



**October 8, 2023**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:00 a.m. Worship Service &**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion**

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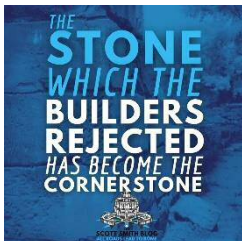
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*In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.*

# GATHERING

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

Congregation reads **BOLD**

## Bell

## Announcements

**Prelude:** (8:00): *As We Gather at Your Table* -setting by Wayne L. Wold  
(10:30): *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* -by Johann Steurlein, arr. Cathy Moglebust  
-Friendship Ringers

*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,

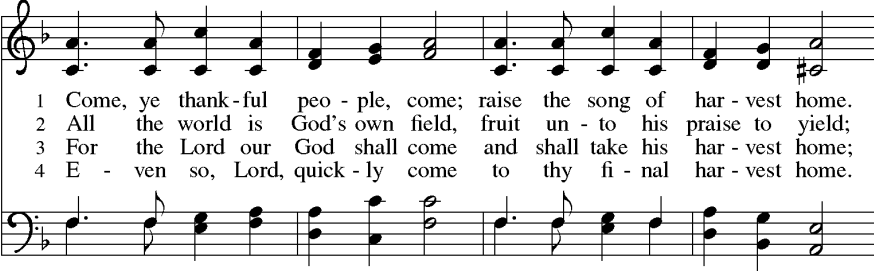
**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, 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.

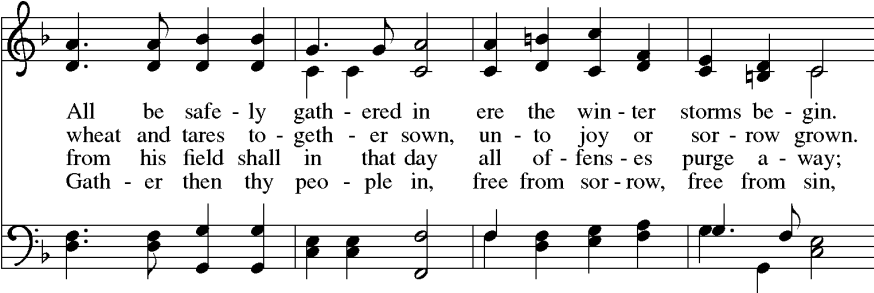
**Amen.**

# Gathering Song

## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



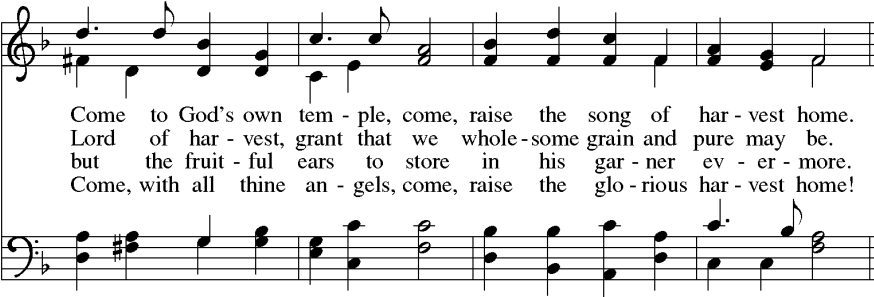
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;  
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

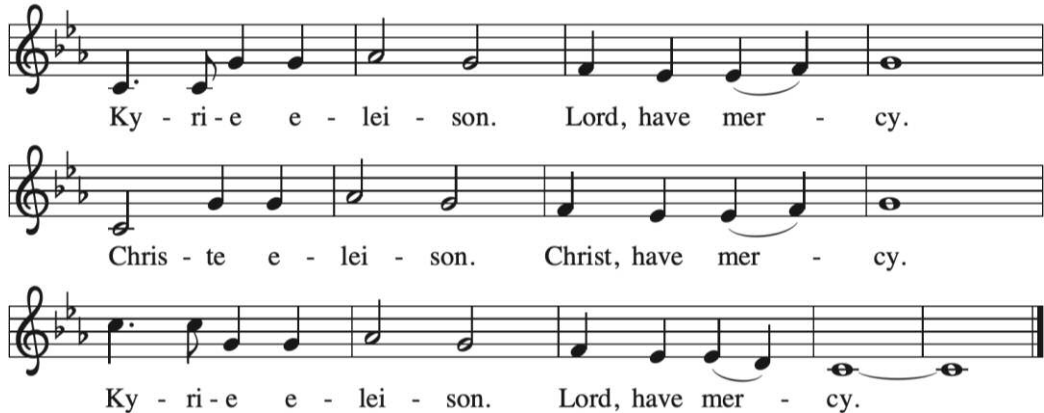
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## Greeting

