



*In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.*

## **WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.**

*Individuals need to follow healthy hygiene practices, stay at home when sick, practice physical distancing to lower the risk of disease spread, and use a cloth face covering... in community settings when physical distancing cannot be maintained. These universal precautions are appropriate regardless of the extent of mitigation needed. [The Center for Disease Control] Therefore out of love for one another as part of the Body of Christ, we will all wear masks, stay six feet away from other households, sanitize our hands, refrain from singing, and speak together very quietly only for the Lord's Prayer and Apostles' Creed. The louder we speak, the more potential viral spread there would be, even from behind masks."*

## **SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – August 23, 2020**

**Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972**

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## GATHERING

**PRELUDE**

*When Morning Guilds the Skies*  
Mark O'Hearn, organ and Audrey Christ, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

*The bell rings calling us to worship.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands and faces the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;**

**through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **GREETING**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory to God in the highest, the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

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and peace to God's people on earth.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Isaiah 51:1-6**

*The assembly is seated.*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

*The assembly stands for the gospel.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor David Rowe

*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Built On a Rock*

# 652

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,  
even when steeples are falling;  
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,  
bells still are chiming and calling—  
calling the young and old to rest,  
calling the souls of those distressed,  
longing for life everlasting.
- 2 Surely, in temples made with hands  
God the Most High is not dwelling—  
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,  
all earthly temples excelling.  
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above  
deigns to abide with us in love,  
making our bodies his temple.
- 3 Christ builds a house of living stones:  
we are his own habitation;  
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,  
granting us life and salvation.  
Where two or three will seek his face,  
he in their midst will show his grace,  
blessings upon them bestowing.
- 4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,  
Jesus the children is blessing;  
hither we come to praise his name,  
faith in our Savior confessing.  
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,  
making with us his covenant,  
granting his children the kingdom.
- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
many may come to hear your Word,  
who here this promise is bringing:  
"I know my own, my own know me;  
you, not the world, my face shall see;  
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

*Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867-1937, adapt.*

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## **APOSTLES CREED**

*Spoken together quietly enough not to wake a baby, in order to share as little airborne virus as possible from community speaking. We confess our faith with the whole church using the ancient baptismal creed that summarizes the teaching of the scripture and the apostles.*

**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**

*As a local assembly of believers, we pray for the whole world and church, as well as our local congregation and neighborhood.*

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

Lord our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the living God. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish this wondrous home you give us. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries, legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples. Guide leaders to pursue policies that advance public health in this time of pandemic. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing and wholeness to those who are bereaved, in

trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care, especially all whom we now raise in prayer before you... Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You call us into this community of Jerusalem Lutheran Church, in which we, though many, are one in Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You are the everlasting Rock from which we were hewn, and you restore your people to joy and gladness. In blessed memory and hope, we thank you for the lives of our beloved dead. Bring us with them to our heavenly home. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

*The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks.*

We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word,

for calling creation into being,

declaring forgiveness from the cross,

and delivering the spirit of rebirth.

We praise you, O God, for your Word:

**we praise you, O God, for your Word.**

Your word is a lamp lighting our path,

a mirror reflecting our selves,

a shield providing us refuge,

a fire burning for justice and truth.

Your word is sweeter than honey:

it nourishes our bodies like milk,

it sustains your people like bread.

We receive your promises, more treasured than gold.

We bless you, O God, for your Word:

**we bless you, O God, for your Word.**

Open our ears to your prophets, apostles, and saints,

and to all the cries of the needy.

Breathe into your church the mighty Spirit of Christ,

that heeding your voice of beauty and power

we are strengthened to serve wherever we are called.

To you, Father, Son, and Spirit – the Source, Word, and Breath --

we offer our thanks for your life-giving Word:

**we offer our thanks for your life-giving Word.**

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Spoken together quietly enough not to wake a baby, in order to share as little airborne virus as possible from community speaking.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.**

## PASSING THE PEACE

*We greet each other with a nod or gesture of Christian fellowship from a distance, and we also invite you to text or email a word of peace to someone who cannot be here! Yes, now is the time to use our phones in church, on silent of course!*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The assembly may be seated.*

## BLESSING

*The assembly stands. The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Alleluia! Voices Raise*

**# 828**

1 Alleluia! Voices raise,  
sounding God Almighty's praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hither bring in one consent  
heart and voice and instrument.



