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

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*For many are called,
but few are chosen.*
Matthew 22:14

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

GATHERING

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

Congregation reads **BOLD**

Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *God's Work, Our Hands*

-setting Wayne Wold

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

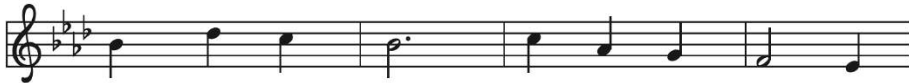
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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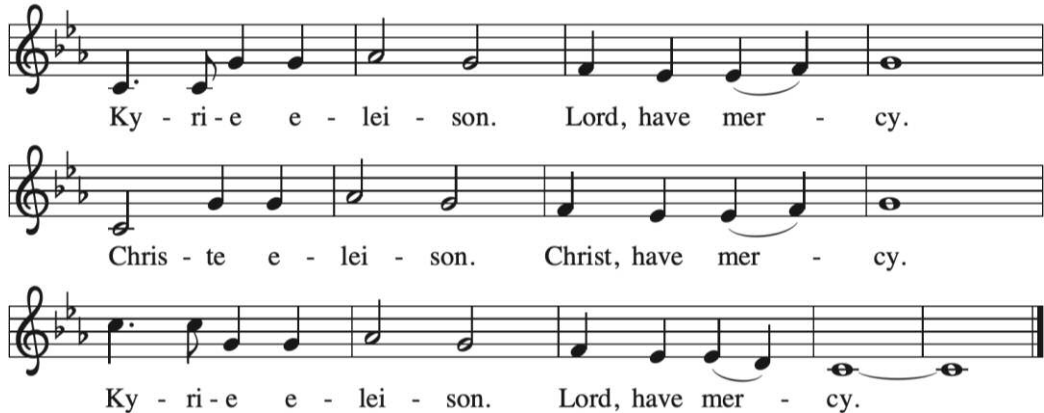
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Greeting

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

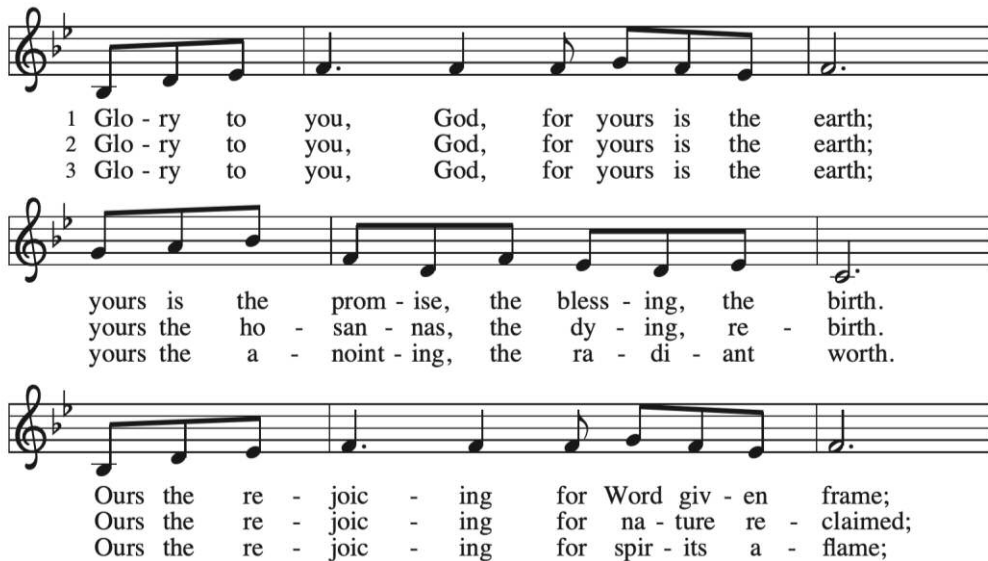


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

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. Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, 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: Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

- ¹O LORD, you are my God;
 I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
 for you have done wonderful things,
 plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- ²For you have made the city a heap,
 the fortified city a ruin;
 the palace of aliens is a city no more,
 it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 23 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (Ps. 23:5)

¹The LORD^l is my shepherd;
I shall not ^l be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down ^l in green pastures
and leads me be- ^l side still waters.**

³You restore my ^l soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ^l for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ^l fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ^l comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ LORD forever.**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. *Word of the Lord.*

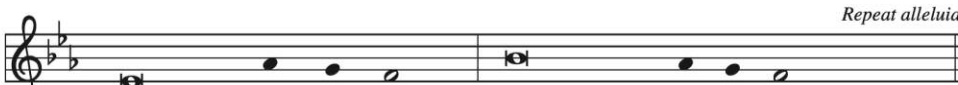
Thanks be to God.

