



Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

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 worshiping 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.

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18th Sunday after Pentecost – September 26th, 2021

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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 see Melissa Boyer or Pastor Rowe.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Come Christians Join to Sing

Arr. Penny Rodriguez

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

Oh, Sing to the Lord

Red Hymnal # 822

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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The assembly inside is seated.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in

Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-¹ gives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to¹ the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re-¹ joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light¹ to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en-¹ dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous¹ altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than¹ much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey¹ in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your ser-¹ vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is¹ great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one’s¹ own offenses?
Cleans me from my¹ secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion¹ over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a¹ great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable¹ in your sight,**

O LORD, my strength and¹ my redeemer.

SECOND READING

James 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

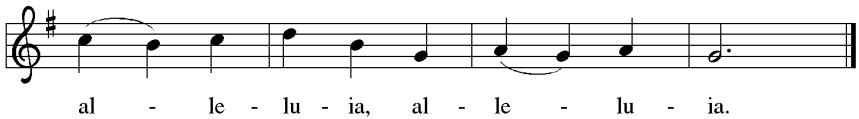
¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The word of the Lord.

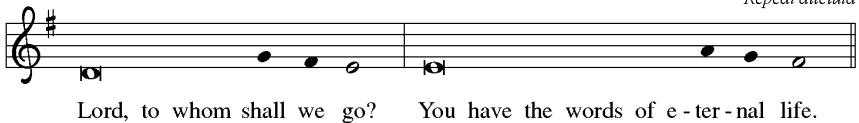
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly inside stands to welcome the gospel.



Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Tanya Cartwright

SERMON

Pastor Kerry Smart

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The God of Abraham Praise

Red Hymnal # 831

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.

We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for natural wonders of your creation, especially the local trails and streams. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, Coronavirus or any other disease. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, assisting ministers, communion assistants, the altar guild, readers, acolytes, and ushers. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. 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

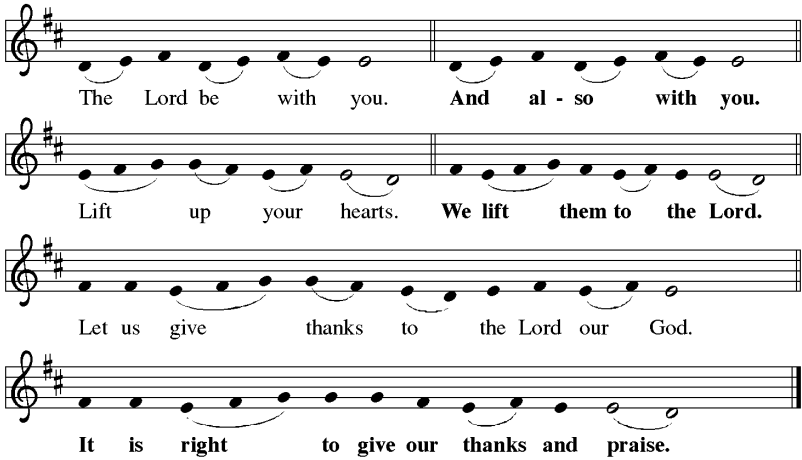
The Heavens Declare

Hadyn/arr. Hal Hopson

MEAL

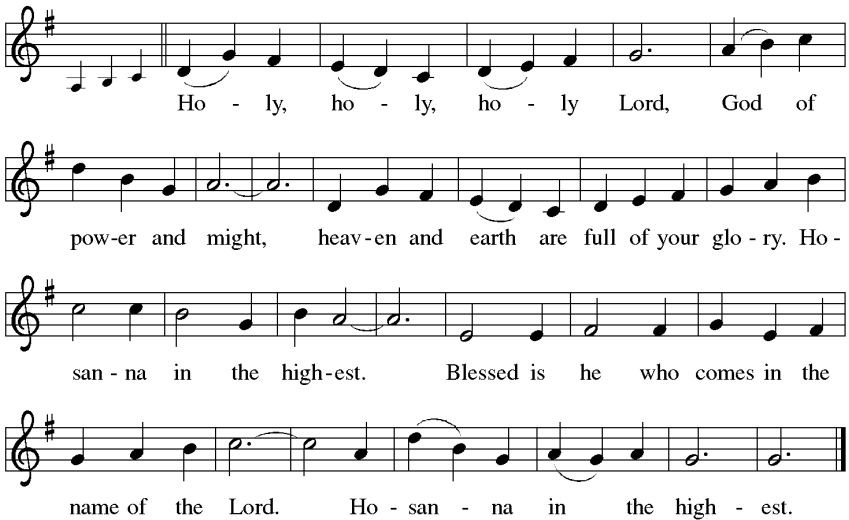
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks.



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.

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

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

Red Hymnal # 464

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

The presiding minister proclaims God's 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

Shout to the Lord

Sing Twice

Red Hymnal # 821

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

Sweet By and By

Arr. Lloyd Larson

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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, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, 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, 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, Dorothy Moyer

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 Steficheck, 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	Karen Ochenrider	Lloyd Wertz
Lectors	Lou Messina	Rebekah CdeBaca
Communion Assistants	Joy Heffner	Philip Kriner
Ushers	Faith Batz	Luke Hale
	Conner Roeder	Noah Hale
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Danika Kuhar
Children's Sermon	Tanya Cartwright	
Video Recorder		Joanne Wertz
Counters	Lou Messina & Janet Sattizahn	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers	Mary Rowe	Beverly Kriner
Lectors	Karen Ochenrider	Philip Kriner
Communion Assistants	Ellayna Boyer	Linda Covert
Ushers	Joy Heffner	Frank Mahoney
	Donald Nettles	Donald Boyer
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rachel Kramer
Video Recorder		
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed, & Marie Shay	

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God, and in loving memory Anna Hoy, on her birthday, by the Melvin Schafer family.

