



James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one.

Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who

brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

For just as the body is one and has many members...so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.... If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 26). Because the worshipping members of Jerusalem have a significantly higher vaccination rate than our county that, together with new recommendations from the CDC and other church guidelines, has been prayerfully weighed by our leaders, along with the many different needs and wishes within our congregation. Therefore at this time as we emerge from the Covid pandemic we are worshipping in this way:

WELCOME

- **IN-PERSON WORSHIPERS**, please leave the first few spaces in the front parking lot for parking lot worshipers.
- **IN-PARKING LOT WORSHIPERS**, please park in the first few spaces closest to Dock Street and tune your radio to **90.1 FM**.
- **VISITORS**, we welcome you! In this uncertain time of a pandemic, we believe that grace-filled love of God made known in Jesus Christ, and proclaimed in scripture, prayer, and worship sustains us even now. We are glad that you are here with us, so that together, we all can receive the Good News of Jesus Christ, and then be strengthened in daily love for God and our neighbors.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP binders are available in the church lobby.

HOLY COMMUNION

15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 5th, 2021

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POLICIES ON MASKS AND DISTANCING

- Vaccinated people may choose whether or not to wear a mask.
- Unvaccinated people are expected to wear masks, and to seek inoculation if that is medically advisable.
- People without masks need to assume that people wearing masks will want a six-foot distance from others, unless the masked person welcomes a closer distance.
- People without masks can choose a comfortable distance from each other.
- We have lots of space in which to worship, so we can spread throughout the nave for each service, but we will continue to tape off alternating pews as a precaution for people who are masked and need distance.

CURRENT WORSHIP PRACTICES

- We will continue to offer parking lot worship, video recordings of the service, and mailings of the bulletin and sermon for people who cannot yet attend in-person worship.
- We are resuming congregational speaking and singing in the building.
- Hymnals will be available in the pew racks, and distributed to and collected from people worshipping in the parking lot.
- Large print worship binders are available inside at worship stations. Those worshipping in the parking lot can request large print from an usher.
- Wine and grape juice are once again being offered from the chalice inside, with intinction being offered outside.
- The offering plates will stay in the back for the time being, until our ushering volunteers are back in full force.
- Lectors, Assisting Ministers, Communion Assistants, Ushers, Sound Board people, and Acolytes are needed! If you have done this before, or would like to try something new, please contact the church office.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Selections from *Water Music Suite*

Handel

The bell rings calling us to worship.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

Red hymnal # 522

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

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain
for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-

est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

The assembly inside is seated.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 146

¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

**⁴When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

**⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.

**⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are
bowed down;**

the LORD | loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the
wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall | reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

James 2:1-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do

not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly inside stands to welcome the gospel.

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

GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke

plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Lloyd Wertz

SERMON

Pastor David Rowe

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

Red Hymnal # 617

The assembly inside stands. All 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

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

Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Inspire your church. Guide all evangelists, preachers, prophets, and missionaries who seek to share your love through word and deed. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You provide water for thirsty ground and sunshine to feed hungry plants. Bless all who advocate for healthy forests, unpolluted air, and clean waterways. Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made. We also pray for people who grieve the loss of life or home in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida, and pray for the safety of first responders. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. Unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all people, especially those who are sick or in need of care whom we now raise in prayer before you... Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You accompany those who are most in need. Shelter all people fleeing violence or persecution, protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times, especially as our Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service begins to resettle newly arriving refugees from Afghanistan. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You support the work of your disciples. Continue to nurture the leadership and ministries of this congregation, especially our anniversary committee. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You embrace all who have died in the faith and brought them into your glorious presence. We thank you for their example and rejoice in their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Praise Praise

Handel/arr. Patrick Liebergen

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks.

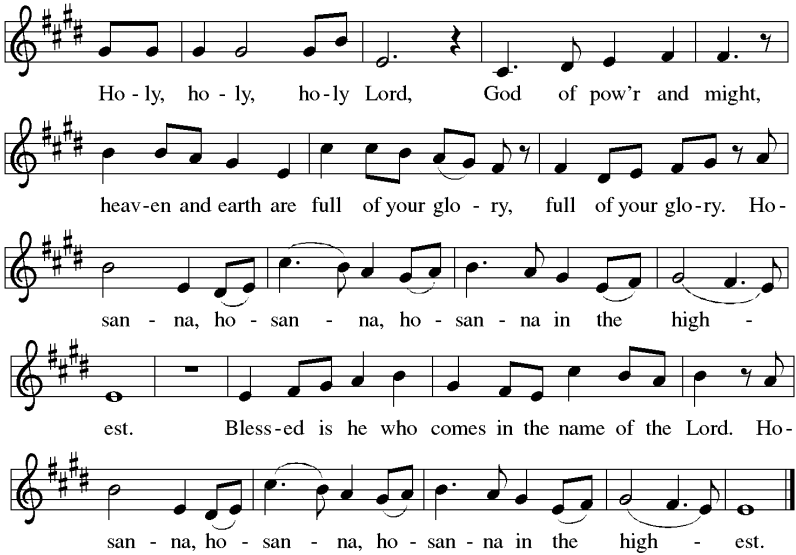
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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



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

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

The thanksgiving concludes:

... to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, 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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

INSIDE WORSHIPERS:

During this time as we emerge from the pandemic we continue to follow ecumenical safety guidelines. Ushers will dismiss you by pew, then

please give people wearing masks a six-foot distance as you approach the altar by the center aisle. Please take an empty glass if you wish to receive wine, or a glass prefilled with grape juice. The pastor, who has thoroughly disinfected his/her hands will place the consecrated wafer into your outstretched palms so that you may receive the body of Christ. Then proceed to one of the chalices where the wine will be poured, or where you will drink the prefilled glass. There the communion assistant will declare the blood of Christ given for you. Those not receiving Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a no-touch blessing.

OUTSIDE WORSHIPERS:

The Lord's Supper will be brought to those outside by a Communion Assistant, who will use an intinction set so that the consecrated wafer can be dipped in the grape juice, in order to receive the loving body and blood of Christ.

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Purple Hymnal # 963

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life,

in the gift of your body and blood

you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.

Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,

bearing witness to the abundance of your love

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated.

BLESSING OF THE VOCATIONS OF THE BAPTIZED

BLESSING

People of God,

you are Christ's body,

bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, † one God,

bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Earth and All Stars!

Red Hymnal # 731

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may leave immediately after the dismissal, or those wishing to stay to listen to the full prelude may leave later.

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

From Handel's *Water Music Suite*

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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, Tom Gerber, Kelly Carl, Cheryl Feeser, Leslie R., Mary Beth (Krater) Dinneen, Sam Huff, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, David Huff, Paul Calderone, Nicholas LaScala, Gail Kunkel, Lee Llewellyn, Dennis Heydt, Caroline Eister, Jeanette Stine, Christopher Payonk, Seth Ney, Renee Shade, Ben Moyer, Gaylene Ebling, Wally Foose, Craig Heffner, Jane Deibert, Judy Reihman, Tom Cook, Sylvia Edling, Joe Dewald, Ronald Bromwell, Lisa Weiser, Janest Yost, Anna Mae Berger, Madge Miller, Melissa Focht, Jason Brown, Teagan Brown, Brenda Phillips, Cecelia Kacmar, Melanie Hart, Janice Moore, Christie O'Dell, John Cooper, Florence Shay, Clarence Zweizig, Melvin Rodriguez & family, JoAnn Baker Copley, Carlene Wenner, Christy Deaton Stocks, Maria Motto, Katharine Macnutt, Peter Spontak, Kim O'Donnell, Leslie Wagner, Mateo Thomas, Barry Heffner, Phyllis Trinca Czech, Ed Sirianni, Stephen Edwards, Lester Aungst III, Christa Miller, Jim Heisler, Cathy Covach-Hale, Rev. Bruce MacLaughlin, Nancy Blank, Mary Miller, Rose Martin-Fuls, Earle Kull, Trent Johnson, Roy Stump, Nancy Cooper, Dave Reager, Kevin Seibert, Mary Rauch, Tom Lokitus, Albert Tripp

Those with Long-term health issues:

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Elizabeth Taylor, Carol Landes, Janice Barr, Donna Dizenzo, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Bob Yanek, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Mark Noecker, Anna Heffner, David Wise, Joan Stefichcek, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Pat Thomas, Nathan Resch, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Gemma Geary, Harold & Fay Sausser

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

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers	Mary Rowe	Jim Covert
Lectors	Karen Ochenrider	Rob Baessler
Communion Assistants	Ellayna Boyer	Linda Covert
Ushers	Bill Shay	Frank Mahoney
	Donald Nettles	Don Boyer
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Danika Kuhar
Children’s Sermon	Lloyd Wertz	
Video Recorder		
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed, & Marie Shay	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers	Lou Messina	Beverly Kriner
Lectors	Laurie Bedford	Philip Kriner
Communion Assistants	Julie Coleman	Rebekah CdeBaca
Ushers	Joy Heffner	Luke Hale
	Conner Roeder	Noah Hale
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Gary Reager
Children’s Sermon	Linda Covert	
Video Recorder	Kyle Nettles	
Counters	Lou Messina & Janet Sattizahn	

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God, in honor of all who are serving in our armed forces by Deb Reed.

COUNTERS WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 DUE TO THE HOLIDAY ON MONDAY.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, September 6TH FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.