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.

Repeat alleluia

Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

(10:30) Canon Choir: *I Believe in God, the Father*

-Natalie Sleeth

Children's Sermon

Sermon

All who are able are invited to stand

Hymn of the Day

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

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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.

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land, that all followers of Christ share the mind of Christ and strive to live together in peace, staying firm in the Lord. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For green pastures and still waters and all the beauty of the natural world, that creation flourishes and humankind lives in right relationship with all you have made. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all who hold positions of authority, that they govern in accordance with God's vision of justice, providing shelter and refuge to all in need, striving toward the goal of peace and prosperity for all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this community of believers, that wherever there is conflict or discord, the love of Christ may keep us united and make us mindful of all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for the beloved saints who now rest in your mercy, that their faithful witness guides your church until the day we join them at your heavenly feast. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For all experiencing valleys of illness and grief, that they be healed and comforted and find rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd who walks beside them. We pray especially for *Helen, Susan, Gladys, Kim, Vanessa, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lori, Lisa, Richard, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Barry, Rumpun, Ted, Donna, Chris, Eric, Chell, Nancy, Kathy, Herb, the family of Obie Freitag.* 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 Braden, Darwin, Kristin, Patricia, Danielle, Karen, Carol, Scott, Margie, Rita, Morgan, Dean.* God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever, *especially Carl & Debra, Robert & Elizabeth, Jeff & Rose, Pat & Ron, John & Linda, Woody & Nancy, Tyler & Amanda, Karl & Beth.* God of grace,
hear 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 Faith, Whitehall, and their interim pastor, Peggy Wuertle. God of grace,
hear 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: *Ash Grove*

-Frank Stoldt

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.

[10:30 service continues on page 14 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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line.

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.

[10:30 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.

[10:30 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

Now We Join in Celebration

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Around You, O Lord Jesus

1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath

to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—

You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple

bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

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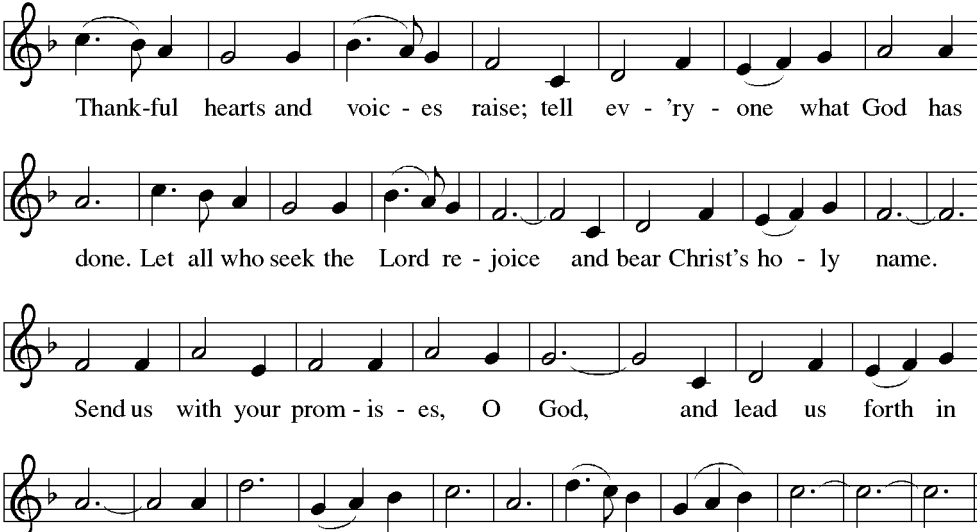
After all have returned to their places:

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.

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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.

