

July 14, 2024 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 a.m. Worship Service

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When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

PRELUDE: Was Gott tut das ist wohlgetan

-Johann Gottfried Walther

All who are able are invited to stand

GATHERING SONG

Faith of Our Fathers



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.

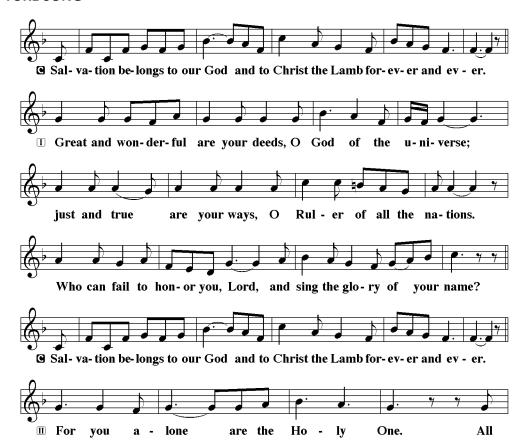
Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

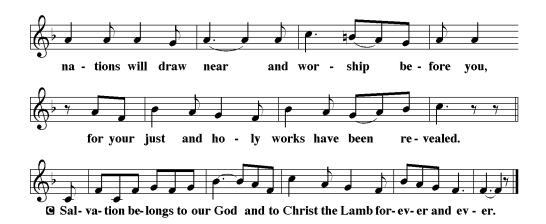
Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

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, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

All may be seated

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

⁷ This is what [the Lord GoD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

- and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
- and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."
- ¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has

conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'" *The Word of God, for the people of God.*

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13 (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

- ⁸ I will listen to what the LORD ¹ God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their ¹ hearts to you.
- ⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to ¹ those who fear you, that your glory may dwell ¹ in our land.
- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have ^I met together; righteousness and peace have ^I kissed each other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth, and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.
- ¹² The LORD will indeed [|] grant prosperity, and our land will [|] yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

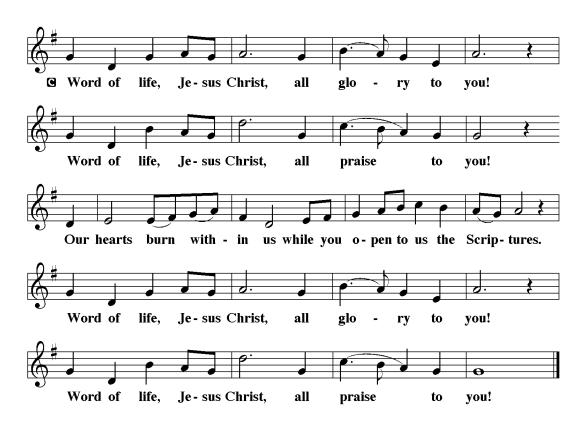
³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the

foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. *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 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

¹⁴ King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

All may be seated

SERMON

Sometimes Our Only Song Is Weeping



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Presentation of New Members (congregation reads bold)

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

New member is introduced:

The following individual has come to our congregation from other communities of faith:

Stephanie Derstine

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for this sister, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called her to yourself, enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished her 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?

New member responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support this sister and pray for her in her life in Christ? I do, and I 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 this sister 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.

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.

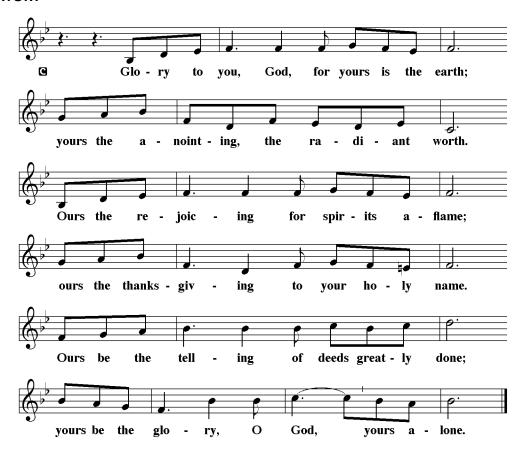
And also with you.

PRAYER

All may be seated

OFFERING: Holy Spirit, Truth Divine -Louis Gottschalk, arr. David H. Hegarty

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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. We pray especially for *Carolyn, Hope, Ray, Scott, Fred, Jean, Doug, Linda, Larry, Janie, Jean, Lisa.* In your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Phil, Jenny, Amber, Andrew, Carl, Arlene, Bonnie, Paul, Reed, Savannah.* In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray especially for Hope, Cherryville, and their interim pastor, Sue Ruggles. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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.

Lead On, O King Eternal!



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: Faith of Our Fathers

-Henri F. Hemy, arr. David H. Hegarty

Rally Day is coming! Sunday, September 8th! Please see the special 'rally' activities planned for both kids and adults noted below:

The Sunday School class - Pre-K to 6th grade will begin, Sept. 8th, at 9:15a.m. with a scavenger hunt and special "Welcome Back-to-Sundae-School" treat!

Confirmation Class Meeting - The Pastor, Teachers, and Mentors will meet with students and parents of the confirmation class to review the requirements needed to complete confirmation. The meeting will be held, Sunday, September 8th, at 9:15 am in the confirmation classroom.

The Circle of Life Adult Sunday School class will begin, Sunday, Sept. 15th at 9:15 am. (this is a change in date from a previous bulletin announcement)

'Blessing of the Backpacks' for all age students, held during both worship services.

