



May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Rogation Sunday

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This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

-Richard Hillert

All who are able are invited to stand

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

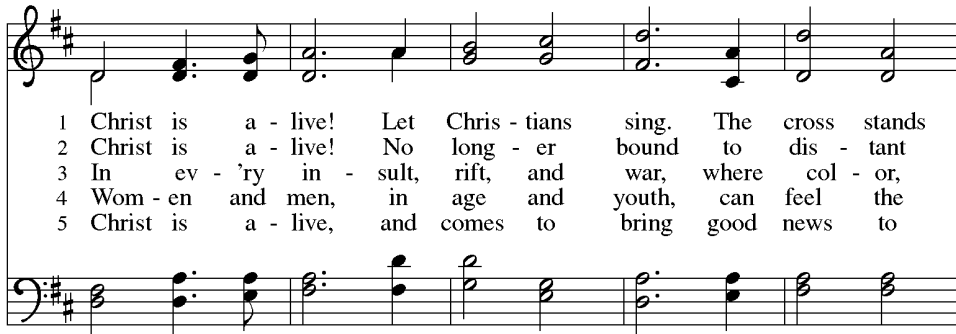
At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn

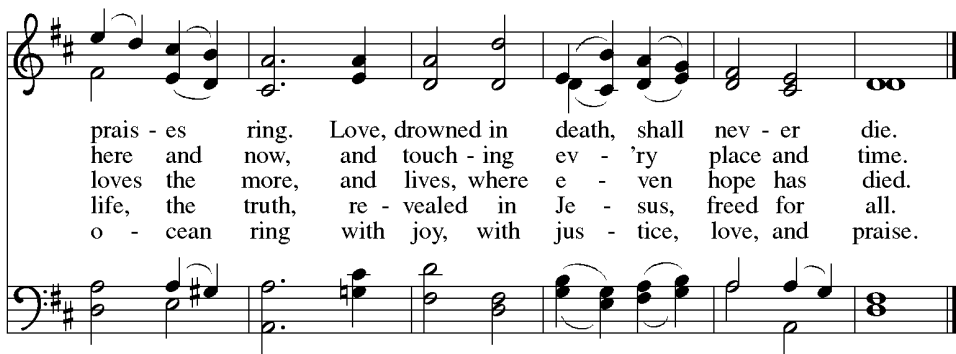
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed!

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

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features two parts: a Leader part and an Assembly part. The Leader part is on a single staff, and the Assembly part is on a two-staff system. The lyrics are: "In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have For the reign of God, and for mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. For your Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy."

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have
 Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
 mer - cy. A - men.

Now the Feast

Refrain
Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
 all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
 to the God of life and love and
 free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
 er - more!

Verse 1*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God.

to Refrain

Verse 2*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er.

to Refrain

Verse 3*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new.

to Refrain

Salutation



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

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

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp,
with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn
shout with joy before the ¹ king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it,
the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to ¹ judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the ¹ world with righteousness
and the peo- ¹ ples with equity.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Verse

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff is labeled 'Congregation:' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we'. The second staff continues with 'go? You have the words of e - ter - nal'. The third staff concludes with 'life. Al - le - lu - ia!' and is marked 'Repeat optional' at the end.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

Children's Message

Sermon

Time of Silent Reflection *(remain seated)*

All who are able are invited to stand

Hymn

Holy God, Holy and Glorious



1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,
2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,
3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,
4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,
5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us
pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;
beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;
wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:
life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,



in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.
emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.
scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.
God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.
dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: NELSON, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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Nicene Creed

The Creed is professed by all in unison:

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,**

true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. *We pray especially for Helen, Susan, Gladys, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lisa, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Rumpun, Donna, Kathy, Carolyn, Robin, Hope, Jenan, Kris, Ed, Sally, Anne, Judy, Eliza, Sue, Ray, Dave, Judy, Joe, Leslie, Molly, Madison, Fred.* God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Donna, Diane, Michael, William, Paulette, Mary Ann, Jenny, Michele, Elizabeth, Elwood, Karen.* God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week, *especially Bruce & Louise, Ken & Sally, Dean & Michele.* May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. 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 Shepherd of the Hills, Egypt, and their pastor, James Schlegel. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us (*especially Jan Erdie/family*). At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