TODAY WE WELCOME THE REV. KERRY W. SMART. The Rev. Kerry W. Smart is an ordained pastor of the United Church of Christ. He is a 1982 graduate of Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. Pastor Smart has served congregations in Colorado, Ohio, Union, Berks, and Schuylkill Counties in Pennsylvania, as well as serving on the staff of Lutheran Congregational Services, Inc. in Allentown. He is married to the Rev. Jane M. Kropa, retired pastor of Huffs Union Church (Lutheran and UCC). Together they have three adult children—one boy and two girls—and two lovely granddaughters. Pastor Smart retired from parish ministry at the end of December 2020.

You might be surprised to have a pastor of the United Church of Christ as our supply for today. However, in the last generation we have come to realize that several denominations, though different, have so much in common that not only can their pastors supply for each other, but they can also, with the permission of their respective leaders, be called to serve congregations in other denominations. We rejoice in complimentary leaders, with fully preaching and Eucharistic hospitality beyond our ELCA with the United Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church USA, Moravian Church, Episcopal Church, and the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

HARVEST HOME will be celebrated **next** Sunday, October 3rd, with a special offering of money and food for our Council of Church's Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry. If you have a food offering, you will be invited to bring it forward during the prelude so that it can be added to the food arrangement in the chancel. Your gifts will help to provide food to neighbors who need help with meals. The pantry distributes food on the third Friday of each month beginning at 1:00 from its location in the back of the Walk-In-Center. If you would like to help with the pantry, or our congregation's diaper project for the pantry, please see Frank Mahoney.

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 next Sunday! 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!

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will be held at 1:00 on Sunday, October 10th. Critters of all kinds are welcome to receive a blessing in the tradition of Saint Francis of Assisi (his witness is commemorated on October 4). And of course, please leash or restrain your pets since there will be others there (and the pastor may bless snarling or snake-like critters from a distance).

THE JERUSALEM CONCERT SERIES WILL BEGIN ITS SIXTH SEASON on October 24th at 3:00 p.m. and will feature Theodore Davis, an organist and harpsichordist from Maryland. Please mark this date on your calendars and plan to join us that afternoon. The concert series is funded by sponsorships and the free will offerings we receive at the concerts. We greatly appreciate your help in this endeavor to bring cultural events to our community that are accessible to everyone, free of charge. Sponsorship forms are available at the sign-up table in the lobby.

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021, we will be celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Lutheran Witness in Schuylkill Haven with one service at 10:30 AM followed by a catered luncheon. A historical display will be located in the church library for members and guests to view. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby for your luncheon reservations, or you may call at 570-385-2657 or email the office at mail.jerusalem.lutheran.com no later than October 17th. Please plan to attend this special event in our church history!

SHARE YOUR STORIES: As part of the 200th Anniversary of Lutheran Witness in Schuylkill Haven celebration, we are inviting all who have been a part of this journey to share your memories whether you are long a time member or a recent arrival. Tell us your favorite story about working with God and others for the Lutheran Witness in our community. In this bulletin, you will find an insert to write down your story. Please return this insert to the box marked MEMORIES in the church lobby by October 17th. Many thanks to all of you and hope to see your story.

THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE has Boscov's Friends Helping Friends shopping passes. For a \$5.00 donation, you'll receive a shopping pass that will give you a discount of 25% off most items. The shopping pass is good for in-store purchases for one day only -- October 20, 2021. Each shopping pass

has a stub to fill out to register to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card! All proceeds of the Friends Helping Friends passes we sell will be donated to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. Get your shopping pass today in the church lobby!

OLIVER LAUBENSTINE has moved to Luther Ridge. Let's show him we are thinking about him. Please send Ollie a card to: Luther Ridge, 160 Red Horse Road, RM 105, Pottsville, PA 17901.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Pastor Rowe and our church family, for all the phone calls, cards, and prayers as Pete continues to recover from surgery. ~Christine and Pete Spontak (To send Pete a card mail to: 141 Orchard St., P.O. Box 406, Auburn, PA 17922.)

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.* COVID forms are available at the "Sign-Up" Center. Thanks!

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
	9:15am Sunday School
	10:30am Worship
TUESDAY	7:00pm Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:15pm Bell Rehearsal
	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm Schuylkill Mission District Meeting in library
THURSDAY	6:30pm Anniversary Task Force Meeting



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A People of Hope: Until All Are Fed

An online benefit for ELCA World Hunger

When: Thursday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m. Central time

Where: Zoom webinar

Dear friend in Christ,

You're invited to join me and Rick Steves, guidebook author and travel TV host, as we celebrate World Food Day!

This online benefit for ELCA World Hunger will feature interviews hosted by my friend, Rick, with people on the ground who are doing the dynamic work of fighting hunger around the world. Special guests include the Rev. David Beckmann, who is being honored for his lifelong service to end hunger; the Rev. Rebel Hurd; Willie and Anne Langdji; and the Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla. There will also be special performances by Rachel Kurtz, Peter Mayer and the St. Olaf Choir. As a vital supporter of the church, we would love for you to join us as we hear compelling stories, listen to wonderful music and gather in fellowship to invest in this life-giving work.

As a church, we remain focused on supporting our neighbors near and far as the pandemic continues disrupting and impacting lives. At this event, you will learn about the ways ELCA World Hunger is responding. No one is better positioned and more experienced than the church in addressing hunger — both immediate needs and root solutions. We are ready, able, effective and efficient.

Together, we are a people of hope. I look forward to seeing you there! To register visit: www.jerusalem.lutheran.com/eventcalendar

In Christ,
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop