



October 18, 2020
9:15 a.m. Worship Service w/communion
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Celebrating God Connecting People

We're glad you've found our church! We hope you'll find us to be an encouraging, friendly group of people. As we worship God, learn from the Bible, and pray for one another, we develop a common bond. Families coming to church together are strengthened in their commitment to God, as well as to each other. We sincerely hope you'll look further into what makes our church what it is. We welcome you to share the joy that we've found!

ABOUT THE DAY: *In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.*

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness* -English folk tune, arr. Anne Krentz, organ
-Junior Gyros

All who are able are invited to stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN: *Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good p. 14*

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, 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 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped

to subdue nations before him

and strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him—

and the gates shall not be closed:

²I will go before you

and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron,

³I will give you the treasures of darkness

and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name,

I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I am you, though you do not know me,

⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;

I the LORD do all these things.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-13 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

Ascribe to the LORD honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

¹Sing to the LORD | a new song;

sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

³Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot
be moved will judge the peo- | ples with equity."**

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O LORD,
for you come to | judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

All who are able are invited to stand

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

All who are able are invited to stand

HYMN: O Day of Peace p. 15

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

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt *especially George, Doug, Lillian, Arlene, Linda, Mike, Dorothy, Paula, Jim, Rich, Michael, Shirley, Mike, Mabel, Clark, Lois, Dan, Scott, Nancy, Candy*. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Karen, Carol, Scott, Margie, Rita, Morgan, Dean, Alyssa, Derek, Brian, Georgia, Robert, Mary*. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever *especially Woody & Nancy, Tyler & Amanda, Karl & Beth, Robert & Rita, Skip & Lisbeth*. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, as our shepherd, guide the ministries of all our siblings in Christ in congregations who continue to do your work. Through your Holy Spirit provide courage, perseverance and resources to those who speak your word of truth and love. We give thanks this day for our sisters and brothers united through you. We pray especially for the staff of Lutheran Congregational Services, and their director, Julia Menzo. May they be filled with your Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Lord taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

Come all who hunger and be fed with the bread of life.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Here Is Bread p. 16 (during distribution)*

BLESSING

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *You Servants of God p. 17*

EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *O God Beyond All Praising*

-Gustav Holst, arr. Marianne Kim

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A gentle reminder about appropriate masks that are required to be worn at our services: *The masks should be either the disposable type or two-layer fabric masks of a similar design that cover both the nose and mouth. Face coverings such as plastic shields (unless used in conjunction with an appropriate mask) and masks with vent valves included, are not considered by the CDC to provide adequate protection. CDC approved masks are available at the Family Center entrance and will be provided to anyone that needs or requests one.*

Having every attendee abide by the CDC guidelines will enhance the safety of everyone who is present at our services. The responsible focus here is not our own personal preferences, it is based upon our loving consideration for those around us and reliable information. Please enjoy our Streamed services from the comfort of your home if you are unable to wear a CDC approved face mask.

Thank you for your empathy and cooperation in this matter.

The Relaunch Committee

THIS WEEK (Oct. 18 – 24)

TODAY (18th)

- 9:15am, Worship Service w/communion
- 10:15-11:00am, Drive-thru communion
- 10:15-11:00am, VIRTUAL Sunday School

WED (21st)

- 4:00pm, SOS meeting, Conf. Room
- 5:30pm, Jr. Gyros rehearsal
- 6:15pm, Friendship Ringers rehearsal

THURS (22nd)

- 7:00pm, VIRTUAL Synod Assembly

FRI (23rd)

- 9:00am, Collate Bulletins

SAT (24th)

- 9:30am-4:00pm, VIRTUAL Synod Assembly

NEXT WEEK (OCT. 25 – 31)

SUN (25th)

- 9:15AM, Worship w/communion & Confirmation
- 10:15-11:15, Drive-thru communion
- 10:15-11:00am, IN PERSON Sunday School

TUES (27th)

- 7:00pm, Relaunch/M & W meeting

SAT (31st)

- 9am-2pm, Blood Drive, Family Center

Say a Prayer & Send a Card & Pay a Visit

Fellowship Mnr: Florence Roth

Whitehall Mnr: LaRue Wuchter

Lehigh Commons: Barbara Diehl **Mosser:** Arlene Miller

The Palmerton: Ferne Rock **Manor Care:** MaryAnn Rau

Home: Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Warren Gressley

Please keep these people in your prayers:

George Hein, Doug Fay, Lillian Young, Arlene Miller, Linda Grantz, Mike Freitag, Dorothy Diehl, Paula Huston, Jim Miller, Rich Boyer, Michael Rau, Shirley Hamm, Mike Herb, Mabel Heffner, Clark Snyder, Lois Heisler, Dan Stark, Scott Jensen, Nancy Jensen, Candy Cordes

Birthdays this week: Karen Freitag, Carol Nagle, Scott Moyer, Margie Clark, Rita Frey, Morgan McDevitt, Dean Wagaman, Alyssa Heller, Derek Crouthamel, Brian Shuey, Georgia Fay, Robert Frey, Mary Latham

Anniversaries this week: Nancy & Woody Haas (62), Tyler & Amanda Keinert (2), Karl & Beth Kroboth (35), Robert & Rita Frey (60), Skip & Lisbeth Brommer (38)

Altar Flowers are given in celebration of the wedding of Adam Daniels & Caitlin Sweeney, who were married on Sept. 19th in upstate New York, by Tom & Lynn Daniels.