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

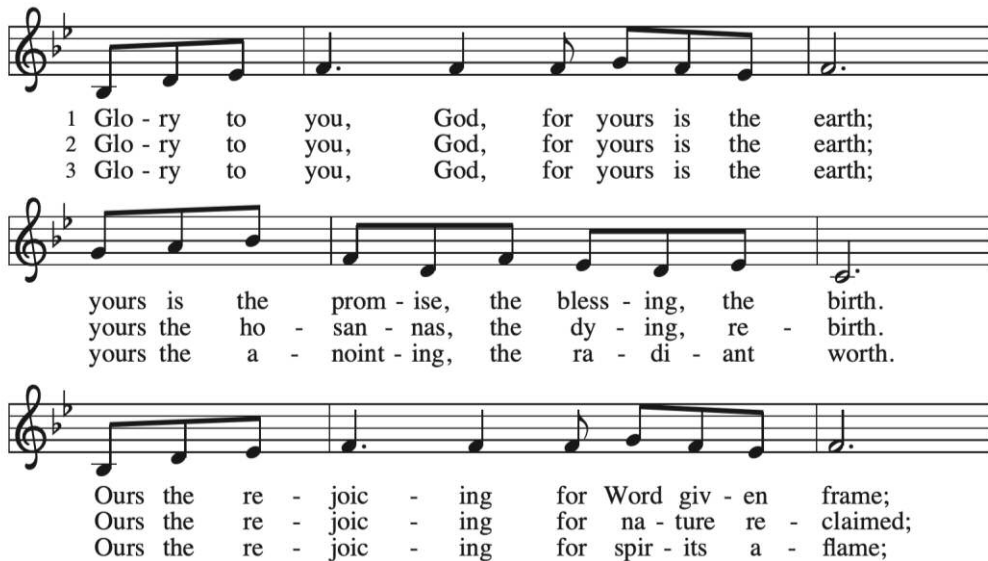


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

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.**

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, 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: First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

*The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.*

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 80:7-15 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)**

*Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine. (Ps. 80:14, 15)*

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O <sup>l</sup> God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>l</sup> shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup>**You have brought a vine <sup>l</sup> out of Egypt;**  
**you cast out the nations and <sup>l</sup> planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the <sup>l</sup> ground for it;  
it took root and <sup>l</sup> filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered <sup>l</sup> by its shadow**  
**and the towering cedar trees <sup>l</sup> by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils <sup>l</sup> to the sea  
and its branches <sup>l</sup> to the river.

<sup>12</sup>**Why have you broken <sup>l</sup> down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck <sup>l</sup> off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has <sup>l</sup> ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have <sup>l</sup> grazed upon it.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn now, O <sup>l</sup> God of hosts,  
look <sup>l</sup> down from heaven;**

<sup>15</sup>behold and <sup>l</sup> tend this vine;  
preserve what your right <sup>l</sup> hand has planted.

## **Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14**

*Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. *The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

## Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

*Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. *The Gospel of the Lord.*      **Praise to you, O Christ.**



## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

All who are able are invited to stand

### Hymn of the Day

## Christ Is the Life



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive  
2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning  
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing  
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the  
tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to  
fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as  
End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all  
dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing  
kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y  
form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor  
down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise  
days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from  
love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.  
in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.  
fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.  
ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

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## **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 the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones, that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need, *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Kim, Vanessa, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lori, Lisa, Richard, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Barry, Rumpun, Ted, Nancy, Pam, Donna, Chris, Madison, Eric, Glenn, Chell.* God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Donald, Roger, Mia, Matthew, Leigh, Robin, Kathleen, Matt, Jim.* 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 Glenn & Marianne, David & Carol, Kelly & Paul, Carl & Debra, Robert & Elizabeth, Jeff & Rose, Ron & Pat, Linda & John, Woody & Nancy, Tyler & Amanda, Karl & Beth.* 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 Ziegel's, Breinigsville, and their pastor, Andy Meckstroth. 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): *Pastorale*

-by David Maxwell

(10:30): *All Good Gifts*

-music by Johann A. P. Schulz, words by Matthias Claudius,  
arr. by Richard Warner

-Jordan Chorale

*All who are able are invited to stand*

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

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

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

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

**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**

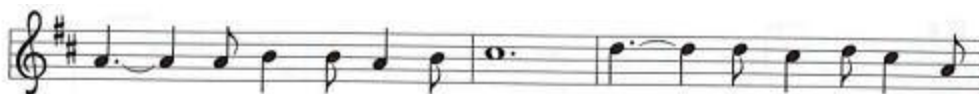
## God the Sculptor of the Mountains



1 God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mill-er of the  
2 God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the  
3 God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the  
4 God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined



sand, God the jewel-er of the heav-ens,  
sea, God the pil-lar in the dark-ness,  
wheat, God the reap-er of the har-vest,  
youth, God the ta-ble-turn-ing proph-et,



God the pot-ter of the land: you are womb of all cre-  
God the bea-con of the free: you are fount of all de-  
God the source of all we eat: you are host at ev-'ry  
God the re-sur-rect-ed truth: you are pres-ent ev-'ry



a - tion, we are form-less; shape us now.  
liv - 'rance, we are sight-less; lead us now.  
ta - ble, we are hun-gry; feed us now.  
mo - ment, we are search-ing; meet us now.



# Thine the Amen



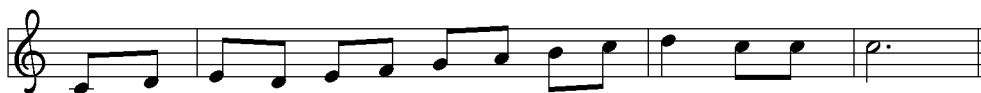
1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be  
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest  
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread  
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee  
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be  
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways  
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup  
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry  
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war  
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least  
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.  
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926  
 Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929  
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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

### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948

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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.*

## Blessing

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

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

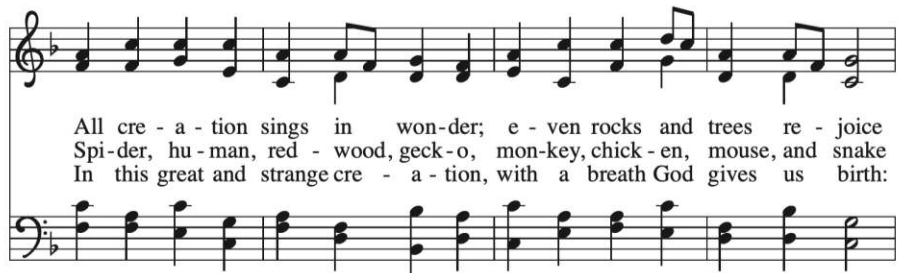
### Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,  
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.  
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.  
Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.  
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - jice  
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake  
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.  
live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.  
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude:** *Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren*

-Johann Gottfried Walther

**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 Oct. 8 - 14

## THIS WEEK (Oct. 8 – 14)

### TODAY (8)

-9:15am, Sunday School & Adult Circle of Faith class  
-9:15am, Chorale  
-6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

### MON (9)

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

### TUES (10)

-1:00pm, Outreach mtg.  
-6:30pm, Bible Study, Room 8  
-7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

### WED (11)

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

### THU (12)

-7:00pm, Church Council  
-7:00pm, PA Dutch Class, Social Hall  
-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

### FRI (13)

-5:00pm, Junior Gyros  
-5:00pm, Youth Badminton, Family Ctr.  
-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.  
-9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

**Meet at 6pm for Glo-Golf at Bear Rock Junction**

Volunteers are needed to staff the church office during Monica's vacation, October 16 – 20. Answer the phone, greet visitors, take messages from 10am – 2pm. Call or email the office if you can take a day!

## **Attendance**

10/1/23  
8:00 – 41  
10:30 - 43

## **Sponsors**

Altar Flowers are given in honor of our 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by David & Carol Rabenold (D)

Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, 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. More information on youth/family events on the website or in the literature racks.

