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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
9:15 a.m. Worship Service w/Communion

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The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

GATHERING

Bell

Announcements

Prelude: *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

-arr. Harold R. Vetter

All who are able are invited to stand

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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 Song

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

1 Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,

now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.
Music: ST. FLAVIAN, J. Day, *Psalter*, 1562

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: verses Congregation: refrain

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

This is the Feast


Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and




hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain* This is the feast of



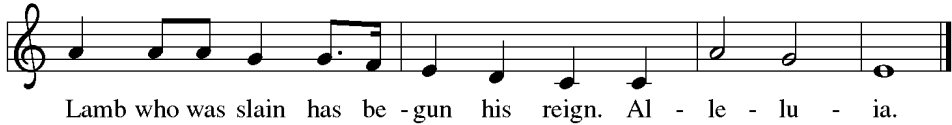
vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

All may be seated

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,

and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. (Ps. 92:12)

¹It is a good thing to give thanks ¹ to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, ¹ O Most High;

²**to herald your love ¹ in the morning
and your faithful- ¹ ness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and ¹ on the lyre,
and to the melody ¹ of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your ¹ acts, O Lord;
and I shout for joy because of the works ¹ of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish ¹ like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a ce- ¹ dar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house ¹ of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts ¹ of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit ¹ in old age;
they shall be ¹ green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how up- ¹ right the Lord is,
my rock, in whom there is ¹ no injustice.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

All who are able are invited to stand

The Gospel Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

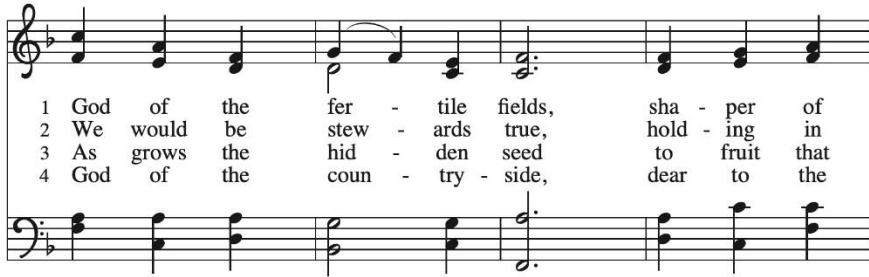
Sermon

Time of Silent Reflection *(remain seated)*

All who are able are invited to stand

Hymn of the Day

God of the Fertile Fields



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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Installation of Rocky Railway VBS Staff - 2024

Leader: Today we give thanks for our Vacation Bible School leaders and helpers. This year's theme is Rocky Railway! Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!

Will you as volunteer staff help the Vacation Bible School participants to explore and discover as they face this world with wonder and excitement, trusting in God's power throughout each rolling, clicky clack and amazing day – both during VBS and beyond?

Staff: Yes, with the help of God.

Leader: Members of the congregation, will you support the work of these volunteer staff members and pray for God's guidance in their work?

Congregation: We will support them and pray for them.

Leader: On behalf of the congregation, I thank you, our Vacation Bible School volunteer staff, for sharing your gifts in the VBS program this year. May God guide you in your teaching and learning, inspiring in you a richer understanding of the life of discipleship in this community of faith.

Leader: Let us pray. Loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of your love in our lives. We thank you for each of our volunteer staff members, their love for children, and their passion for you. Be with our Vacation Bible School staff and participants as they learn of God's great love for us through scripture and each other. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Cherub Chimes: *Jesus Loves Me / He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

-Andrew & Nate Heckman

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.

Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. As we anticipate Juneteenth, banish white supremacy and bigotry from the hearts of your people and remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Dean Lester, Nat, Lisa, Kim, Bethany, Jon, Kathy, Carolyn, Robin, Hope, Kris, Ed, Sally, Judy, Sue, Ray, Dave, Judy, Leslie, Molly, Madison, Ruthann, Alyssa, Alex, Scott, Fred, Carol, Jean, Doug, Linda*. Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain. 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 Sally, Madison, Barbara, Marci, Skip, Caroline*. 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 Annette & Patrick, Richard & Bonnie, Karen & John, David & Barbara, Michele & Richard, Darlene & Randy*. 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 the residents and staff of Luther Crest, Allentown. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With gratitude, we remember the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. 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 – *Please share the peace in any manner comfortable to you.*
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

THE MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.
All may be seated*

Offertory: *As Rivers Flow from a Distant Spring*

-William Beckstrand

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.*

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

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.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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Communion Hymns

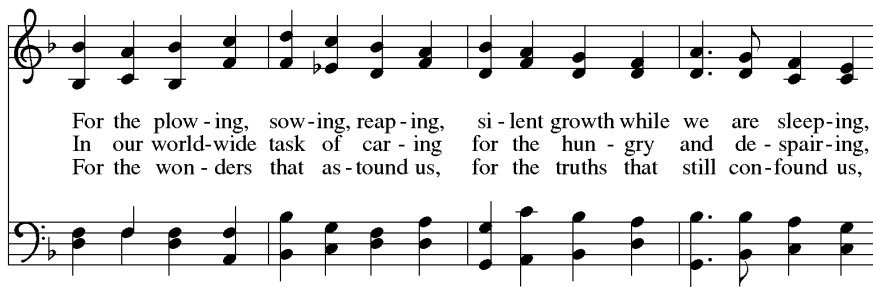
For the Fruit of All Creation



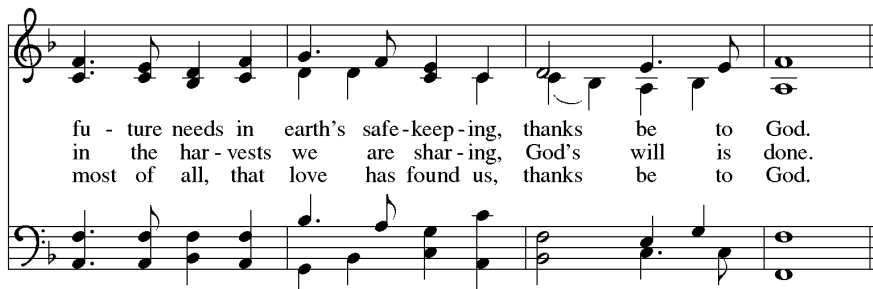
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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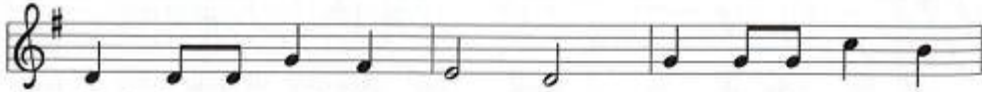
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Seed That in Earth Is Dying



1 Seed that in earth is dy - ing grows in - to ears of
2 We were bap - tized in Je - sus, in - to his death and
3 Seed that in earth is dy - ing ris - es to bear much



grain. Grapes that are crushed in the ves - sel
grave, to res - ur - rec - tion's prom - ise;
fruit. Christ, as we meet at your ta - ble,



turn in - to gold - en wine. God, through this mys - ter - y grant us
praise and e - ter - nal life. Heav - en's own prais - es be - gin here
give us the bread of life. Lord, we do thank and a - dore you!



faith in our deep - est dark - ness, life in our night and death.
where you your - self are near us, deep in our night and death.
Un - ceas - ing praise of the a - ges ris - es from night and death.