Lector: Jim Siegfried

Cantor: Larry Hahn

Lectors are needed 11/1, 15, 22 – contact the church office to be scheduled.

2020 SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: October 25; Nov. 1; Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27

To sponsor the bulletin or EPP ad, please contact Donna for available dates

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS: Contact Donna Hahn at 610-395-0613 or dhahn16@gmail.com with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(s). Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the 9:15 service or want them taken to shut-ins. If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins.

Altar flowers are \$40. Bulletins are \$20. Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

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

ATTENDANCE – 10/11/20 – 47-in person 30-stream

**Treasurer's Report
for September 2020**

	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
Income:				
Operating Income	\$ 46,360.00	\$ 241,473.00	\$ 28,950.00	\$ 260,550.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,272.00	\$ 10,826.00	\$ 1,667.00	\$ 15,003.00
Property	\$ 2,221.00	\$ 20,361.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 22,500.00
Deficit Reduction	\$ 580.00	\$ 7,950.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 50,433.00	\$ 280,610.00	\$ 33,117.00	\$ 298,053.00
Expenses:				
Administration	\$ 999.00	\$ 11,100.00	\$ 1,985.00	\$ 17,865.00
Ministries	\$ 516.00	\$ 5,698.00	\$ 1,437.00	\$ 12,933.00
Payroll	\$ 21,059.00	\$ 192,032.00	\$ 22,049.00	\$ 198,441.00
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 5,330.00	\$ 63,003.00	\$ 7,942.00	\$ 71,478.00
Benevolence	\$ 3,642.00	\$ 16,059.00	\$ 1,917.00	\$ 17,253.00
Total Expenses	\$ 31,546.00	\$ 287,892.00	\$ 35,330.00	\$ 317,970.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 18,887.00	\$ (7,282.00)	\$ (2,213.00)	\$ (19,917.00)



We are now celebrating communion at our in-person worship services on the first and third Sundays of each month. For those watching the live stream at home, you may receive communion by coming to the Family Center parking lot after the service. Outdoor stations will be set up and members of the Re-Launch Team and SAT members will be there to greet you as you remain safely in your car and drive thru the stations in order to receive Holy Communion in a safe, non-touch manner. Pastor and the team members will be there until around 11:00 a.m.

CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS: In our continuing effort to contain costs such as postage, we are NOT printing or sending out any periodic Contributions Statements unless congregation members specifically request their statement. If you would like to see your progress toward giving goals before the end of the year, then please call or talk to any member of the Finance Committee or call the church office, 610-395-5912, and request your statement now. We can accommodate your request by having you pick up your statement in the church office, by mailing it to your home, or e-mailing it to your e-mail address on record with the church (*please confirm your most current e-mail address at the time of your request*).

This is a good time of the year to plan your charitable giving for tax returns before it's too late to make a difference by the end of 2020.

Christ in Our Home booklets: will be available on the tables when you pick up your Sunday bulletins at worship, or you may stop by during office hours and pick one up from the table against the left wall in the office foyer. Just ring to be let in.

6th Street Shelter donations needed: You may drop off your items thru the end of October (multi-surface and floor cleaners, non-bleach disinfectant sprays and wipes, mops & buckets, 13 gal. trash can liners, liquid dish detergent and shower curtains, liners & rings) on Sundays during the service. A collection box will be located outside the Family Center. Donations may also be dropped off during normal office hours at the office door. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!



Thanks to those who have returned to help us collate bulletins in the office on Fridays. It's a slightly lighter load than previously but we're so glad to be prepping for in-person worship again! We currently have just two people who can print the bulletins and newsletter using the Risograph. We are extremely grateful for the many years they have been such reliable volunteers! If you would be interested in committing to an hour or so on a Thursday for the bulletin, or once a month for the newsletter, we would be thrilled to have your help. On-the-job training provided! Contact the office if you can help & I'll answer any questions.

Outside Workday: Saturday, 11/7 at the church starting at 9am. The usual list of leaves and landscape/tree cleanup plus cleaning the new sign frame. Please let Kevin Murphy know if you are available and have a pressure washer you can bring.

