Class

Marlene Peters

Dean Wagaman

Sunday School

Ingrid Martz

Amber Kerschner

Stephany Heckman

Robin Jensen

Lori Dreisbach

Jacqueline Strohl

Grace-Anne Martz-Shelton

Mia Kerschner

Jordan Kerschner



Jordan Lutheran Church welcomes all children ages 3-11 to join our Sunday school classes in the Fall for an hour of learning about Jesus and our awesome God! Our teachers and volunteers have created a fun and safe environment for our kiddos to listen to Bible stories, create fun art and craft activities, sing songs and play games.

Sunday, September 10th – Come; enjoy Rally Day events noted below!

- **Sunday school children**, ages 4 to 6th grade, will go on a backpacking scavenger hunt, taking a “Journey through the Books of the Bible.” Classes meet at 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. in Rooms 4 & 5. Blessing of the backpacks will be held during both worship services.
- **Confirmation Class Meeting** - The Pastor, Teachers, and Mentors will meet with students and parents of the confirmation class to review the requirements needed to complete confirmation. Meeting begins at 9:15 am in the Conference Room across from the confirmation classroom.
- A **“Backyard Picnic”** for Sunday school children, confirmation students, parents, pastor, teachers, assistants, and mentors, noon - 2 pm. in the Family Center for a lite lunch and games outdoors. Watch for a sign-up genius to arrive via email to note your attendance, help for set-up, and food and drink sign-up.
- **Grandparents Day**, observed on Rally Day, September 10th, with a “Goodies with Grands” celebration held after each worship service in the Memory Room to honor grandparents. (CE Committee will provide food)
- **Teacher Installation** - for all teachers and assistants, to support their dedication to teaching, held at both services.

Additional seasonal events to enjoy:

Friday, October 13th

Friday the 13th, the youth will enjoy a night of **“Glow Golf” at Bear Rock Junction**, meeting at 6 p.m. Additional fun at BRJ is a corn maze, scavenger hunt, hayride, and go-karts for an extra fee.

Sunday, October 15th

During ‘God’s Work Our Hands,’ the youth invite everyone to help **gift-wrap Christmas boxes for the Holiday Hope Chest project**. GWOH is held in the Family Center at noon. Boxes will be distributed the following week in the Memory Room to be taken and fill with gifts. Details will be noted inside each box of items needed and the date to return the boxes.

Saturday, October 28th

‘Fall Fest for the Family’ - Jordan youth, families and friends are invited for hot dogs and hot chocolate, while painting pumpkins, face-painting, kids games, and pie-baking and eating contest for youth and adults. Please plan to join together, noon - 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, November 5th

Everyone is invited to join Jordan’s **Fall Basket Social** fundraising event! There will be a fantastic selection of baskets for all ages filled with goodies and prizes, to include gourmet food and wine, tickets to local sporting events, purses, jewelry, gift cards, games and more! Browsing baskets begins at noon in the Family Center, drawing at 4:00 p.m. Food and beverages available to dine-in or take out.

Sunday, December 3rd

A quick and easy DIY project; **create a salt-dough ornament** for the holidays. There is nothing more meaningful than a homemade ornament to decorate a Christmas tree or give as a gift. Everyone is invited, noon – 2 pm in the Social Hall. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Saturday, December 16th

Family and friends are invited to come along for **Christmas caroling** through Parkland Manor and Heather Glen. Time: 2 – 4 pm. Those interested will meet in the church parking lot (front of the building) at 1:30 pm. We will return for refreshments at church served in the Memory Room.

Sunday, December 17th

Children and Youth Christmas Program presented at the 9:15 am worship service. Additional details will be noted in the November newsletter.