[10:30 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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.
Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing
to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune*

-Henry Purcell

Basket Social 2023 / Basket Guidelines

Below are some general guidelines to assist you in your basket making:

- Pick a theme (see list below to get you started).
- The suggested value of a basket is \$20-\$25. More expensive- \$50 - \$100 will be in our special “staged” donations.
- Baskets don't need to be baskets. They can be made from just about anything – large bowls, dishpans, buckets, even gift bags. Think out of the box, or in this case, use something other than a basket.
- When arranging the items in a basket, be sure that all the items can be seen.
- Please use CLEAR cellophane to wrap the entire basket.
- **Drop off baskets at church any day of the week (9:30 – 3:30) in Ms. Stephanie’s office, or church office**
- **Deadline: Sunday, October 29, 2023**

Theme Ideas:

Arts & Crafts
Baby
Baking
Bathroom
Beach Items
Bird Feeder
Book and Wine/Chocolate
Books
Candles
Car Care
Chips and Dip
Chocolate
Christmas
Cleaning Supplies
Cocoa and Cookies
Coffees
Cookie and Brownie Mix
Cooking Utensil

Crackers and Cheese
Games
Gardening
Hats and Mittens
Ice Cream Sundae
Italian Dinner
Kitchen Gadgets
Kitchen Towels
Movie and Popcorn/Candy
Nail Care
Pet Supplies/Toys
Picnic Supplies
Popcorn and Soda
Puzzle and Popcorn
Sports Teams
Teas
Towe^ls

Baskets for Kids ages 3 -12

Books
Coloring Books, Crayons
Games
Movies
Outdoor Sports
Pirates / Princess
School Supplies
Sweets / Candy
(pre-wrapped)

Gift Cards



FALL BASKET SOCIAL, SUNDAY, NOV. 5TH AT NOON IN THE FAMILY CENTER

The Basket Social at Jordan Church has been a popular and successful fundraiser. Over the years, we had many baskets donated from members of the congregation, youth, Sunday school classes, and local businesses. This year the Basket Social will be held Sunday, November 5th, after the 10:30 worship service, in the Family Center, at noon. Volunteers will be needed to help during the Basket Social at the registration table, as food servers, selling tickets, and more. In addition, we need people to pick-up gift cards from local businesses. Therefore, please see the sign-up sheet for these needs, and more in the Memory Room.

Most of all we need either all ready, pre-wrapped (in clear cellophane) baskets, or donation items, by Sunday, October 29th. Also, \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 gift cards can be donated and placed in the offering plate, Ms. Stephanie's mailbox, or with Monica, church Secretary, noted - Basket Social donation.

Please feel free to bring your baskets / donated items, starting September 25, to Ms. Stephanie's office or the church office 9:30 am – 3:30 p.m. Baskets will be received until Sunday, October 29th. Proceeds will be donated to local charities in need. A Basket Social Guideline will be posted in the October newsletter with additional information.

Not interested in baskets, how about lunch? You are invited to attend lunch at noon, Sunday Nov. 5th in the Family Center. The following food choices will be available to purchase to eat in or take-out: Chili, potato bar, soup, hot dogs, chips and beverages. In addition, a full table of homemade yummy baked goods will be available to purchase.

ARM BRUNCH DECEMBER 2ND, 2023

If you can boil water then you are qualified to be a part of the valued team that will assemble and serve a delectable Saturday Brunch for the guests and staff at the Allentown Rescue Mission on December 2nd at 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM (serving time). Under the capable direction of Sous Chef Glenn Hahn, we will gather at Jordan on Friday, December 1st at 9:00 AM to prepare the brunch that will be served by the Jordan culinary crew the following day at the Mission, departing the church on December 2nd at 9:30 AM with our bounty. Please consider offering your time and talent on one or both days. Please contact Glenn at 610.597.8038 to indicate your participation. *EGGS-TEND* yourself and be a part of this rewarding Outreach event! To help offset expenses we will incur, the following donations would be greatly appreciated: Ziti Pasta, pork sausage, pasta sauce, eggs, packs of Grand biscuits, cranberry sauce, and sliced Swiss cheese. Please “take a ticket” from the Memory Room board as a reminder of the donation you will be contributing to our feast. These items ***must* be dropped off in the Memory Room on November 26th** when you arrive for Sunday Services. Thank you for your help and generous donations.

