



*Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?*

## **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 worshiping 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**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – October 3rd, 2021**

**Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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

**570-385-2657 \* [www.jerusalemchurch.com](http://www.jerusalemchurch.com)**

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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

*We Gather Together*

Fisk

*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

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

**Red Hymnal # 693**

## 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**

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 2:18-24**

*The assembly inside is seated.*

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see

what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

**<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor or you crown them.

**<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,

**<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## SECOND READING

## Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than

theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

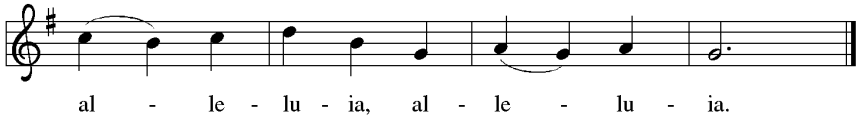
“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly inside stands to welcome the gospel.*



*Repeat alleluia*



## GOSPEL

**Mark 10:2-16**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They

said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.”<sup>5</sup> But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor David Rowe**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**Red Hymnal # 879**

*The assembly inside stands. All proclaim the word of God in song. There will be an organ interlude before the final verse of the hymn.*

**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 have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians that they may continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You provide enough food for all. Inspire us to share the bounty of the harvest with all who are in need, and bless the witness of CROP walkers and the generosity of sponsors. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. Support, comfort and give strength to all who we now raise in prayer before you... Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members who can no longer travel to worship with us and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us. Strengthen our trust we have in you. 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

Anthem of Gratitude

Joseph Martin

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 ANTHEM**

*As We Gather at Your Table*

**Carl Daw Jr.**

### **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**

*God of the Fertile Fields*

**Purple Hymnal # 1063**

### **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**

*Voluntary on Psalm 100*

**Henry Purcell**

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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, Nancy Cooper, Dave Reager, Kevin Seibert, Mary Rauch, Tom Lokitus, Albert Tripp, Dorothy Moyer, Helen Fath

### **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**

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	<b>Mary Rowe</b>	<b>Beverly Kriner</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Connor Roeder</b>	<b>Philip Kriner</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Ellayna Boyer</b>	<b>Linda Covert</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Joy Heffner</b>	<b>Frank Mahoney</b>
	<b>Donald Nettles</b>	<b>Donald Boyer</b>
<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Melissa Boyer</b>	<b>Rachel Kramer</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Linda Collins, Deb Reed, &amp; Marie Shay</b>	

## **WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	<b>Lou Messina</b>	<b>James Covert</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Laurie Bedford</b>	<b>Rob Baessler</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Julie Coleman</b>	<b>Rebekah CdeBaca</b>

<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Bill Shay</b>	<b>Luke Hale</b>
	<b>John Macnutt</b>	<b>Noah Hale</b>
<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Paul Boyer</b>	<b>Gary Reager</b>
<b>Video Recorder</b>	<b>Kyle Nettles</b>	
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Lou Messina &amp; Janet Sattizahn</b>	

***THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES*** are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Mark Reed, by Deb, Amy, and Phil.

***TODAY WE CELEBRATE HARVEST HOME SUNDAY!*** A special offering of money and food for our Council of Church's Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry will be taken today. If you have a food offering, you are 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.

***THE CROP HUNGER WALK IS TODAY!*** We will gather TODAY for the CROP Walk! There is still time to sign up and donate! 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 Sunday October 3, 2021. The CROP Walk will start and end at the Council of Churches Food Pantry (at the Walk-in). We will meet there at 12:30pm. 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](mailto:jeanloose69@gmail.com) or Facebook Jean Edling Loose. There is also a sign-up sheet at the lobby in the church with information. Thanks to everyone who has supported this year's TEAM JERUSALEM!

***AS OF SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2021***, our capital campaign for our new roof and HVAC system has reached \$302,754.65! The goal of the campaign is \$350,000. We are getting close! Thank you so much for your faithful giving!

***PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH*** is October, and Pastor Appreciation Sunday is always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in October. This celebration was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors. We would like to uplift Pastor Rowe for his hard work. Please mail him a greeting card to Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972.

***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!

***ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY***, November 7th, is a time to give thanks for the witness of the saints through the ages, and especially for those in our lives who have lived and died in faith. We will also rejoice in praying for new saints baptized in God's promise, as well as those in our congregation who died in the past year. THE BOOK to list names of those to remember in prayer will be in our lobby on the lectern (please print or write clearly), AND WHITE BAGS will be available on which you are invited to write a name or names of those you wish to remember. The white bags will become luminaries decorating our sanctuary.

***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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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!

***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 worshippers 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 23<sup>rd</sup> (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 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 till 7:00 pm. Thanks!

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

**TODAY** 8:00am Worship  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship  
12:30pm Registration for CROP WALK  
1:00pm CROP WALK!  
3:00pm Gabriel Chamber Ensemble  
**TUESDAY** 11:00am Coronavirus Taskforce Meeting  
**WEDNESDAY** 6:15pm Bell Rehearsal  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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**ELCA World Hunger**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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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](http://www.jerusalem.lutheran.com/eventcalendar)

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