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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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



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



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



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



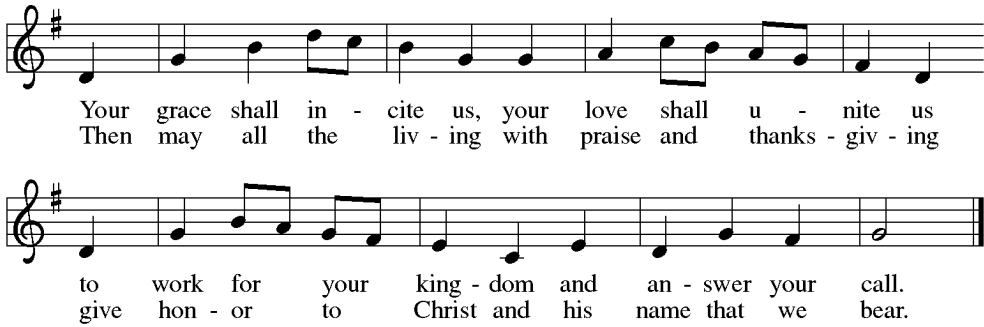
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing
 to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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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 Song

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

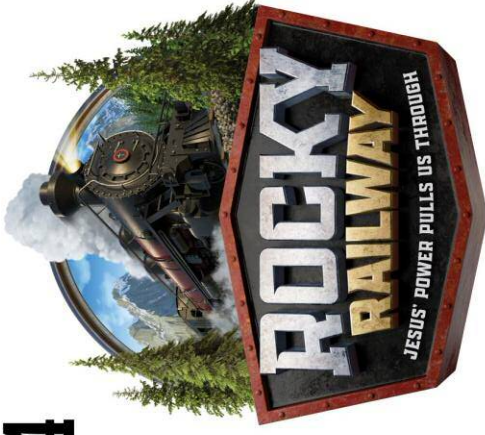
Postlude: *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* – *The Sacred Harp, 1844, Philadelphia*

-setting by J. Wayne Kerr

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

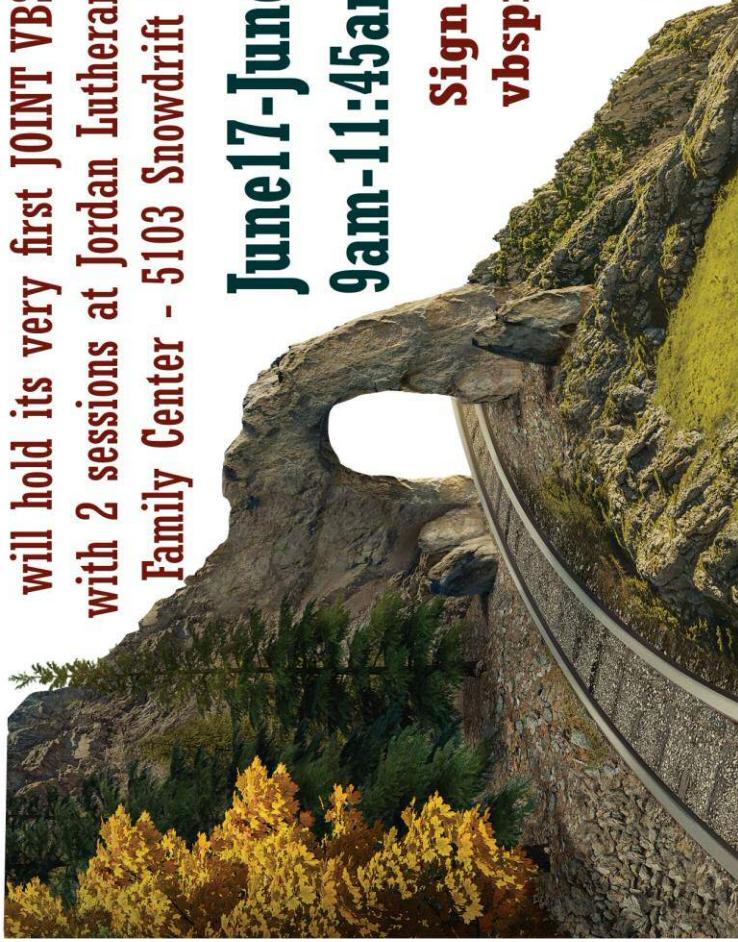
9am-11:45am or 6:30pm-8:15pm

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).

