



In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

**WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS
AND VISITORS.**

"Individuals need to follow healthy hygiene practices, stay at home when sick, practice physical distancing to lower the risk of disease spread, and use a cloth face covering... in community settings when physical distancing cannot be maintained. These universal precautions are appropriate regardless of the extent of mitigation needed." [The Center for Disease Control]

Therefore out of love for one another as part of the Body of Christ, we will all wear masks, stay six feet away from other households, sanitize our hands, refrain from singing, and speak together very quietly only for the Lord's Prayer and Apostles' Creed. The louder we speak, the more potential viral spread there would be, even from behind masks.

Commemoration of the Day:

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226, Sunday, October 4, 2020

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

HOLY COMMUNION

19th Sunday after Pentecost – October 11th, 2020

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

PRELUDES

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Anna Laura Page

The bell rings calling us to worship.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,

And turn us again to life in you

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,

and through his death and resurrection,

Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness

to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Psalm 23

The assembly is seated.

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff —
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

The assembly stands for the gospel.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor David Rowe

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

APOSTLES CREED

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.*

Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for all kinds of people – poor and rich, undeserving and almost deserving, enemy and friends, the difficult to love and those easy to love – and all children of God who you invite to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, we remember the witness of Saint Francis of Assisi who preached to the animals. We give you thanks for the creaturely companions who enrich our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, your creation groans from wildfires and hurricanes that ravage the land. We pray for people who grieve the loss of life, job, or home. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace may prevail. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, inspire the gathering of leaders from our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod as it gathers in assembly, as it worships, discerns direction for ministry, and seeks to call a new bishop to serve and lead its congregations and people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill, and all whom we raise in prayer before you ... Strengthen doctors and medical care workers, especially those who care for people with the Coronavirus. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of 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 who cannot be here! Yes, now is the time to use our phones in church, on silent of course!

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: AUTUMN

Holy God,

our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,

you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,

and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners

and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his life given for us

and his rising from the grave,

we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,

and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

Amen

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.**

Amen.

COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

During this time of the pandemic we are following ecumenical safety guidelines. The ushers will dismiss you by pew, and you will approach the altar by the center aisle (please allow a six-foot separation between households, as the blue tape on the floor indicates). The pastor, who has thoroughly disinfected his/her hands, will drop the consecrated wafer into your outstretched palms. Then we ask that you maintain a six-foot distance as you make your way toward the table that is holding prefilled glasses arranged far enough apart to take one without touching another. First lower your mask, then eat the host, and finally take either a glass of wine or grape juice. As you leave, drop the used glass in the nearby basket, replace your mask, and then sanitize your hands – and rejoice that although this is different, that we can resume receiving the Lord's Supper if we continue to strive to keep one another safe with precautions.

ANTHEM(s)

***Come to the Banquet*
Mary Rowe, soloist**

Joseph Martin

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

If requested, Communion servants will be sent to take the sacrament to those who are absent.

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care:

As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread,
assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament
with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned.

In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament,
and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence
through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

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

Mothering God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

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- 1 All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,

waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. composite
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DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Bouree'

From Telemann's "Water Music Suite"

OFFERING

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

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

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MINISTRY NEWS

PRAYER LIST

Joyce Freed, Shirley Foose, Lee Miller, Joanna Sirianni Edwards, Ed Freed, Pauline Crawshaw, Karen Tropp, Diane Buffington, Jack Harnock, Marie Harnock, Keith Shoener, Tom Gerber, Kelly Carl, Cheryl Feeser, Leslie R., Mary Beth (Krater) Dinneen, Sam Huff, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Donna Evans, Joan Heckrote, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, Kenny Noecker, Nancy Reese, David Huff, Paul Calderone, Nicholas LaScala, Gail Kunkel, Lee Llewellyn, Dennis Heydt, Caroline Eister, Jeanette Stine, Christopher Payonk, Gemma Geary, Seth Ney, Renee Shade, Cathy Hale, Ben Moyer, Gaylene Ebling, Wally Foose, Craig Heffner, Jane Deibert, Judy Reihman, Tom Cook, Sylvia Edling, Joe Dewald, Ronald Bromwell, Carla Zelinsky, Lisa Weiser, Janest Yost, Anna Mae Berger, Madge Miller, Kathleen Kelleher, Melissa Focht, Jason Brown, Teagan Brown, Brenda Phillips, Family of Keith Ramsey, Cecelia

Kacmar, Lois Pavelko, Edith Kriner, Melanie Hart, Janice Moore, Christie O'Dell, John Cooper, Florence Shay, Clarence Zweizig, Jayden Leiby, Melvin Rodriguez & family, Dorothy Moyer, Bruce Stees, JoAnn Baker Copley, Deanna Carl, Carlene Wenner, Christy Deaton Stocks, Maria Motto, Katharine Macnutt, Peter Spontak, Nancy Cooper, David and Angela Weiser, Fay Sausser, Kim O'Donnell, Leslie Wagner, Mateo Thomas

Those with Long-term health issues:

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

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 Minister	Karen Ochenrider	Jim Covert
Cantor(s)	Mary Rowe	Audrey Christ
Guides	Deb Reed	Lloyd Wertz
	Faith Batz	Don Boyer
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rick Heckrote
Acolyte	Ellayna Boyer	Marla Freiwald
Altar Guild	Leslie Wagner & Sue Moyer	
Counters	Lou Messina & Janet Sattizahn	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Lou Messina	Leslie Wagner
Cantor(s)	Lou Messina	Brenda Searle
Guides	Bill Shay	Frank Mahoney
	Anita Vickers	Jane Mahoney
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Gary Reager
Acolyte		Jillian Gipe
Altar Guild	Leslie Wagner & Sue Moyer	
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed, and Marie Shay	

WEEKLY NEWS

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Russell Crawshaw on the 65th anniversary of our wedding, by his wife, Pauline and family.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED on Monday, October 12th, 2020 in observance of Columbus Day. Counters please report in on Tuesday, October 13th, 2020.

