

June 9, 2024
Third Sunday after Pentecost / 4-F Celebration
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

Bell

Announcements

Prelude: Sonatina in C Major

- Muzio Clementi

-Nora Heckman, keyboard

All who are able are invited to stand

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm 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.**

Morning Has Broken



Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version Text ∅ Miss E. Farjeon Will Trust, by permission of David Higham Associates. Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

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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.

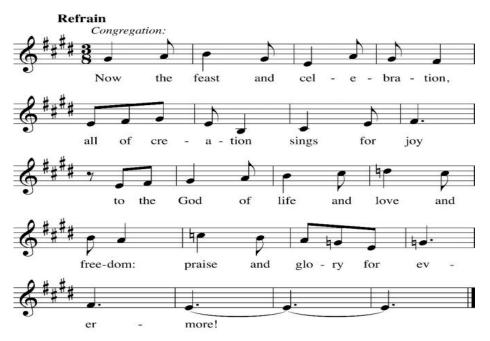
And also with you.

Kyrie





Now the Feast





Salutation



Text and Music: Marty Haugen; © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

All may be seated

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 130 (read responsively – congregation reads bold) Wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love. (Ps. 130:7)

¹Out | of the depths I cry to | you, O Lord;

²O Lord, | hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

³If you were to keep watch | over sins, O Lord, | who could stand?

⁴Yet with you | is forgiveness,

in order that you | may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O Lord; [|] my soul waits; in your word [|] is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning, more than those who keep watch | for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is [|] steadfast love; with the Lord there is plen- [|] teous redemption.

⁸For the Lord shall | redeem Israel from | all their sins.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more

people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. *Word of the Lord*. Thanks be to God.

All who are able are invited to stand

The Gospel Verse



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 3rd chapter **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Holy Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for

people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." *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

Jesus Loves Me!



Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt. Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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

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

A brief silence.

You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness. With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Heal those who are ill, especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Dean, Lester, Nat, Lisa, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Rumpun, Kathy, Carolyn, Robin, Hope, Kris, Ed, Sally, Judy, Sue, Ray, Dave, Judy, Joe, Leslie, Molly, Madison, Ruthann, Alyssa, Alex, Scott, Fred, Carol, Jean, Linda. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Frank, Bill, Lillian, Jeanette, Brian, Dale, Cecelia, Matthew, Judith*. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever, especially Gary & Hope, Doug & Carol, Joe & Carolyn, Howard & Shirley, Kristie & Frank, Nancy & Richard. 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 Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries, Allentown. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. 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: Responsory

Richard Proulx

-Susan Hartney, flute

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.



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.

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.

SENDING

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

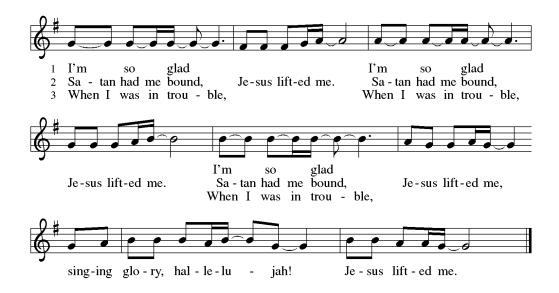
Blessing

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

Amen.

Sending Hymn

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



Text: African American spiritual Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Calling All Graduates . . .



It's that time of year when many people, young or a little bit older, are coming to the closing chapter of their studies at various schools. Jordan would like to honor all recent graduates, including high school, vocational schools, college, specialty school - whatever! Please fill out the form below if you are a recent graduate or have

someone in your family who is a recent graduate. We will print the information in the August newsletter. Your church family wants to share your joy!

Graduate Information Form		
Name of Graduate		
Name of School		
Degree/Curriculum		
Additional Information (honors, awards, etc.): if there are many, please choose a few you re		
most proud of		
Plans after graduation (employment, college, graduate studies, etc.):		
Jordan relationships (son/daughter/grandchild of etc.):		

Scholarships Available to Members

Did you know that Jordan's Endowment Disbursement fund has money available for you to use toward your college expenses? \$600 per year, maximum of \$2400 per person is available. Educational assistance may include tuition, room and board, books and supplies, educational camps/conferences, etc. Please contact the church office for a request form.

