

June 23, 2024 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 a.m. Worship Service

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Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

# BELL ANNOUNCEMENTS

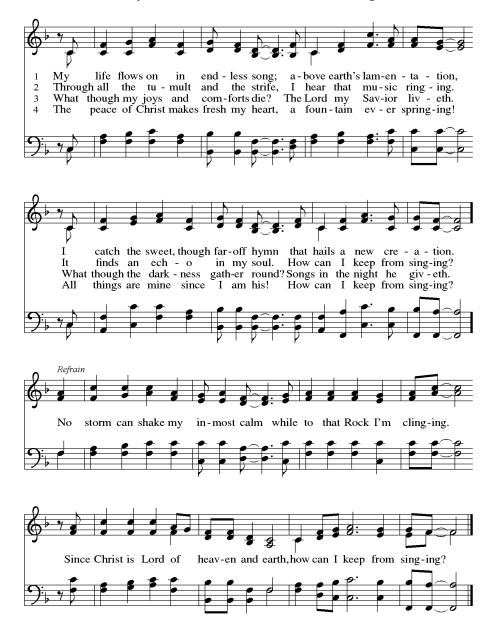
**PRELUDE:** Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend

- Georg Böhm

All who are able are invited to stand

#### **GATHERING SONG**

# My Life Flows On in Endless Song



# 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.

You are the treasured people of the Lord,

# A people holy to the Lord our God.

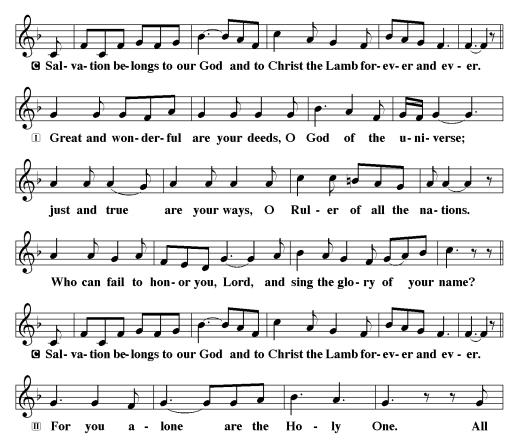
Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

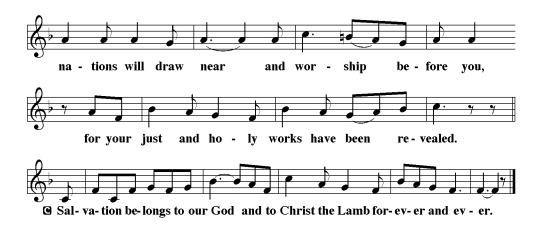
Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,

But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

## SCRIPTURE SONG





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

# WORD

#### All may be seated

#### FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—
<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,
<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,
<sup>11</sup>and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?" *The Word of God, for the People of God.*Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the I LORD is good,

for God's mercy en- I dures forever.

- <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the <sup>1</sup> LORD proclaim
  - that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,
- <sup>3</sup>gathering them in <sup>1</sup> from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and <sup>I</sup> from the south.

<sup>23</sup>Some went down to the <sup>1</sup> sea in ships,

plying their trade <sup>|</sup> in deep waters.

- <sup>24</sup>They beheld the works <sup>I</sup> of the LORD, God's wonderful works <sup>I</sup> in the deep.
- <sup>25</sup>Then God spoke, and a stormy <sup>1</sup> wind arose, which tossed high the waves <sup>1</sup> of the sea.
- <sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and descended <sup>1</sup> to the depths; their souls melted away <sup>1</sup> in their peril.
- <sup>27</sup>They staggered and <sup>I</sup> reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of <sup>I</sup> no avail.
- <sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried <sup>I</sup> to the LORD, and you delivered them from <sup>I</sup> their distress.
- <sup>29</sup>You stilled the storm <sup>|</sup> to a whisper and silenced the waves <sup>|</sup> of the sea.
- <sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when <sup>1</sup> it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor <sup>1</sup> they desired.
- <sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love and your wonderful works <sup>1</sup> for all people.

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you in the assembly <sup>1</sup> of the people;

in the council of the elders, let them sing I hallelujah!

# SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,

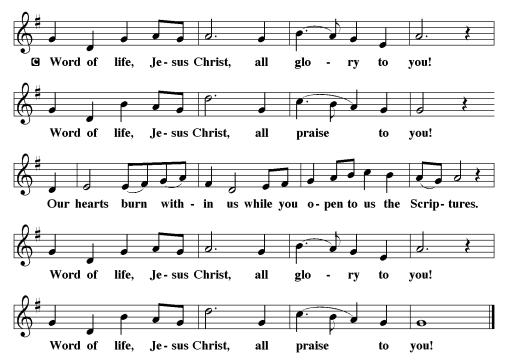
and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also. *The Word of God, for the people of God.* **Thanks be to God.** 

All who are able are invited to stand

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



### **GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" *The Gospel of the Lord.* 

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### SERMON

#### All who are able are invited to stand

#### HYMN

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me



# 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.

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

## pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness and remission of all our sins. Amen.

## PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

### PRAYER

All may be seated

**OFFERING**: How Can I Keep From Singing

-Robert Lowry, setting by Benjamin M. Culli

All who are able are invited to stand



### OFFERTORY

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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling *especially Carolyn, Hope, Ray, Molly, Madison, Ruthann, Alyssa, Alex, Scott, Fred, Carol, Jean, Doug, Linda, Larry, Janie*. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. 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 Keith, Jacqueline, Eva, Terry*. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever, *Cindy & Gary, Scott & Robin, Bob & Holly, Lindsay & Michael, Darwin & Grace.* 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 The NEPA Synod, Allentown and Bishop Christopher deForest and Rev. Samantha Drennan. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

# Here other intercessions may be offered.

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. 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 LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.

