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Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

- Johann Gottfried Walther

All who are able are invited to stand

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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

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.

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

Presider: Congregation:

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

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81:1-10 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. (Ps. 81:1)

¹Sing with joy to ^l God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the ^l God of Jacob.

²**Raise a song and ^l sound the timbrel,
the merry harp, ^l and the lyre.**

³Blow the ram's horn at ^l the new moon,
and at the full moon, the day ^l of our feast;

⁴**for this is a stat- ^l ute for Israel,
a law of the ^l God of Jacob.**

⁵God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the ^l land of Egypt,
where I heard a voice I ^l did not know:

⁶**"I eased your shoulder ^l from the burden;
your hands were set free from the grave- ^l digger's basket.**

⁷You called on me in trouble, and I de- ^l livered you;
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the wa- ^l ters of Meribah.

⁸**Hear, O my people, and I will ad- ^l monish you:
O Israel, if you would but lis- ^l ten to me!**

⁹There shall be no strange ^l god among you;
you shall not worship a ^l foreign god.

¹⁰**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the ^l land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and ^l I will fill it.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.

⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you. *The word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Verse

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). 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 includes the instruction "Repeat optional" at the end of the line.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 2nd chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 2:23—3:6

Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

²³One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to

the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

Sermon

Time of Silent Reflection *(remain seated)*

All who are able are invited to stand

Hymn

O Day of Rest and Gladness

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
 3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n - ly man - na falls;
 4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
 on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
 where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
 We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three - fold light was giv'n.
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

Presentation of New Members (*congregation reads bold*)

Dear friends, we gather today with these people who have been called by God's Spirit to inquire into the Christian faith and life. Together, let us welcome them to this community of faith in Jesus Christ.

New members are introduced:

The following have come to our congregation of other communities of faith:

Lori Fioravanti

Susan Jaynes

Glenn Vrabel

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

Stir up in these sisters and brothers in Christ, the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers of Intercession

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, food pantries and Little Free Pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them *especially 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, Ruthann, Alyssa, Alex, Scott*. Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Allison, Hillary, Ronald, Judy, Gregg, Kevin*. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For those celebrating anniversaries this week, *especially Frank & Angela, Roger & Carol, Ted & Joan, Ashley & Chris*. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray especially for Lutheran Congregational Services, and their director, Julia Menzo. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Peace

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

All may be seated

Offertory: *Panis Angelicus*

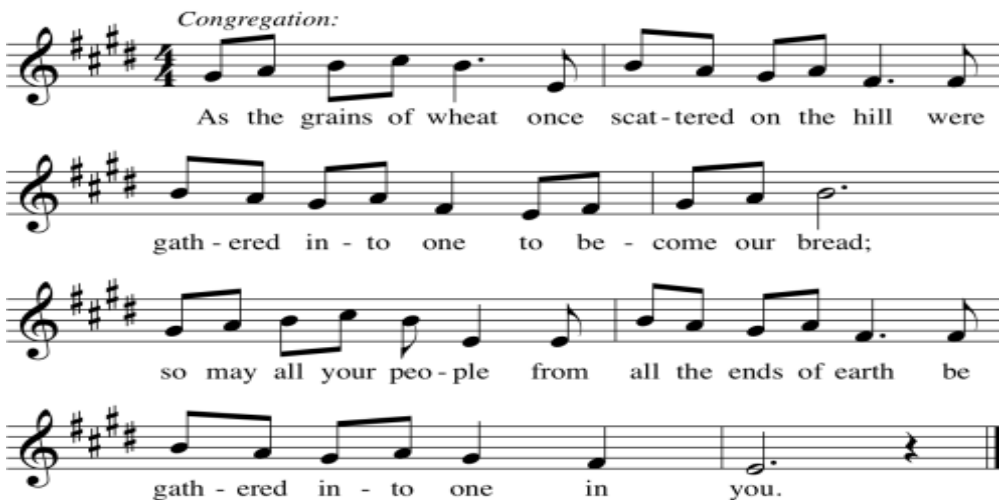
- Cesar Franck

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.