## **Family Promise 2023**

We have one more week 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 8

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D45AEA82FAAF85-hosting6>

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

**Fellowship Community:** Lillian Semmel,

Donald Laudenslager

**Lehigh Commons:** Janet Stettler

**Sacred Heart:** Dale Gogel

**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 Shollenberer, Lester Knipe, Nat Hager, Lori Kocher, Lisa Williams, Richard Gross, Kim Friend, Bethany Friend, Jon Conrad, Barry Dorney, Rumpun Heller, Ted DuBois, Nancy Cleff, Pam Jaymes, Donna Stark, Chris Heilman, Madison Dreisbach, Eric Krauss, Glenn Hahn, Chell Dorney

**Birthdays this week:** Donald Schmidt, Roger Wendling, Mia Kerschner, Matthew Greenawald, Leigh Steckel, Robin Jensen, Kathleen Bacak, Matt Rusell, Jim Sandrock

**Anniversaries this week:** Glenn & Marianne Wagner (43), David & Carol Rabenold (38), Kelly & Paul McNemar (28), Carl & Debra Benner (24), Robert & Elizabeth Habermehl (41), Jeff & Rose Laudenslager (41), Ronald & Patricia Geiger (53), Linda & John Posegay (53), Woody & Nancy Haas (65), Tyler & Amanda Keinert (5), Karl & Beth Kroboth (38)

## **SPONSORSHIPS**

**Altar Flowers: Oct. 15, 22; 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](mailto:dhahn16@gmail.com) with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(s). **Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the 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.*

Four cemetery plots in JELC cemetery for sale. Section C, Lot 14, graves 1,2,5,6.  
Call the church office to get contact information to speak with the person who is selling them.

## Worship Assistants

DATE	10/8	10/15	10/22	10/29
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00-C Dorney 10:30-C Rabenold, K Leonard	8:00-L Daniels 10:30-K Leonard	8:00-J Suhocki 10:30-L Daniels	8:00-S Wagaman 10:30-L Stettler
<b>Lector</b>	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-I Martz	8:00-D Mancke 10:30-C Flemish	8:00-A Russell 10:30-J Boscia	8:00- 10:30-K Boardman
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:00-L Epting 10:30-D Dreisbach	8:00-L Epting 10:30-O Wozniak	8:00-P Shafer 10:30-N Heckman	8:00-B Epting 10:30-D Dreisbach
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00- R & B Albright 10:30-I Johnson	8:00- D & C Rabenold 10:30-	8:00- D & C Rabenold 10:30-	8:00-D & C Rabenold 10:30-
<b>Bell Toller</b>	8:00-D Stark 10:30-J Siegfried	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-J Bair 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-B Stettler
<b>SAT</b>	8:00- 10:30-I Martz	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-	8:00-K & D Mancke 10:30-	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-D Heckman
<b>Video</b>	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](mailto:lj2137@aol.com) // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia [Julie.boscia@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.boscia@gmail.com) // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman [sgarboglio@yahoo.com](mailto:sgarboglio@yahoo.com) // **Ushers** /John Weremedic [miner70@ptd.net](mailto:miner70@ptd.net) // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil [hamilsre@gmail.com](mailto:hamilsre@gmail.com) // **SAT**/Doug Clark [d.clark854@gmail.com](mailto:d.clark854@gmail.com) // **Video**/Tom Daniels [tkdaniels@ptd.net](mailto: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!

### **Basket Social – November 5<sup>th</sup> – HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!!!**

The Basket Social is in desperate need of help to set-up tables and chairs in the Family Center, Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 am - noon, and to tear down tables and chairs after the social, Sunday, Nov. 5th from 4 - 6 pm.

Donated baked goods are needed to sell, a whole pie, cake, or individually wrapped packages. Please sign-up in the Memory Room this week.

Drop off donations, Saturday, Nov. 4th, 9 - 11 am or Sunday, Nov. 5th, 9 - 11 am in the Family Center.

Please sign-up in the Memory Room or email Steph Derstine at [jordandff@ptd.net](mailto:jordandff@ptd.net) to assist with these needs.

### **God's Work Our Hands**

Members and friends of Jordan are invited to celebrate “**God’s Work Our Hands**” on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. Let us *all* take part in this rewarding celebration by helping those who will benefit from our God gifted time and talent.

Look for the **yellow information sheets in the literature racks** and the article in the October newsletter.

Signups are open so stop by the table in the Memory Room and choose your favorite project!



### *All Saints Remembrance ~ Sunday, November 5, 2023*



If there is someone you would like to include in the prayers (a friend, relative, etc.) who is not a member of Jordan and has died since October 31, 2022 please fill out this slip and place it in the offering plate, or contact the church office (610-395-5912 or [jordanlutheran@ptd.net](mailto:jordanlutheran@ptd.net)) with their name and date of death.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Person to be remembered \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death (11/1/22 - 10/31/23) \_\_\_\_\_

*Jordan Members who have died will automatically be included.*