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Now come all before God's face,  
in this chorus take your place.

Alleluia, alleluia!

And amid the mortal throng,  
be you masters of the song.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Let, in praise of Christ, the sound  
run a never-ending round,

Alleluia, alleluia!

that our songs of praise may be  
everlasting, as is he.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 So this huge wide orb we see  
shall one choir, one temple be.

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the Holy Spirit one,  
we will sing what God has done.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 Thus our song shall over-climb  
all the bounds of space and time.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia! Voices raise,  
sounding God Almighty's praise.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Text: George Wither, 1588-1667, alt., based on Psalms 148 and 150.*

## **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**arr. Sandra Acheburg**

**Mark O'Hearn, organ and Audrey Christ, piano**

## **OFFERING**

*You may drop your offering in the plates as you leave. If you are worshiping at home, please mail your offering to Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA. Or you can drop it through the slot in the door at the back, office entrance of the church building.*

*To avoid crowding and therefore lessening the six-foot physical distance, we ask you to leave starting from the front pews to the back. If you and others feel comfortable, you can continue fellowship conversation in the lobby and outside with masks from a safe distance.*

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## **MINISTRY NEWS**

### **PRAYER LIST**

Joyce Freed, Shirley Foose, Lee Miller, Joanna Sirianni Edwards, Ed Freed, Pauline Crawshaw, Karen Tropp, Diane Buffington, Jack Harnock, Marie Harnock, Keith Shoener, Charles Gurski, Tom Gerber, Kelly Carl, Cheryl Feeser, Leslie R., Mary Beth (Krater) Dinneen, Sam Huff, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Donna Evans, Joan Heckrote, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, Kenny Noecker, Nancy Reese, David Huff, Paul Calderone, Nicholas LaScala, Gail Kunkel, Lee Llewellyn, Dennis Heydt, Caroline Eister, Jeanette Stine, Christopher Payonk, Gemma Geary, Seth Ney, Renee Shade, Cathy Hale, Ben Moyer, Gaylene Ebling, Wally Foose, Craig Heffner, Jane Deibert, Judy Reihman, Tom Cook, Sylvia Edling, Joe Dewald, Ronald Bromwell, Carla Zelinsky, Lisa Weiser, Janest Yost, Anna Mae Berger, Madge Miller, Kathleen Kelleher, Ron Gill, Melissa Focht, Jason Brown, Teagan Brown, Brenda Phillips, Family of Keith Ramsey, Cecelia Kacmar, Lois Pavelko, Edith Kriner, Melanie Hart, Janice Moore, Christie O'Dell, John Cooper, Florence Shay, Clarence Zweizig, Jayden Leiby, Melvin Rodriguez & family, Dorothy Moyer, Bruce Stees, JoAnn Baker Copley, Deanna Carl, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Carlene Wenner, Christy Deaton Stocks, Maria Motto, Katharine Macnutt, Peter Spontak, Nancy Cooper, David and Angela Weiser, Heather Boyer

### **Those with Long-term health issues:**

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Elizabeth Taylor, Carol Landes, Maureen Moyer, Karen Cockill, Janice Barr, Donna Dizenzo, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Bob Yanek, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Kathrine Smiley, Mark Noecker, Anna Heffner, David Wise, Joan Stefichack, Bill Everly, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Sara Berger, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Pat Thomas, Nathan Resch, Casey Watson

### **Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Major Michael Shay, Staff Sgt. Joseph Moyer, Senior Airman Matthew Nettles, Airman Jackie Nettles, 2nd LT Heather Strouse, Sgt. Travis D. Miller, Sgt. Anthony Cooper, Private 3rd Class Caleb Levan

## **WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY**

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Ellayna Boyer</b>	<b>Krista Sausser</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	<b>Mark O'Hearn</b>	<b>Krista Sausser</b>
<b>Guides</b>	<b>Deb Reed</b>	<b>Rob Baessler</b>
	<b>Joy Heffner</b>	<b>Jill McCloy</b>
	<b>Bill Shay</b>	<b>Jane Mahoney</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Ellayna Boyer</b>	<b>Jillian Gipe</b>
<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Paul Boyer</b>	<b>Gary Reager</b>