All may be seated

Offertory: (8:00) *Beautiful Savior*
(10:30) *Spirit, Open My Heart*
-The Jordan Chorale

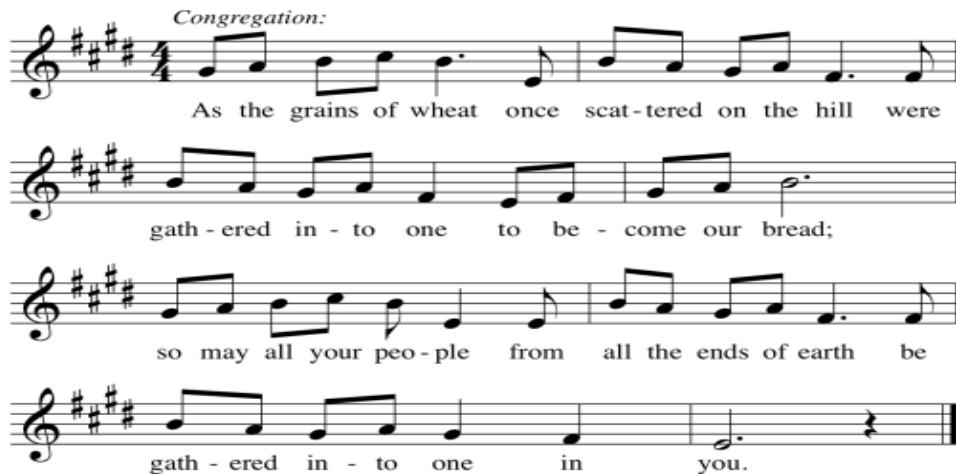
-arr. David H. Hegarty
-Irish tune, text Ruth Duck

Offering

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
After the offering is gathered, all who are able are invited to stand.*

(8:00)

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.


Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

to Refrain

(10:30)



For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es, heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

[10:30 service continues on p. 17 w/The Lord's Prayer]

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 God thanks and praise." The score includes vocal parts for the Presider and the Congregation. The Presider's parts are on the first, third, and fifth staves. The Congregation's parts are on the second, fourth, and fifth staves. The music consists of simple, rhythmic lines with quarter and eighth notes.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy

Congregation:

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and'. The second staff continues with 'might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your'. The third staff has 'glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the'. The fourth staff reads 'One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the'. The fifth and final staff concludes with 'high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!'.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

[10:30 service continues here]

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.

[10:30 service continues on p. 22 with the Rogation Service]

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

All may be seated

Communion

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. And each person may respond Amen.

Lamb of God

Congregation: Congregation or Assistant:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
* you broke the bonds of sin and of
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world:
death: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:

mer - cy on us. Congregation: Congregation
or Assistant: Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Distribution / Communion Hymns

Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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After all have returned to their places

All who are able are invited to stand

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Amen.

Song After Communion

Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:




Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



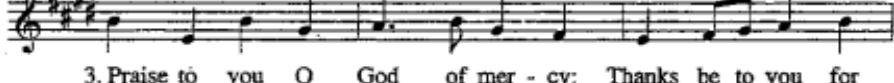
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



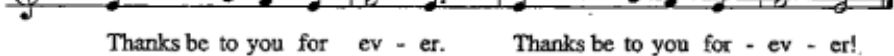
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Post Communion Prayer

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

[10:30 service continues here]

Ushers will direct the congregation to the outdoor worship area for the conclusion of the service.

ROGATION GREETING

God, our Creator, you have ordered seedtime, sunshine, rain, and harvest. You have created the seed, soil and water so there may be food for all your people. May we honor and care for these elements that sustain our earthly life. As the food nourishes our body may we be filled with praise and thanksgiving for our Creator.

Blessing of the Rogation Elements

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

Make music to our God on the harps.

He covers the sky with clouds;

He supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.

He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.

Praise the Lord.

Blessing of the Seed

God, you have given us these seeds

They have a past. They are the fruit of the past. They have a present. They are to be planted into your soil. They have a future. They are to bear fruit for the harvest. May the miracle of life within these seeds burst forth yielding a bountiful harvest. Bless these seeds and those who plant them.

Blessing of the Soil

God, you have created and given us this soil.