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

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,

you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

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 is divided into parts for the Presider and the Congregation. The Presider's part is indicated by "Presider:" above the staff, and the Congregation's part is indicated by "Congregation:" above the staff. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical notes.

Presider: Congregation:
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.

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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:

Holy, Holy

Congregation:

The image shows a musical score for a congregational hymn. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The final measure of the fifth staff has a double bar line.

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

Holy God,

our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

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 acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

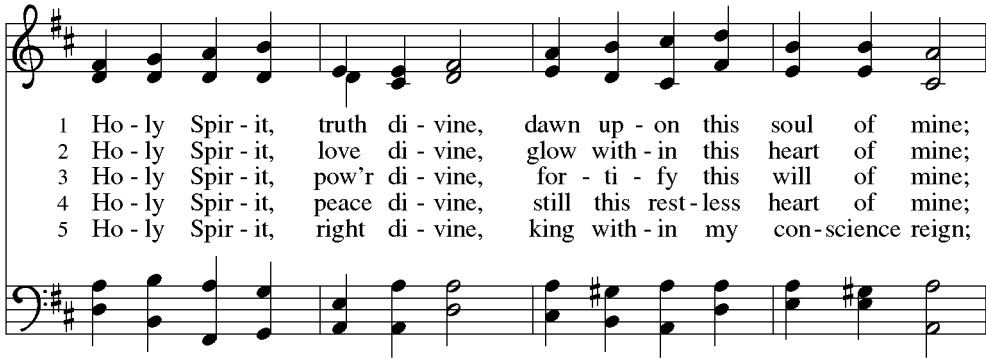
The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892
Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

What Is This Place



1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re-ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

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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!

Prayer After Communion

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

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

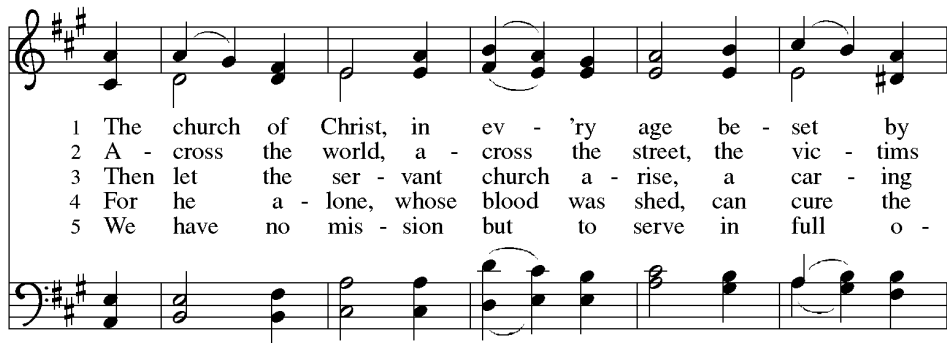
Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

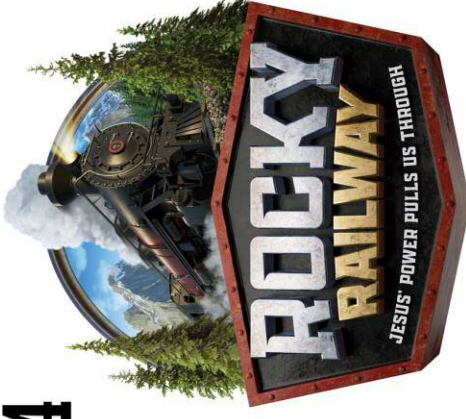
Postlude: *O Lord, Now Let Your Servant*

- setting by Robert A. Hobby

Vacation Bible School 2024

Jordan Lutheran Church and Jordan UCC

will hold its very first JOINT VBS
with 2 sessions at Jordan Lutheran's
Family Center - 5103 Snowdrift Rd.