**Altar Guild** Karen Ochenrider  
**Counters** Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, and Janet Sattizahn

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mary Rowe	Linda Covert
<b>Cantor</b>	Mary Rowe	Brenda Searle
<b>Guides</b>	Faith Batz	Frank Mahoney
	Anita Vickers	Don Boyer
	Don Nettles	Lloyd Wertz
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ellayna Boyer	Marla Freiwald
<b>Sound Board</b>	Melissa Boyer	Rick Heckrote
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Ochenrider	
<b>Counters</b>	Linda Collins, Melissa Boyer, and Rob Baessler	

**WEEKLY NEWS**

***THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES*** are to the Glory of God, and are wishes for a Happy Birthday to Karen and Rob Baessler. Love, Holly, Todd, Andy, and Nicole.

***THANK YOU TO TODAY'S CANTORS:*** 8:00 am – Mark O’Hearn & 10:30 am – Krista Sausser.

***COUNTERS FOR MONDAY, August 24th*** are Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, and Janet Sattizahn.

***THE TOTAL FOR JERUSALEM’S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN*** has reached \$198,574.53 as of July 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued support and generosity! This means that after 15 months of a 4 year appeal, we already achieved over half of our goal (57%)!

***PRAYER AND BLESSING FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND SCHOOL STAFF*** will be offered during worship on Sunday, August, 30. A small cross that can be carried throughout the day will also be offered. Please spread the word to people who cannot be here on Sunday that prayer cards and crosses may also be picked up in front of Jerusalem on Wednesday, September 2, from 2:45-4:30. We have ordered extras, so that beginning August 26, family, friends and neighbors can also pick up prayer cards and crosses as this most unusual and difficult school year begins... and of course, let us pray for them all throughout the year as well.

***YOU’RE INVITED TO VIEW*** the ELCA “Thank You” video for the Mission Support received during the time of the Coronavirus pandemic. To view the video visit: [nepasynod.org](http://nepasynod.org) then click the “resources” tab scroll down to click on “mission support” and finally scroll down to click on the link that reads “ELCA ‘Thank You’ for Mission Support.”

***SCHUYLKILL HAVEN FOOD PANTRY UPDATE.*** Due to the impact of the pandemic we find ourselves in at the present time, food donations are falling behind expectations from member churches belonging to The Schuylkill County of Churches. It's clear that the lack of

regular services, and attendance, by member churches is having a negative impact on our food donations. We ask that you place your donations of canned goods in the shopping cart provided in the lobby. You can also stop by the church from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Friday with your food donation. At the present time we are in need of juice, corn, green beans, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, fruit, peas, beans, potatoes, or almost anything else you can think of in canned, or boxed form that does not need refrigeration. Thank You in advance for your donations.

**GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS 2020.** From now until September 6, we will join forces with Lutheran World Relief's Covid-19 Response by donating funds to help stop the spread of the coronavirus. Please consider choosing one or more of the following options:

1. \$10.00 will purchase a personal hygiene kit.
2. \$25.00 will purchase 25 face masks.
3. \$75.00 will purchase emergency medical supplies.

Make your check payable to Jerusalem Lutheran Church and indicate in the memo line which option you would like to donate to. Together, we are making our community and our world a better, safer place!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to join the Childcare Committee. We are looking for two church members or childcare parents who would like to serve on the committee. Meetings are held once a month. Please see Deb Reed if you are interested.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ARE IMPORTANT!** Instead of usher and greeters, we are using a handful of guides who have been trained in the safer practices that we have developed for gathering. In addition, assisting ministers will serve as lectors to maintain distance in the chancel and avoid sharing the same surfaces that cannot be disinfected between people. We may tweak these practices in the weeks ahead, and then we will invite more people to be oriented and serve as guides and assisting ministers. Please see Jane Mahoney if you are interested. Also, please see Audrey Christ if you would like to be a cantor.

#### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship
<b>MONDAY</b>	Virtual Worship Resources available on website, YouTube, & Facebook Fall Newsletter Deadline
<b>TUESDAY</b>	5:30pm Child Care Staff Meeting 7:00pm Endowment Committee Meeting (via Zoom)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:00pm Faith and Families Ministry Facebook Live 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting
<b>THURSDAY</b>	3:30pm COVID-19 Task Force Meeting (via Zoom)