The soil serves as the medium for the seed to grow, it cleans water, it regulates climate, it provides warmth, nourishment and support so that new life may emerge. Bless this soil that it may feed and nourish the seed. Bless those who work this soil and harvest the produce.

Blessing of the Water

God, this water is your creation.

Water gives sustenance and nourishment to the soil and the seed. Bless the soil and the seed with gentle rain. Bless this water. Let it come as rain at the right time, in the proper amount so that the seed may flourish and grow. In your mercy send us favorable weather so that the harvest will be bountiful.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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

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

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

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

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday - May 19, 2024

Please use a separate form for each plant being sponsored.

No orders will be taken without payment.

Please see that your form is in by Sunday, May 12th.

All geraniums will be planted on church grounds as living memorials.

In memory of

In honor of

Given by

_____ geraniums x \$10 = \$ _____ (amount enclosed)

For office use only – do not detach

Pentecost Geraniums

NAME _____

PHONE NO. or EMAIL _____

CHECK \$ _____ CASH \$ _____ ENV. NO. _____



Jordan Lutheran Church Family Event Iron Pigs “Faith Night” Baseball Game

Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Iron Pigs Way, Allentown, PA 18109

Friday, June 7th, 2024
7:05 p.m.

**LAST DAY TO
ORDER YOUR
IRON PIGS
TICKETS IS
May 12!!**



VS.



\$30 per ticket – includes Picnic Patio seating & 2 ½ hour all-you-can-eat buffet

Gates will open at 5:45pm for a 7:05pm game – the buffet will open at 6:00 - 8:30pm

(\$5 parking not included)

Additional park information can be found at IronPigsBaseball.com

Please email **Steph Derstine** with questions at: jordandff@ptd.net

Please detach ORDER FORM below. Place form & payment in the offering plate, or send it to the church office. Note: IRON PIGS on the envelope.

Payable by cash or check to: Jordan Lutheran Church

ORDER FORM/PAYMENT DUE DATE: SUN., MAY 5, 2024



IRON PIGS ORDER FORM / PAYMENT

Print Name: _____ Phone #: _____

* Print Email: _____

*Digital tickets will be sent to your email. If you do not have email, a paper copy will be printed and given to you at church.

Number of Tickets: _____ (Children 2 and under are Free)
x \$30 Total due enclosed = _____

ORDER FORM/PAYMENT DUE DATE: SUN., MAY 5, 2024

The Lord's Table at Jordan Church is an open table. If you are a baptized Christian of any church, believe in the Lord's presence in the sacrament and have received the sacrament before, you are welcome to receive with us. If you are not able to receive, please come forward for a pastoral blessing. To come forward, simply follow the direction of the ushers.

Distribution method is noted in the order for worship.

ALTAR DISTRIBUTION: As you come forward, please take an empty cup with you to the altar rail. If you choose not to consume wine, grape juice is available. Come to the altar rail without a glass and a communion assistant will offer you the grape juice in a pre-filled glass.

INTINCTION DISTRIBUTION: Come forward and receive a wafer. Then dip it into either the wine (the cup in the center of the bread plate) or the grape juice (in the separate cup held by the second assistant). If you want additional time at the altar, please step to center of the altar rail out of the flow of other worshippers. You are invited to kneel if you wish.

Gluten-free wafers are available – please indicate your need to the communion assistant.

You are asked to fill out **communion cards** clearly and completely, one card per person. Visitors are asked to fill out the address of their home church (if you identify with one) so we may forward the card there. Take a moment also before leaving to sign our guest book, located in the entrance area.

If it is necessary to **leave the sanctuary** during worship, please refrain, if possible, from doing so during the reading of scripture or the Eucharistic prayers so as not to distract other worshippers.

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

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

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

Restrooms are located through the left side doors of the chancel; then left through the french doors; restrooms located in the foyer on the right.

Children in grade 9 and younger are asked to remain in the Memory Room when consuming refreshments during the fellowship hours.

Please be sensitive to the fact that many people are allergic to or bothered by **strong scents** (perfume, aftershave, etc.), particularly when many people are gathered closely together, as for **worship services**.

For Parents of young children: We are grateful that God has blessed Jordan with so many young children. Worshiping with young children is a special privilege and joy for all of us. We enjoy the sounds of children in our worship. However, if you sense the need for a "calming break" feel free to take him/her to the Memory Room or Nursery (located through the doors on the left side of the altar) where you can continue to hear and be involved in the worship.

If you are interested in **becoming a member of Jordan**, please speak with the pastor following the service or call the church office (610-395-5912).

Announcements for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office before 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15th of the month.

JELC NEWS for the Week of May 5 - 11

TODAY (5)

-8:50am, Cherub Choir
 -9:15am, Sunday School & Circle of Faith
 -9:15am, New Member Class, Pr. Dody's office
 -9:30am, Chorale
 -6:30pm, AA Meeting

MON (6) PANTRY 9-10 am

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

TUES (7)

-1:00pm, Game Day, M6/8
 -5:00pm, Brownies, Social Hall
 -5:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
 -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (8)

-9:00am, Prayer Shawl
 -6:15pm, Friendship Ringers
 -7:00pm, Church Council
 -7:00pm, Finance mtg.
 -7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

THU (9) 9am-5:30pm, Rising Roots Homeschool

-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

FRI (10)

-4:00pm, Youth Badminton, Family Ctr.
 -5:00pm, Jr. Gyros
 -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
 -9:00pm, Volleyball, Family Center

SAT (11)

-10:00am, Future Visioning Group, Memory Rm.

Future Visioning: What is God calling us at Jordan to do next? What are you passionate about? Where should we be focusing our energy? What would the community miss if we weren't here? How can we utilize the gifts that we have been given to pull together to answer God's call to us in ministry and mission? Please sign up for this session, led by Dr. Jill Peters, on **Saturday, May 11th, from 10 – 12 am.**

Attendance

4/28/24
 8:00 - 35
 10:30 - 57

Sponsors

Altar flowers given in honor of the anniversary of Bruce and Louise Stettler. (T)

LOST & FOUND

Please check the box of lost items in the Memory Room this morning if you are missing anything!

The secretary is on vacation May 6-10. Any church business that can wait until my return would be appreciated. Volunteers will be taking calls/messages for several hours each day if you have an urgent matter or need to get in touch with the pastor.

Say a Prayer & Send a Card & Pay a Visit

Fellowship Community: Lillian Semmel, Donald Laudenslager

Lehigh Commons: Janet Stettler

Cedar Crest Post Acute: Reed Klotz

Parkland Manor: Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

Heather Glen: Sonny Laudenslager, Anna Bieber

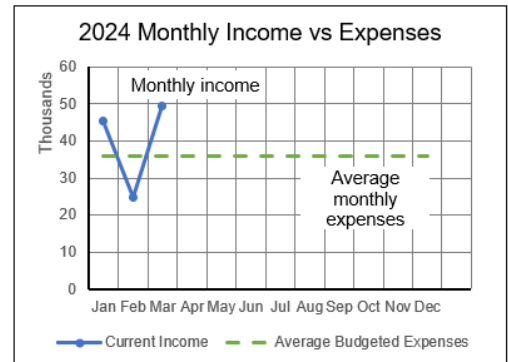
Home: Margaret Smith, Dale Gogel, Richard Seltzer, Roger Schoemaker

Please keep these people in your prayers: Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Nat Hager, Lisa Williams, Kim Friend, Bethany Friend, Jon Conrad, Rumpun Heller, Donna Stark, Kathy Attieh, Carolyn Flemish, Robin, Hope Grace, Jenan, Kris, Ed Rabenold, Sally Crowe, Anne, Judy Young, Eliza, Sue Weber, Ray Hamm, Dave, Judy, Joe Flemish, Leslie Dennis, Molly Sidney, Madison Dreisbach, Fred Weidman, family of Jan Erdie

Birthdays this week: Donna Leinberger, Diane Williams, Michael Boscia, William Posegay, Paulette Bassler, Mary Ann Dollak, Jenny Hartz, Michele Kozy, Elizabeth Habermehl, Elwood Laudenslager, Karen Paul

Anniversaries this week: Bruce & Louise Stettler (23), Ken & Sally Gross (36), Dean & Michele Wagaman (36)

Average weekly expenses: \$8,259	
Current annual surplus/(deficit): \$9,785	
Weekly collections	
Mar 31-Apr 6	\$9,576
Apr 7-13	\$6,709
Apr 14-20	\$5,850
Apr 21-27	\$3,113



SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: June 2, 30, July 7, 14; Aug. 18, 25; Sept. 1; Oct. 6, 13, 20; Nov. 24

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.