The Outreach Committee

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. 15 - 21

THIS WEEK (Oct. 15 – 21)

TODAY (15) GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

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

MON (16)

-6:30pm, Jordaniers Bowlers
-7:00pm, Boy Scouts
-7:30pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

TUES (17)

-1:30pm, Game Day, M 6/8
-6:00pm, Brownies, Social Hall
-6:30pm, Endowment Inv. (zoom)
-7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (18)

-9:00am, Prayer Shawl
-6:30pm, Canon Choir
-7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

THU (19) 9am-3pm, Rising Roots Home School

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

FRI (20)

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

SAT (21)

-4:00pm, Rising Roots, Family Ctr.

Attendance

10/8/23
8:00 – 38
10:30 - 58

Sponsors

No sponsors today

Pr. Dody is on vacation Oct. 16 – 22 and back in the office Oct. 24. Pr. Brian Riedy may be contacted for pastoral emergencies.

Call the church office during regular hours or after hours, call Pr. Riedy directly at 610-844-8924.

Monica is on vacation Oct. 16-20. There will be someone in the office at limited hours thru the week. Please call/stop by next week if possible.

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

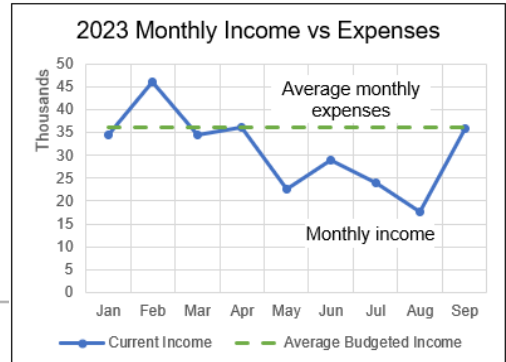
Home: Margaret Smith, Reed Klotz

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, Donna Stark, Chris Heilman, Eric Krauss, Chell Dorney, Nancy Troutman, Kathy Attieh, Herb Bieber

Birthdays this week: Braden Greenawald, Darwin Haas, Kristin Hlay, Patricia Hoffman, Daniel DuBois, Karen Freitag, Carol Nagle, Scott Moyer, Margie Clark, Rita Frey, Morgan McDevitt, Dean Wagaman

Anniversaries this week: Carl & Debra Benner (24), Robert & Elizabeth Habermehl (41) Jeff & Rose Laudenslager (41), Ron & Pat Geiger (53), Linda & John Posegay (53) Woody & Nancy Haas (65), Tyler & Amanda Keinert (5), Karl & Beth Kroboth (38)

Average weekly expenses:	
\$8,331	
Weekly collections	
Oct 1	\$4,805
Oct 8	
Oct 15	
Oct 22	
Oct 29	



SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: Oct. 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 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	10/15	10/22	10/29	11/5
Altar Guild	8:00-L Daniels 10:30-K Leonard	8:00-J Suhocki 10:30-L Daniels	8:00-S Wagaman 10:30-L Stettler	8:00- 10:30-
Lector	8:00-D Mancke 10:30-C Flemish	8:00-A Russell 10:30-J Boscia	8:00- 10:30-K Boardman	8:00- 10:30-
Acolyte	8:00-L Epting 10:30-O Wozniak	8:00-P Shafer 10:30-N Heckman	8:00-B Epting 10:30-D Dreisbach	8:00- 10:30-
Ushers	8:00- D & C Rabenold 10:30-J Weremedic, D Wenhold	8:00- D & C Rabenold 10:30-	8:00-D & C Rabenold 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-
Bell Toller	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-J Bair 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-B Stettler	8:00- 10:30-
SAT	8:00-B Lutterschmidt 10:30-	8:00-K & D Mancke 10:30-	8:00-J Siegfried 10:30-D Heckman	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 ljd2137@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!

Basket Social – November 5th – 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 to assist with these needs.

Food Pantry Help

We need help sorting and shelving food donated through the Boy Scout “Scouting for Food” program on Saturday, November 11th. Join us in the Social Hall beginning at 9:00 am. We’d appreciate any amount of time you can give us!

The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of **Orville “Obie” Freitag**, 75, who passed away October 8, 2023. He was active in Jordan’s music program for over 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Karen, son, Michael, daughter, Sara, siblings, nieces, and nephews. A graveside service will be held on October 17th, at Cedar Hill Memorial Park, Allentown, at 11:00 a.m. Please remember Obie and his loved ones in your prayers.



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) 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.