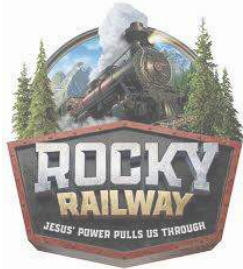
Announcements for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office before 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15th of the month.

JELC NEWS for the Week of June 16 - 22

TODAY (16)

-12:00-4:00pm, VBS set up, Family Ctr.
-6:30pm, AA Meeting

Vacation Bible School, Mon thru Fri
9:00-11:45 am & 6:30-8:15 pm
in the Family Center, M1, 3, 5



MON (17) 9-10 AM PANTRY

-7:00pm, Boy Scouts

TUES (18)

WED (19)

THU (20)

FRI (21)

SAT (22)

-VBS clean up

Attendance

6/9/24

9:15 - 70

Altar flowers given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of fathers, Frederick W. Anderson and Andrew J. Weber, by Sue and Bill Weber.

thank you

A hearty THANK YOU to ALL who had any part in the blessed and successful 4F Celebration on June 9. The *food* was delicious, the *faith* was palpable, the *fellowship* was obvious and *fun* was had by all! It could not be done without the help of many.

Please note: IF YOU'RE MISSING A SERVING TOOL, please check the leftovers in the Memory Room. Any pieces not claimed by June 30 will be re-homed to the Family Center kitchen. Thank you!

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

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

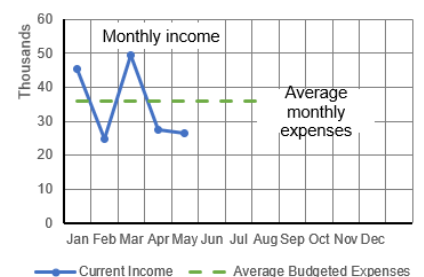
Home: Margaret Smith, Dale Gogel, Richard Seltzer, Roger Schoemaker

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, Kathy Attieh, Carolyn Flemish, Robin, Hope Grace, Kris, Ed Rabenold, Sally Crowe, Judy Young, Sue Weber, Ray Hamm, Dave, Judy, Leslie Dennis, Molly Sidney, Madison Dreisbach, Ruthann Siegfried, Alyssa Chik, Alex Chik, Scott Moyer, Fred Weidman, Carol Kuhns, Jean Adam, Doug Clark, Linda Zeiser

Birthdays this week: Sally Crowe, Madison Dreisbach, Barbara Godshall, Marci Wozniak, Skip Brommer, Caroline Simock

Anniversaries this week: Annette & Patrick Doyle (6), Richard & Bonnie Albright (47), Karen & John Boardman (43), David & Barbara Godshall (66), Michele & Richard Kozy (22), Darlene & Randy Wenhold (33)

2024 Monthly Income vs Expenses



SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: 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.

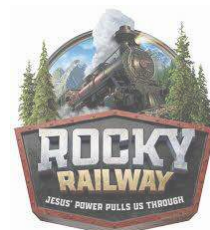
Worship Assistants

DATE	6/16	6/23	6/30	7/7
Altar Guild	9:15-S Wagaman	9:15-K Leonard	9:15-B Albright	9:15-
Lector	9:15-M Peters	9:15-C Dorney	9:15-M Peters	9:15-
Acolyte	9:15-N Heckman	9:15-	9:15-	9:15-
Ushers	9:15-D Heckman	9:15-	9:15-	9:15-
Bell Toller	9:15-D Stark	9:15-J Bair	9:15-J Siegfried	9:15-
Video	9:15-D Clark	9:15-T Daniels	9:15-	9:15-
SAT	9:15-D Clark	9:15-J Siegfried	9:15-K Boardman	9:15-K Boardman

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 lj2167@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

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.



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!

Parkland Garden Club

invites 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.

Prayer List

We are always willing to put both members and friends and relatives of Jordan members on our weekly prayer list. We all know the power of prayer! Names will be listed for four weeks and after that time, unless we hear from you to keep the person on the list, we will remove it. People can be added/removed/put back on the list with a quick email or phone call.



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.