SOS: Shout Out for Shut-Ins is in need of first-class postage stamps, and anniversary & thinking of you greeting cards. It's more important than ever for us to stay in touch these days!

We send our gratitude to those who continue to faithfully make their offerings!

Jordan is pleased to offer electronic giving options to our members. Members can make a one-time donation, or establish a recurring giving profile through the convenience of their computer or mobile phone. We highly recommend that at this time you prayerfully consider using online giving. Here is how you sign up:

WEBSITE – go to www.jordanlutheran.org click on the **SUPPORT** tab, then **Electronic Giving** and you will be offered two options to set up your electronic giving

GIVE+ PLUS (a free, secure phone app) download this free app to your mobile phone, search by zip code 18069 and when you see Jordan, follow the instructions to make your donation.



All Saints Remembrance ~ Sunday, November 1, 2020

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, 2019 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 (11/1/19 - 10/31/20) _____

Jordan Members who have died will automatically be included.

Church Office Hours: The office is still open! Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon, to take your phone calls, drop off your offering envelopes, etc. Every effort will be made to do so contact-free.

Assistance for Members: We have a team of volunteers standing by who are willing to run errands, pick up groceries or prescriptions, etc. for those who may be unable or just should not go out. Please call the church office and we will get you in touch with someone who can help.

Food Pantry: We are still in need of food donations. Drop off during office hours. Monetary donations are welcome, also, and will purchase 3 to 4 times as much food for the money!

Rich Boyer sends his THANKS for all the well wishes he has received from Jordan members!

Saturday, October 31st

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Family Center/Miller Blood Mobile

(The staff of Miller Blood Center will be using all proper Covid-19 protocols to ensure the safety of all donors)



You may sign up either at in-person worship services (see the sign up form on the table as you exit) or by calling the church office Mon-Wed-Fri, 9am – 12 noon.

As an added incentive, all donors will be entered into a drawing to win a Meat Package valued at \$99! Many thanks to Kornfeind’s Market for this donation!!

Package includes: 4-8 oz. New York strip steaks, 3 lb. beef chuck roast, 2-16 oz. pkg. beef tips, 2-16 oz. pkg. ground sirloin, 4-8 oz. pub burgers, 2-16 oz. pkg. round steak, 3 lb. rotisserie pork roast.

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -
 2 What your al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy you are
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, give God the praise and

1 O
 2 Then
 a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with
 glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the

guide
 as b
 your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;
 nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might
 peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,
 praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne;

May
 Then
 till
 the 1
 all our la - ment with peace you still.
 all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 who is by one and all a - dored.
 God is the Lord, and God a - lone:

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 Music: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

Here Is Bread



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

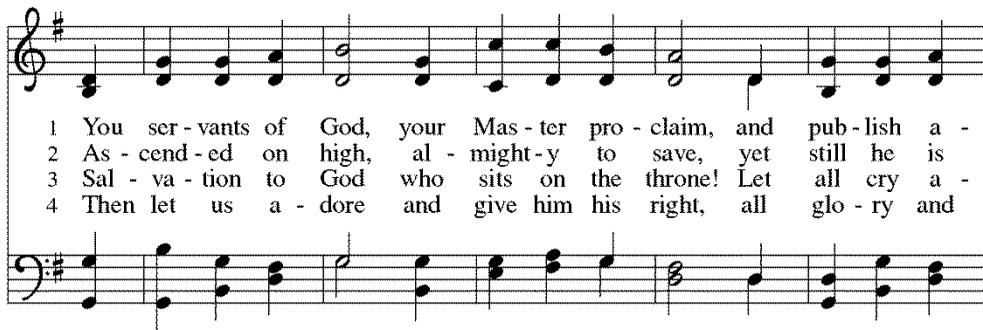


In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.