****Please Note: on May 1, Flower prices will increase to \$50/2 vases & \$25/1 vase.**

Worship Assistants

DATE	5/5	5/12	5/19	5/26
Altar Guild	8:00-J Murphy 10:30-K Boardman	8:00-J Suhocki 10:30-K Boardman	9:15-L Daniels	9:15-L Stettler
Lector	8:00-A Russell 10:30-J Siegfried	8:00- 10:30-J Boscia	9:15-C Nagle	9:15-L Stettler
Acolyte	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-D Dreisbach	8:00-I Strohl 10:30-O Wozniak	9:15-C Wozniak	9:15-C Wozniak
Ushers	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	9:15-	9:15-
Bell Toller	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-S Hamil	8:00-M Shafer 10:30-C & C Boscia	9:15-G Martz-Shelton	9:15-B Lutterschmidt
Video	10:30-K Boardman	10:30-D Dreisbach	9:15-T Daniels	9:15-O Wozniak
SAT	8:00- 10:30-	8:00- 10:30-	9:15-	9:15-

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 ljd2167@yahoo.com // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia julie.boscia@gmail.com // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman stephanyheckman@gmail.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

Outdoor Worship Service ~ June 9th at 10:30 a.m.

Come one, come all and enjoy an uplifting day of **Faith, Fellowship, Food and Fun** in God's magnificent outdoors. On **June 9th, 2024, 10:30 AM at Lone Lake Park Pavilion**, we will see your family, friends and you at the **4-F Celebration**. Following this musically enhanced, faith-filled service, you will be served a gourmet luncheon of smoked pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, baked macaroni & cheese and bottled water complimented by the sides and desserts you bring. Look for the sign-up board in the Narthex to register your attendance and what side and/or dessert you will bring. You may also sign up for this event by calling the church office. Clear skies and fresh air have already been reserved. Please bring your own tablecloth, board and lawn games for all to enjoy! See you then and there!!

Join us - Gress Mountain Ranch fundraiser delivery and tour today!

The Sunday School Dept. will deliver the donated items to the ranch. We will also take a bag lunch before taking a tour of the ranch at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited. It is \$10 per person. Meet on the church parking lot at noon to caravan, or feel free to meet us at the ranch at 3264 Highland Rd., Orefield, PA.

Iron Pigs - Ticket deadline extended to Sunday, May 12

The ticket deadline has been extended to Sunday, May 12 to purchase Iron Pigs tickets. The Iron Pigs Baseball game is Friday, June 7th at 7:05 pm at Coca-Cola Park, Allentown, PA. \$30 per person includes a 2 1/2 hour buffet plus additional perks during the game. The order form is located in the JELC April newsletter or the Memory Room bulletin board. Place order form/payment in the offering plate marked "Iron Pigs" by Sunday, May 12.

Vacation Bible School - Online Registration is now open!!

We are excited to announce the online registration is now open for Vacation Bible School! We are teaming up with Jordan UCC to offer a morning and evening option to attend. Date: June 17 - 21, two times: 9 - 11:45 am and 6:30 - 8:15 p.m., one location: JELC Family Center. Please check out the details at the following website: <https://vbspro.events/p/2d2f5a>. A handout with information is also available in the Memory Room bulletin board. Come join us for a ride on the Rocky Railway! It will be a fun time for everyone!

May 12th - Sunday School Children and Teachers Recognition Day

You are invited to express your gratitude to our Sunday School children and teachers on the last day of classes, Sunday, May 12th during the 10:30 am worship service. Children and first year confirmation students will be commended for their participation in the classroom and a thank you will be extended to our teachers for their dedication and leadership.

May 19th - Pentecost and Confirmation Service at 9:15 am. (one service only). Remember to wear red.

We want to invite our church family, friends, and relatives to come and celebrate, Sunday, May 19th, as the confirmands grow in their relationship with the Church, the community, and most importantly God. Blessings are also extended to family members, teachers, mentors and others who have enriched the lives of these children. A fellowship reception will follow the service in the Memory Room to meet with the confirmands and their families.