June 17 - June 21

9am-11:45am or 6:30pm-8:15pm

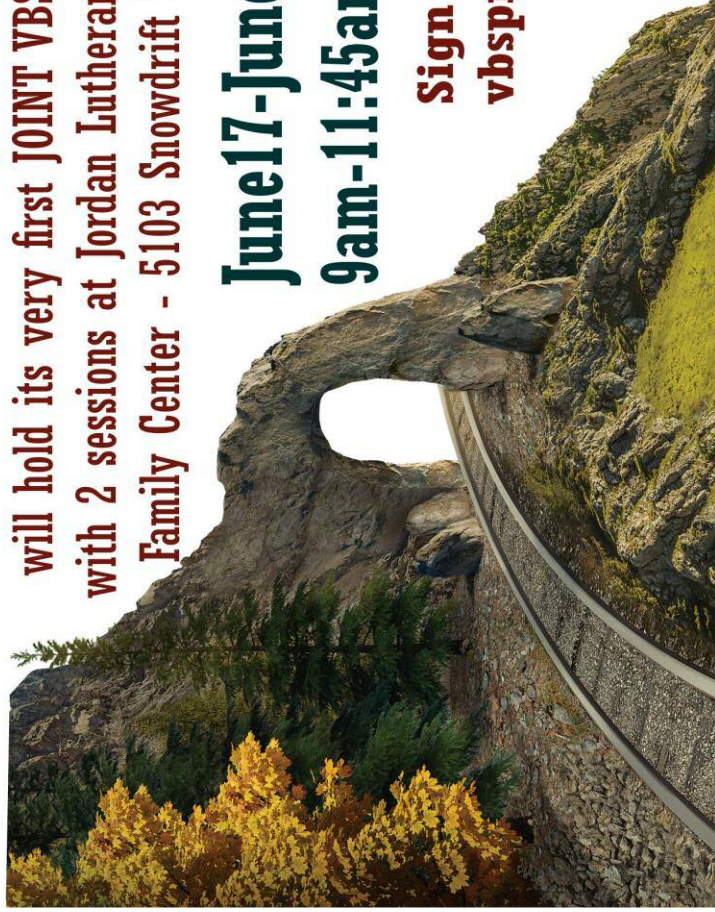
Sign up at:

vbspro.events/p/2d2f5a

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Stephanie: jordandff@ptd.net or

Ann: sundayschool@jordanucc.org



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 June 2 - 8

TODAY (2)

-9:15am, New Members received, Reception to follow
-6:30pm, AA Meeting

MON (3) 9-10am, PANTRY

-7:00pm, Boy Scouts

TUES (4)

-5:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
-7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (5) 6-7pm, PANTRY

-5:00pm, Christian Ed. mtg.
-7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

THU (6)

-9:30am, Staff Meeting/Lunch
-6:00pm, Executive mtg.

FRI (7)

-Iron Pigs Game tonight at 7pm!!
-4:00pm, Youth Badminton, Family Ctr.
-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
-9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

SAT (8)

-8:30-4:30, Synod Assembly, Atonement, Wyomissing

SUN (9)

-10:30am, Outdoor Worship/Picnic, Lone Lane Park (no worship in church this day)



Join us following worship to welcome our new members at a reception in the Memory Room!