Vacation Bible School 2 0 2 4

Jordan Lutheran Church and Jordan UCC

with 2 sessions at Jordan Lutheran's will hold its very first JOINT VBS

June17-June21 Family Center - 5103 Snowdrift Rd.

ESUS" POWER PULLS US THROUGH

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

vbspro.events/p/2d2f5a

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Mark 3:20-35

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forgiveness standing seeking kingdom prince Satan blasphemies gathered brother called spirit crowd

Beelzebul scribes unclean sister binds home Jerusalem plunder divided demons house possessed outside sitting mother stand **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 worshipers.

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 9 - 15

TODAY (9)

-6:30pm, AA Meeting

MON (10)

- -6-7pm, VBS Orientation, Family Ctr.
- -7:00pm, Boy Scouts
- -7:00pm, Garden Club, Memory Rm.

TUES (11)

- -1:00pm, Outreach mtg.
- -5:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
- -6:30pm, Bible Study, M8
- -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (12)

- -7:00pm, Finance Com. mtg.
- -7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

THU (13)

-7:00pm, Church Council

FRI (14)

- -7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.
- -9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

SAT (15)

-10:00am, Youth Director's Meeting, Memory Room

Attendance

6/2/24 9:15 - 79

Bulletins are given in honor of Brian Hahn's birthday (6/11) by Larry and Donna Hahn.

"A single
sunbeam is enough
to drive away many
shadows."

-St. Francis of Assisi

Say a Prayer & Send a Card & Pay a Visit

Fellowship Community: Lillian Semmel,

Donald Laudenslager

<u>Lehigh Commons:</u> Janet Stettler <u>Cedar Crest Post Acute:</u> 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, Kathy Attieh, Carolyn Flemish, Robin, Hope Grace, Kris, Ed Rabenold, Sally Crowe, 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, Jean Adam, Carol Kuhns, Linda Zeiser

Birthdays this week: Frank Heston, Bill Lutterschmidt, Lillian Semmel, Jenny Bair, Brian Hahn, Dale Gogel, Cecelia Heberling, Mathew Steckel, Judith Drey

Anniversaries this week: Gary & Hope Strobel (45), Doug & Carol Fay (1), Joe & Carolyn Flemish (64), Howard & Shirley Schneider (69), Kristie & Frank Filipovits (20), Nancy & Richard Steltz (56)

Average weekly expenses: \$8,259 Current annual surplus/(deficit): (\$5,430)

Weekly collections	
May 12-18	\$4,914
May 19-25	\$9,108
May 26-Jun 1	\$4,931
Jun 2-8	\$18.845



SPONSORSHIPS

<u>Altar Flowers:</u> 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	6/9	6/16	6/23	6/30
Altar Guild	9:15-L Daniels	9:15-S Wagaman	9:15-K Leonard	9:15-B Albright
Lector	9:15-J Boscia	9:15-M Peters	9:15-	9:15-M Peters
Acolyte	9:15-4F	9:15-N Heckman	9:15-	9:15-
Ushers	9:15-4F	9:15-D Heckman	9:15-	9:15-
Bell Toller	9:15-4F	9:15-D Stark	9:15-J Bair	9:15-J Siegfried
Video	9:15-T Daniels	9:15-D Clark	9:15-T Daniels	9:15-
SAT	9:15-4F	9:15-D Clark	9:15-J Siegfried	9:15-K Boardman

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 <a href="mainteenanthe-mainteenan



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 <u>one service at 9:15 am</u> 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!

Parkland Garden Club would like to invite members of Jordan Lutheran Church and friends to our annual Garden Tour. The Silver Anniversary Tour consisting of ten gardens is our 25th year of presenting beautiful, unique gardens and speakers to the public! Our garden tour tickets in the form of a booklet will be on sale in June for \$20 or \$25 at the gardens. A silent auction where people bid on gift cards, merchandise and services donated by businesses will be at one of the gardens on the tour. Since we are a non-profit organization, the profits are used to support our many activities and our annual scholarship fund for a deserving senior from a local high school. Please save the date for July 13, 2024. Hope to see you there!! For information, please contact Barb at 484-225-7449 or Brenda at 610-653-6363.



Scrooge says we can't celebrate Christmas in July.

BAH HUMBUG!! Why met???

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