TODAY, the Sunday in the Labor Day weekend, we will BLESS OUR DAILY VOCATIONS. One of Martin Luther's contributions was to teach that all Christians share a primary vocation – that is our baptismal calling (*voco*) to love and serve God, and love and serve our neighbors. One way we live out this call or vocation is in daily paid and unpaid work. Our jobs, our volunteer work, and our work in school, are some of the ways that we live out loving service to our neighbors.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUSITY! Jerusalem received \$175.00 for Lutheran Disaster Response relief needs for the survivors of the Haiti earthquake.

THE TOTAL FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN as of the end of August is \$264,323.65! Thank you for your faithful giving!

WHEN YOU ARE VACCINATED, please share that information with us. Since we last asked several months ago when your responses indicated that an overwhelming number of people who gather for worship have been vaccinated, we have more people return to worship while the eligibility for the vaccine has broadened. If you have not told us you are vaccinated, please use the tear-off slip in the bulletin and turn it in. *Only through a vast majority of vaccinated worshipers will we be able to continue to worship without masks, sing throughout worship, and protect our children and young people not yet able to receive an inoculation, during this time when the covid variant and too many unvaccinated people are causing a surge in sickness.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION will resume next week, Sunday, September 12, at 9:15. The adult class will begin the year with Manna and Mercy, an over overview of God's love throughout the scriptures.

THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE would like to encourage all who are able to help pick up trash on WORLD CLEAN UP DAY, Saturday, September 18th, 2021. For those who would like to clean up around Jerusalem and the surrounding neighborhood, please meet at church at 10:00am on Sept. 18th. If you are cleaning up elsewhere, you can make your own schedule. Just remember to snap a few pictures of you and your team and send to mail@jerusalemchurch.com. Thank you!

CROP HUNGER WALK. We will gather with others in our community or virtually to fight hunger both here and around the world. 25% of the funds benefit local Hunger, 75% proceeds will benefit Church World Service. We need Walkers and Sponsors for the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches CROP Walk on Sunday October 3, 2021. The CROP Walk will start and end at the Council of Churches Food Pantry (at the Walk-in). Please contact Team Jerusalem, Team Captain, Jean (Edling) Loose to sign up to be a Walker, a Sponsor or both! Jean can be reached by phone or text at 570-617-1062, email jeanloose69@gmail.com or Facebook Jean Edling Loose. There is also a sign-up sheet at the lobby in the church with information. We already have a Team Jerusalem Page at crophungerwalk.org. You can join the Team ONLINE! You can ALSO DONATE ONLINE! With many more of you using the internet please participate in this event by going online and walking virtually on your own, or at least donating to one of our Walkers! Please help make Team Jerusalem "The Cream" of the CROP Walk!

PLEASE READ THE PRAYER LIST. If there are names that should be removed please contact the church office. Thank you!

NEW MONTHLY WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES are available to pick up at the “Sign-up” Center. You can also view the schedule by visiting our website and clicking on the “Members” tab. Thanks!

THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN WITNESS in Schuylkill Haven will be celebrated in the fall. From the first service of Holy Communion in November of 1821, several Lutheran congregations, a number of pastors and leaders, and most importantly succeeding generations of Lutheran Christians have been, and will continue to be witnesses and servants to the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the area. If you would like to help plan the celebration that will both remember the past and continue to point us into God's future, please see Deb Reed or Pastor Rowe. Food and fellowship, remembrance and thanksgiving, witness and service into the fall!

ST. JOHN'S UCC IN SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, located at the corner of Dock St. and Main St. will be hosting a free winter clothing give away on October 23rd (Oct. 30 rain date) from 9:00am – noon. If anyone 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 am till 3:00 pm. Or on October 7th & 14th from 5:00 till 7:00 pm. Thanks!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY 8:00am Worship
10:30am Worship

MONDAY **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: HAPPY LABOR DAY!**

TUESDAY 11:00am Coronavirus Task Force Meeting
6:30pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting

THURSDAY 6:30pm Anniversary Task Force Meeting

SATURDAY Property Committee Workday!

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"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

Rooted in faith, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service (LIRS) believes that we are called to welcome individuals fleeing persecution and seeking refuge in America. Over the years, our work has grown to encompass a wide-range of services:

- **Refugee Resettlement:** As a vital arm of the U.S. refugee resettlement program, LIRS pairs refugees with LIRS service partners who are uniquely equipped to support them.
- **Empowering New Americans:** LIRS works to empower the people we serve through employment services, targeted education, and advocacy & leadership training.
- **Foster Care & Family Reunification:** LIRS works with vulnerable migrant youth and families to ensure that children in our network grow up in a safe, loving home.
- **Immigration Detention Services:** LIRS provides legal resources, visitation ministry, and post-release services to individuals in immigration detention.
- **Community Engagement:** Leveraging a nationwide network of service partners and congregations, LIRS equips communities to walk alongside and support their new neighbors.

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