Attendance

5/26/24
9:15 - 72

No Sponsors Today

We could use a few more people to help on Fridays collating bulletins. It usually takes less than one hour, and you can sign up for as many or few days as you like. Contact Monica at 610-395-5912 or jordanlutheran@ptd.net

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

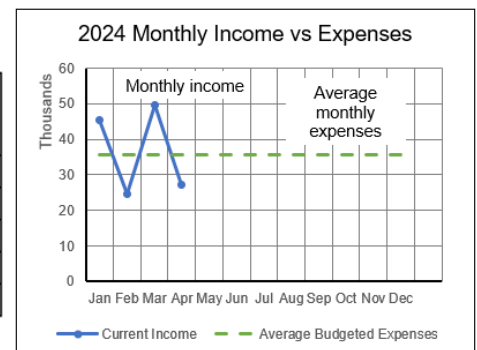
Home: Margaret Smith, Dale Gogel, Richard Seltzer, Roger Schoemaker

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, Sue Weber, Ray Hamm, Dave, Judy, Joe Flemish, Leslie Dennis, Molly Sidney, Madison Dreisbach, Fred Weidman, Ruthann Siegfried, Alyssa Chick, Alex Chick, Scott Moyer

Birthdays this week: Allison Roth, Hillary Roth, Ronald Keinert, Judy Murphy, Gregg Knotts, Kevin Murphy

Anniversaries this week: Frank & Angela Heston (24), Roger & Carol Wendling (43), Ted & Joan DuBois (70), Ashley & Chris Helsley (11)

Average weekly expenses: \$8,259	
Current annual surplus/(deficit): \$772	
Weekly collections	
Apr 21-27	\$3,018
Apr 28-May 4	\$7,340
May 5-11	\$7,414
May 12-18	\$4,657



SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: June 30, July 7, 14; Aug. 18, 25; Sept. 1; Oct. 6, 13, 20; Nov. 24
Altar flowers may be sponsored for **\$50/2 vase, or \$25/1 vase; Bulletins for \$20

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

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

Worship Assistants

DATE	6/2	6/9	6/16	6/23
Altar Guild	9:15-C Rabenold	9:15-L Daniels	9:15-S Wagaman	9:15-K Leonard
Lector	9:15-K Boardman	9:15-J Boscia	9:15-	9:15-
Acolyte	9:15-C Wozniak	9:15-4-F	9:15-N Heckman	9:15-
Ushers	9:15-D Heckman	9:15-4F	9:15-D Heckman	9:15-
Bell Toller	9:15-C & C Boscia	9:15-4F	9:15-D Stark	9:15-J Bair
Video	9:15-O Wozniak	9:15-T Daniels	9:15-D Clark	9:15-T Daniels
SAT	9:15-	9:15-	9:15-	9:15-J Siegfried

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**. **Note: No worship service at the church this day.** 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 or by using the Sign Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4FAAAD2CA57-49234571-4fcelebration>. 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!! *Don't forget to bring a donation of tuna, peanut butter or canned fruit to donate to Jordan's Food Pantry.*

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. Registration for students and volunteers can be found 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! Contact Amber Kerschner at mamikerschner@gmail.com or Stephany Heckman at stephanyheckman@gmail.com for additional information.



Iron Pigs Baseball game - Friday, June 7th at 7:05 pm at Coca-Cola Park, Allentown, PA.

Digital tickets will be sent to your email or if requested, a paper copy will be printed and given to you at church.

Save the Date - Family Day @ Knoebels - Saturday, September 21, 2024 - <https://www.knoebels.com/>

You are invited to a day of fellowship and fun with your church family at Knoebels Amusement Park, Saturday, September 21, 2024. Pavilion space has been reserved for the entire day to eat, play board games or cards, or simply sit and rest at the tables provided. Additional details of this event are still in the planning stages and will be forthcoming. Please, save the date!



Keep in mind that we will be worshipping TOGETHER at one service at 9:15 am through the months of June, July and August, and including September 1st (Labor Day weekend). The only exception is the 4 F Celebration (outdoor worship & picnic) on June 9th, at 10:30 a.m. at Lone Lane Park (see details above). We look forward to worshipping together as one family over the summer months and seeing familiar faces!

Scrooge says we can't celebrate Christmas in July. BAH HUMBUG!! Why not???

Stay tuned for our upcoming Christmas in July collection drive to benefit the residents at The Lutheran Home at Topton!