Teacher Installation - a time for members to support and pray for Sunday School volunteers will be held during both worship services.

'Goodies with Grands' - a celebration to honor grandparents, will be held in the Memory Room after each worship service.

Volunteers Needed:

The Sunday School Department is looking for confirmed members, age 18 and older, to volunteer as a Sunday school teacher for the Pre-K – 6th grade, once a month starting September 2024. Join the Sunday School Team to teach our children how to pray and play God's way! Contact Stephanie Derstine at <u>jordandff@ptd.net</u> today for information.

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 15th of the month.

JELC NEWS for the Week of July 14 - 20

TODAY (14)

-6:30pm, AA Meeting

MON (15) 9-10 am, Pantry

-7:00pm, Boy Scouts

TUES (16)

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

WED (17)

-7:00pm, Badminton

THU (18)

FRI (19)

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

Pastor's Time Off

Pastor Dody is on vacation July 15th - 21st --- Pastor Michele Funk may be called for pastoral coverage at 484-9665.

She will be doing continuing education July 22nd - 28th --- Pastor Brian Reidy may be called for pastoral coverage at 610-844-8924.

You can contact either pastor directly or contact the church office during regular hours and we will be happy to get you in touch.

Attendance

7/7/24 9:15 - 61

No sponsor(s) today.

Jordan's 290th Anniversary

October 27th – save the date! We will celebrate Jordan's rich heritage of 290 years. More information to come!

Christmas in July

(6/30/24-8/4/24)
Donations for the Topton
Lutheran Home Residents
Requested items:

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

Women: Pajama sets, sweatshirts, sweaters, <u>pull</u> on jeans and sweatpants sizes large to 3XL.

Place in designated box in Memory Room.

Say a Prayer & Send a Card & Pay a Visit

Fellowship Community: Lillian Semmel,

Donald Laudenslager

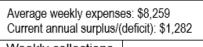
<u>Lehigh Commons:</u> Janet Stettler <u>Cedar Crest Post Acute:</u> Reed Klotz

<u>Parkland Manor:</u> Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman <u>Heather Glen:</u> Sonny Laudenslager, Anna Bieber <u>Home:</u> Margaret Smith, Dale Gogel, Richard Seltzer, Roger Schoemaker

Please keep these people in your prayers: Carolyn Flemish, Hope Grace, Ray Hamm, Scott Moyer, Fred Weidman, Jean Adam, Doug Clark, Linda Zeiser, Larry Bear, Janie Bear, Jean Wisler, Lisa Williams

Birthdays this week: Phil Heberling, Jenny Barr, Amber Kerschner, Andrew Grim, Carl Hoffman, Arlene Snyder, Bonnie Miller, Paul Demarest, Reed Klotz, Savannah Smover

Anniversaries this week: [none]



Weekly collections	
Jun 2-8	\$18,955
Jun 9-15	\$4,290
Jun 16-22	\$3,768
Jun 23-29	\$15,278



SPONSORSHIPS

Altar Flowers: 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.

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Worship Assistants

DATE	7/14	7/21	7/28	8/4
Altar Guild	9:15-K Leonard	9:15-L Stettler	9:15-K Boardman	9:15-K Boardman
Lector	9:15-K Boardman	9:15-S Heckman	9:15-	9:15-C Dorney
Acolyte	9:15-N Heckman	9:15-I Strohl	9:15-N Heckman	9:15-I Strohl
Ushers	9:15-L & B Stettler	9:15-J Steiner,	9:15-D & D Stark	9:15-C & D Rabenold
		B Lutterschmidt		
Bell Toller	9:15-J Siegfried	9:15-B Lutterschmidt	9:15-B Stettler	9:15-C & C Boscia
Video	9:15-D Clark	9:15-T Daniels	9:15-D Clark	9:15-
SAT	9:15-D Clark	9:15-K Boardman	9:15-B Lutterschmidt	9:15-

Please look at the dates we have no one scheduled and give a call to the name listed below for the area(s) you can help with!

Altar Guild/Lynn Daniels ljd2167@yahoo.com // Lectors/Julie Boscia Julie.boscia@gmail.com // Acolytes/Stephany Heckman stephanyheckman@gmail.com // Ushers /John Weremedic miner70@ptd.net // Bell Toller/Sandie Hamil hamilsre@gmail.com // Video/Tom Daniels tkdaniels@ptd.net

Usher Coordinator

Needed to schedule ushers for worship services. You can set up schedules 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).

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.

SOS is in need

of postage stamps. This wonderful ministry can always use your donations of stamps to continue sending their birthday and get-well greetings to our members. Can be dropped off in the church office. Thank you in advance for you ongoing generosity!

JORDAN FAMILY FUN DAY AT



Saturday, September 21st, 2024 Noon - 8 pm

Come, spend a fun-filled family day at Knoebels Amusement Park, with your church family. There's free parking, free park attendance, hamburgers and hot dogs provided by your church family, and a \$20 ride pass for Pre-K to 8th grade students and youth attending Jordan Church!

While you may not want to go on the rides, please enjoy the reserved table space in the pavilion, noon to 8 pm to eat, play cards, board games, or simply relax. We will meet to eat together in the pavilion at 4 p.m. Please bring a lite side dish or dessert to share. This is a rain or shine event.

Address: Knoebels, 391 Knoebels Blvd Route 487 Elysburg PA 17824