



The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP!

Children's bulletins and activity bags are available at the worship entrance near the baptismal font. And please, if your children do not yet receive Holy Communion, bring them forward for a blessing.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP binders are available in the church lobby.

HOLY COMMUNION

14th Sunday after Pentecost – September 11, 2022

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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PREPARATIONS

PRELUDE

Renewal

Carolyn Hamlin

The bell rings calling us to worship.

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,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

GATHERING

ENTRANCE HYMN

Beautiful Savior

Red Hymnal # 838

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.

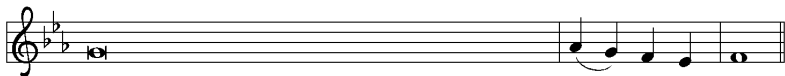
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



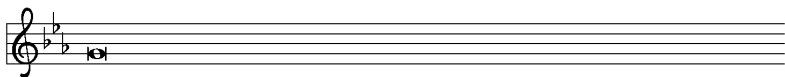
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



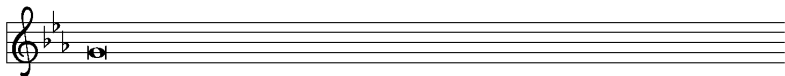
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the assembly in prayer.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

The assembly is seated. The lector reads the lessons from the pulpit.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 51:1-10

The lector and the congregation read the Psalm responsively.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out ¹my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through ¹from my wickedness,
and cleanse me ¹from my sin.**

³For I know ¹my offenses,
and my sin is ev-¹er before me.

**⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

**⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

**⁸Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

**¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.]

²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Linda Covert

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *God's Work, Our Hands*

Purple Hymnal #1000

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

APOSTLES CREED

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

The presiding minister leads the prayers. As a local assembly of believers, we pray for the whole world and church, as well as our local congregation and neighborhood.

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need (*especially*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community (*local ministries and partnerships may be named*), that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives, and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

Gentle Shepherd

Deborah Dresie

God's Word is sung or played as an offering. Let us participate in the anthem with our prayerful listening.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The assembly stands. The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks. The presiding minister continues with the communion preface; then the assembly responds:

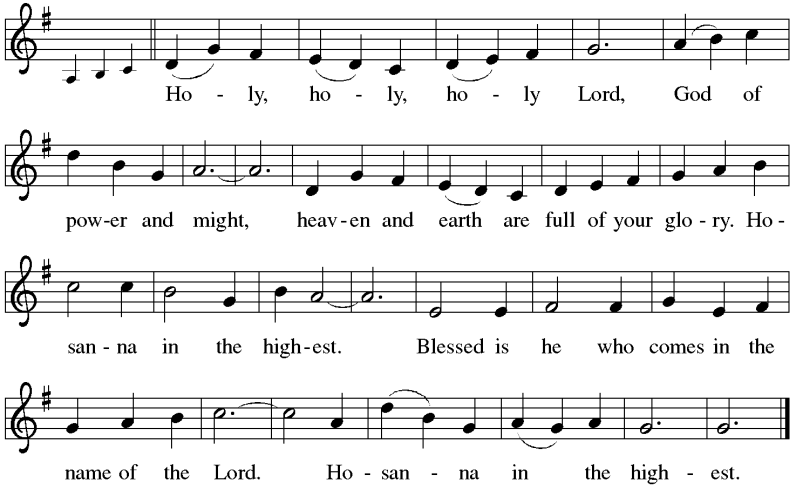
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

The presiding minister continues with the communion preface; and then the assembly responds with “Holy, Holy, Holy.”



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER V

...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

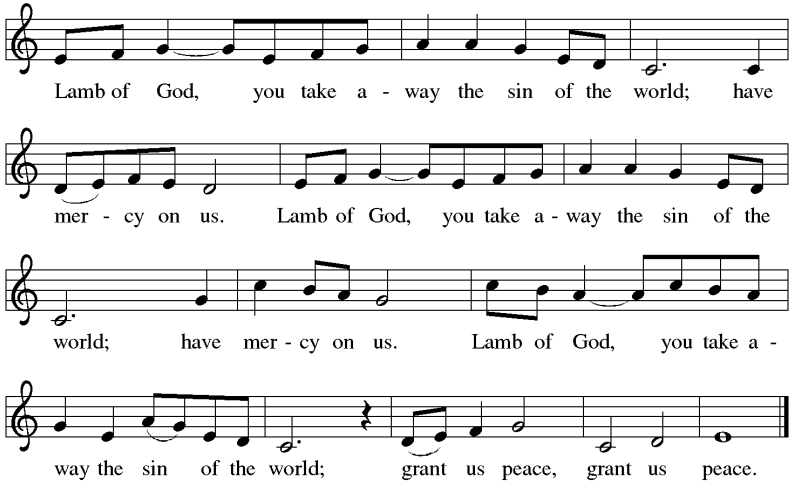
Amen.

COMMUNION

The presiding minister says:

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The assembly is seated. All baptized Christians who wish to receive Christ in the meal are welcome to receive the Eucharist. Ushers will dismiss you by pew. Please take an empty glass if you wish to receive wine, or a glass prefilled with grape juice. If you wish to receive communion at your seat please speak with an usher. And please, if your children do not yet receive Holy Communion, bring them forward for a blessing.