#### BLESSING

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

#### Amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN**



#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest. Thanks be to God!

#### **POSTLUDE:** In Thee Is Gladness

#### -arr. by Ralph C. Schultz



1 am truly humbled by the volunteers, both adults and teens, that helped make VBS fun, exciting, and a blessing for the children that attended.

If you see Amber Kerschner and Stephany Heckman please express your gratitude to them. This is Amber's 13th year committed to helping during VBS. As VBS Director this year, she has been working around the clock for the past few weeks to put together the most amazing VBS program. Every day she would arrive early, stay late, and roll with the unexpected punches. Together with her children, Mia and Jordan, have also volunteered as song leaders for many years. We are also blessed to have Stephany Heckman step up this year as the Assistant VBS Director. What an amazing week she had along with her daughter, Nora, and team of storytellers. They gave hours of time to decorate several rooms, creating an atmosphere that was sure to make the Bible stories come alive! I also want to thank all the station leaders, crew leaders, security volunteers, snack ladies, and teen volunteers that donated many hours of their time this week, and to all the families who brought their children to VBS. We also want to extend a "thank you" to the Director and volunteers of JUCC for their time to engage in a PM session as part of this collaborative VBS. This week both the AM and PM sessions have been a huge success and blessing for both churches and our community. Steph Derstine

Director of Faith Formation

# Save the Date!!!!

Get your calendar out and mark these events! You won't want to miss them!

# Christmas in July (6/30/24 to 8/4/24)

Donations for the Topton Lutheran Home Residents

The real spirit of Christmas is giving, loving, caring and serving

We can share the love of Christ with our families our friends and whoever comes across our path...we can generously give to the ones less fortunate than us. We can be willing to serve others as needs arise. We can pray for and with others.

*How it works:* Residents select items from the July donations. Volunteers then wrap the items which are delivered to each resident on Christmas morning by Santa & Mrs. Claus. *Requested items:* (*Please, only new & unwrapped items*)

Men: Pajamas, flannel shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants sizes Large to 2XL

Women: Pajama sets, sweatshirts, sweaters, pull on jeans and sweatpants sizes large to 3XL

# Rally Day – Back to Sunday School!

Our 2024-25 Sunday School Session begins **September 8, 2024** at 9:15 am.! More info to come!

# Knobel's Family Day

We have a pavilion reserved for Saturday, September 21st! More details to come!

# God's Work. Our Hands.

**Sunday, October 6th.** Projects will be available, youth will be gift wrapping for Holiday Hope Chest gifts.

# Sight and Sound Bus Trip to see 'Daniel'

Jordan Lutheran Church is sponsoring a bus trip to Lancaster County, Sight & Sound Theater to see 'Daniel', **Friday, November 29th,** 3:00 p.m. showtime, 12:00 departure. Additional information will be forthcoming.

**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 set to 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

# JELC NEWS for the Week of June 23 - 29

TODAY (23) -6:30pm, AA Meeting

MON (24) -7:00pm, Boy Scouts 7:30pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

TUES (25) -5:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr. -6:30pm, Bible Study, M8 -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

WED (26) -7:00pm, Badminton

<u>THU (27)</u>

#### FRI (28)

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

#### <u>SAT (29)</u>

All families are invited to take a "Flat Jesus" and share your summer adventures with the congregation! Copies are available in the foyer or check your email for an attached copy.

#### Attendance

6/16/24 9:15 - 62

Altar flowers are given in honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Gary and Cindy Stauffer. (D)

#### 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. Names may be added/removed/put back on the list with a quick email or phone call. 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: Carolyn Flemish, Hope Grace, Ray Hamm, Molly Sidney, Madison Dreisbach, Ruthann Siegfried, Alyssa Chik, Alex Chik, Scott Moyer, Fred Weidman, Carol Kuhns, Jean Adam, Doug Clark, Linda Zeiser, Larry Bear, Janie Bear

**Birthdays this week:** Keith Young Jr., Jacqueline Strohl, Eva Scheffler, Terry Trumbauer

Anniversaries this week: Cindy & Gary Stauffer (40), Scott & Robin Jensen (35), Bob & Holly Scheffler (24), Lindsay & Michael Turkos (13), Darwin & Grace Haas (71)

 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 <u>dhahn16@gmail.com</u> 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	6/23	6/30	7/7	7/14
Altar Guild	9:15-K Leonard	9:15-B Albright	9:15-	9:15-
Lector	9:15-C Dorney	9:15-M Peters	9:15-	9:15-
Acolyte	9:15-I Strohl	9:15-	9:15-	9:15-
Ushers	9:15-	9:15-	9:15-	9:15-
Bell Toller	9:15-J Bair	9:15-J Siegfried	9:15-	9:15-
Video	9:15-T Daniels	9:15-	9:15-	9:15-
SAT	9:15-J Siegfried	9:15-K Boardman	9:15-K Boardman	9:15-D Clark

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 <u>lid2167@yahoo.com</u> // Lectors/Julie Boscia <u>Julie.boscia@gmail.com</u> // Acolytes/Stephany Heckman stephanyheckman@gmail.com // Ushers /John Weremedic <u>miner70@ptd.net</u> // Bell Toller/Sandie Hamil <u>hamilsre@gmail.com</u> SAT/Doug Clark <u>d.clark854@gmail.com</u> // Video/Tom Daniels <u>tkdaniels@ptd.net</u>

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

# **Usher Coordinator**

Needed to schedule ushers for worship services. You can set up schedule via email to potential ushers. It is not necessary to be in church every Sunday. If interested, please contact Pastor Dody or Monica in the church office (610-395-5912).



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.