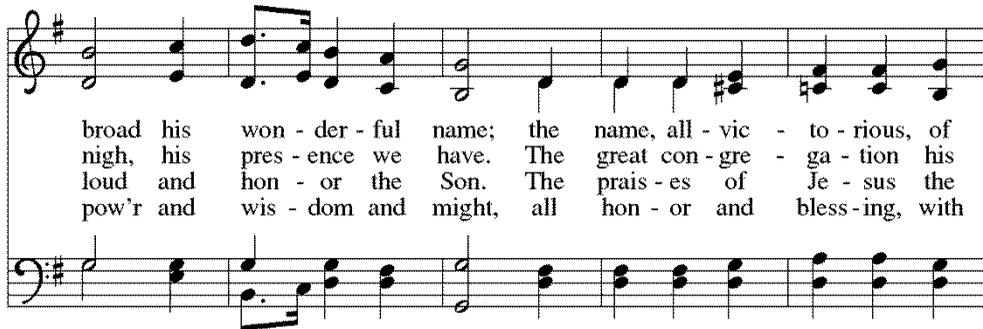


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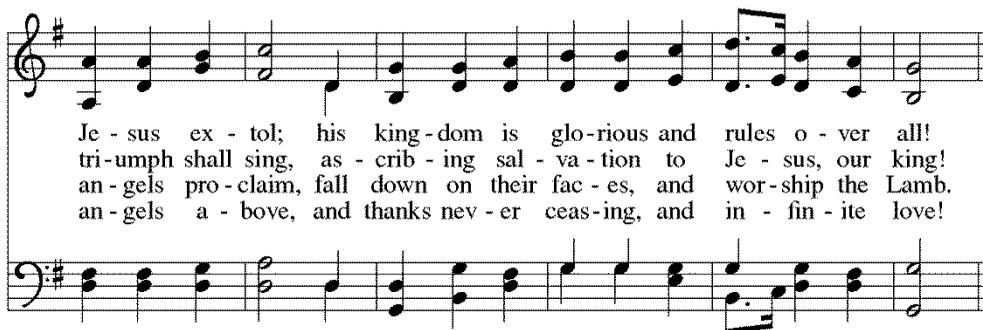
You Servants of God



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

Sing
unto
the LORD...
a new song.

The text is rendered in a mix of calligraphic and simple fonts. The word 'Sing' is in a large, elegant script with a musical note above the 'i'. 'unto' is in a simple sans-serif font. 'the LORD...' is in a simple sans-serif font with a musical note above the 'L'. 'a new song.' is in a simple sans-serif font with a decorative flourish at the end. The entire text is surrounded by decorative elements: a small branch with leaves on the left, a large stylized flower with leaves on the right, and several musical notes scattered throughout.

2020 Synod Assembly

For Visitors:

Any person can attend the Assembly for free by viewing the LIVESTREAM that will be running during all Plenary Sessions. The link will become active when Assembly 2020 begins. Go to: <http://nepasynod.org/assembly-2020/>

Why the Assembly Went Online

At its meeting on July 14 the Synod Council voted 19-1 to hold Assembly 2020 online. This decision was not made quickly or lightly. Two resolutions were presented: (1) hold Assembly 2020 online or (2) cancel Assembly 2020 and hold the bishop election at Assembly 2021. Members of the Assembly Planning Team shared information about the feasibility of an online assembly, including the technology that would be needed, the process for voting, the agenda, and other details of how it would take place. After two hours of serious debate, the resolution to hold Assembly 2020 online was brought to the floor, voted on, and adopted. Watch the Synod Council discussion on July 14. Watch the Synod-wide meeting with Bishop Zeiser on July 16. Please note: Because these videos are lengthy, the Dropbox window that opens offers only a one hour "preview." If you want to view the entire video, you will need to click the "Download" button at the top right of the screen. Once the video has downloaded, you can then view it on your computer or device. Because the election of a bishop is by ecclesiastical ballot, and because lengthy online sessions are extremely fatiguing, the Assembly will be conducted on two successive weekends. The first ballot, on which the name of any pastor rostered in the ELCA can be entered, will happen on Friday evening, Oct. 16. Time will be required to vet all the names and to determine which individuals request that their name be removed. For that reason, the second session will be held on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18, at which time there will be a second ballot. The top seven candidates will be notified, vetted, and invited to come to The Lutheran Center the following Friday evening, Oct. 23, to answer questions prepared by the Election Team based on input from surveying the synod. Then on Saturday morning, Oct. 24, a third ballot will be conducted. Saturday afternoon the three finalists will be introduced and offered an opportunity to address the Assembly. Following that will be a fourth ballot, and later a fifth ballot. (Note: a tie on the fourth or fifth ballot could result in a sixth ballot.) Other business of the synod will be conducted throughout the sessions, including a presentation from our Churchwide representative (still to be determined), adoption of the spending plan and compensation guidelines, other elections, debate on various resolutions brought to the Assembly, and other traditional and/or required reports and presentations. There will be an online worship service prior the beginning of the first session on Friday, Oct. 16; and the offering for World Hunger will be received through a "Donate" button on the synod website. The Assembly Planning Team is acutely aware of the challenges involved in holding an online assembly. Every effort is being made to insure that Assembly 2020 feels as "normal" as possible and that the experience is secure, yet user friendly and readily accessible. Once registration is complete, voting members will be contacted with the instructions they need in order to participate.

Dates & Times:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:00pm-6:45pm – Worship

7:00pm-9:30pm – Plenary Session 1

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

2:00pm-4:30pm – Plenary Session 2

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00pm-9:30pm – Plenary Session 3

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:30am-11:45am – Plenary Session 4

1:30pm-4pm – Plenary Session 5