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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Sarabande

Lothar Banderman

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assembly stands. The presiding minister leads the prayer.

God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

Red Hymnal # 676

DISMISSAL

The presiding minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Be a blessing to others.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Celebration

David Paxton

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MINISTRY NEWS

PRAYER LIST

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Those with Long-term health issues:

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Carol Landes, Jim Musico, Fawn Goodman, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Anna Heffner, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Harold & Fay Sausser, Ruth Brown, Kevin Seibert, William O'Donnell, Cheryl Feeser, Cathy Covach-Hale

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Major Michael Shay, Staff Sgt. Joseph Moyer, Senior Airman Matthew Nettles, Airman Jackie Nettles, Sgt. Travis D. Miller, Sgt. Anthony Cooper

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Lector	Jim Covert	Jim Covert
Communion Assistants	Julie Coleman Jean Mawson	Bev Kriner Phil Kriner
Ushers	Bill Shay Don Nettles	Don Boyer
Sound Board Acolyte	TBD	Gary Reager
Counters	Lou Messina and Janet Sattizahn	
Altar Guild	Linda Collins and Joy Heffner	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Lector	Julie Coleman	Bob McCloy
Communion Assistants	Ellayna Boyer Janet Sattizahn	Jim Covert Linda Covert
Ushers	Faith Batz Bill Shay	Tom Gohsler Amy Gohsler

Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Joanne Wertz
Acolyte	Don Nettles	TBD
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed, Marie Shay	
Altar Guild	Linda Collins and Joy Heffner	

WEEKLY NEWS

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God, and in Celebration of GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS Sunday! by the Social Ministry Committee.

WE LOVE OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS! Thank you to everyone who volunteers and actively participates in the life of Jerusalem. Our church could not operate without you!! October Worship Volunteer Schedules are now available at the “Sign UP Center.” Please sign up. If you’ve never tried being a lector, communion assistant, usher, soundboard operator, or acolyte – we will train you if you are interested! Please consider signing up!

CHOIR REHEARSALS have started up and we are gearing up to share some beautiful music. New members are always welcome. Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings. Bell Choir starts at 6:15 pm. Chancel Choir starts at 7 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is beginning today for the 2022/2023 school year. If you would like to be a co-teacher to volunteer to work with pre-K through 5th grade, please contact Christine Spontak at 570-294-5177. Thanks!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! A very special Reformation Sunday Organ Concert featuring the music of Paul Manz is scheduled for October 30th at 3:00 pm at Jerusalem Lutheran Church. The featured organists include Mark O’Hearn, Dr. Robert Horton, and our own Audrey Christ!

THE NEW 988 MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINE – People experiencing a mental health crisis have a new way to reach out for help in the U.S. by simply calling or texting the numbers 9-8-8. Modeled after 911, the new three-digit 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is designed to be a memorable and quick number that connects people who are suicidal or in any other mental health crisis to a trained mental health professional.

ROCKIN’ THE HILL. Is being held today, Sunday, September 11th from 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Friedensburg. Free Music, Games, Food, and Drinks! Outdoor event. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. GPS address: 24 Church Road, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972. (Behind Friedensburg Post Office.)

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SCHUYLKILL HAVEN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES COMMUNITY MINISTRY IN 2021. With your generous Support last year, \$13,155 enabled the Food Pantry volunteers to feed our neighbors, \$2985 paid for utilities to ensure that people had electricity and water, \$2372 covered emergency housing, \$504 helped with miscellaneous needs, \$3560 was raised through the CROP Walk to fight hunger, and \$10,000 provided elementary children with food through the Weekend Program. Your support empowered the Council to “Help Those in Need While Serving Christ in Deed”. Thank you!

WE WILL OBSERVE HARVEST HOME ON OCTOBER 2ND, which will benefit the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry. We invite you to bring items of **NON-PERISHABLE, IN DATE** food to the church and place them in the shopping cart in the lobby on the Sundays leading up to that date or that morning. The pantry will not be able to use out-of-date food so please check the expiration dates. If you prefer to give a monetary gift, checks are to be payable to Jerusalem Lutheran Church and note on the memo line that it is for the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry distributes food to 170 families, who need our help, on the 3rd Friday of every month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are interested in joining the group of Jerusalem members who volunteer at the Food Pantry, please contact Frank Mahoney at 570-617-0679.

St. John's UCC in Schuylkill Haven is offering a free **WINTER** clothing give away to the community on October 22nd (rain date: Oct. 29) from 9:00 am till Noon. If anyone in your congregation would like to contribute clean, gently used clothing for this mission...the items can be dropped off at St. John's Church any Tuesday or Thursday from 9:30 till 3:00, or on October 11th & 13th from 5:00 till 7:00 pm. Thanks in advance for any items you may donate for this mission.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY 8:00am Worship
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship
12:30pm Deliver the God's Work donations to Liberty Fire

TUESDAY 6:30pm Executive Committee
7:00pm Church Council

WEDNESDAY 6:15pm Bell Choir
7:00pm Chancel Choir

FRIDAY 1:00pm Food Pantry Distribution

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