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will be held at 1:00 today. 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).

GEISINGER OFFERING NO-COST, DRIVE-THRU FLU SHOT CLINICS. These drive-thru events are open to the public and are only for people older than 18. The flu shots are available at no cost. Local clinics include:

- Sunday, Oct. 11, at Geisinger St. Luke's Hospital (Orwigsburg) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 31, at Friendship Fire Co. No. 1, Englewood (Frackville) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There's no need to preregister to get a flu shot. Remember to wear a mask and loose-fitting clothing that allows easy access to the upper arm. When arriving at a drive-thru vaccination site, follow all directional signage. You will need to fill out a short electronic form before receiving your flu shot. Remain inside your vehicle next to an opening window, and be aware that staff will not enter vehicles to provide flu shots.

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY WORSHIP AND MEETINGS ONLINE THIS WEEK. Due to the pandemic, this year's assembly will be held by video conferencing, and *you are invited to watch it!* **WORSHIP**, always a highlight of the assembly will stream from the synod website (<http://nepasynod.org/>) this Friday, at 6:00 PM. The five sessions of the assembly will also be streamed this Friday evening, 6:45-9:30; Sunday, October 18, 2:00-4:30 PM; Friday, October 23, 7:00-9:30 PM; and Saturday, October 24, 9:30-11:45 AM and 1:30-4:00 PM.

SUNDAY FESTIVALS AND OBSERVANCES

- **REFORMATION SUNDAY**, October 25, remembering both the historic events led by Martin Luther in the 16th century, and the ongoing reform and renewal of the church, will also celebrate the Rite of Confirmation when several young people will affirm their baptismal faith.
- **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**, November 1, remembers all the saints of God, both dead and living. We will give thanks for the newly baptized, remember members and friends of the congregation who have died in the past year, and give thanks for the many other saints whose witness has influenced our lives.
- **CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ORDINATION OF WOMEN IN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**, November 15. Finally realizing that despite several negative verses in scripture about women in leadership, many more verses in the New Testament include and speak of women leading the church – most notably Paul in Galatians 3:28 "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." – We began ordaining women in 1970 (the first woman of color was not ordained until 1980).

THE FREEDOM OF A CHRISTIAN, a pamphlet by Martin Luther was written 500 years ago in 1520 by Martin Luther, and like many of his writings, became a "best seller" throughout

16th century Europe. Today it is one of his most famous and respected works, and really summarizes Christian faith in a grace-filled way. **WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A STUDY GROUP ON THIS ESSAY BY LUTHER USING THE ZOOM APP?** If so, please see Pastor Rowe who plans to lead this on Wednesday evenings for several months.

JERUSALEM'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN total has reached \$207,315.53 as of September 28th, 2020.

MUSIC NEWS. The organ pipe repainting project is nearing! The pipes will be taken out on Monday and returned later in the week.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE while you shop Amazon Prime Day deals on October 13 & 14. Simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2692719 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app and AmazonSmile donates to Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church of Schuylkill Haven.

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS event is going to be bigger and better than before! On October 14 *and* 15 from 9 am to 9 pm you are encouraged to shop at Boscov's...either in person or online. Then, prior to checkout, select Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church as the organization you want to help and Boscov's will donate 5% of your total purchase to us! It's so easy...no coupon to purchase like in years past. Just shop, choose Jerusalem, and you're done! All shoppers get 20% off Boscov's lowest sale prices (some merchandise receives 10% off). We get 5% of your purchase! Tell your friends and family about this, too!

FREE DRIVE-THRU NARCAN DISTRIBUTION. A Narcan can treat individuals who overdose in emergency situations. Jerusalem will host a free drive-thru distribution on Tuesday, October 13th, from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm at Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972.

FROM THE FAMILY OF KENNY NOECKER: Thank you Jerusalem family for sending birthday greetings to Ken Noecker on his 90th birthday.

ON OCTOBER 24TH, on the lawn of St. John's UCC, Schuylkill Haven (at the corner of Dock Street and Main Street) there will be a giveaway of winter clothing to those in need. If anyone would like to donate times to the collection, items can be dropped off at St. John's UCC any Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00am – 1:00pm or on Saturday Mornings from 9:00am – 11:00am. They are looking for winter coats, hats, gloves, sweats, etc.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY	8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship 1:00pm Blessing of the Animals
MONDAY	Church Office Closed, Happy Columbus Day
TUESDAY	12:00pm Narcan Distribution in Parking Lot 6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting (Via Zoom) 7:00pm Church Council Meeting (Via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 9:00am Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event
THURSDAY 9:00am Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event
FRIDAY 1:00pm Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry Distribution
6:00pm NEPA Assembly Worship
7:00pm NEPA Assembly Session 1

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Although at least four members of our congregation, including one critically ill, have tested positive for the Coronavirus, we have not yet had to cancel worship in order to protect or quarantine people who attend Sunday worship. If someone attends Sunday worship, soon after tests positive thereby having exposed some or all of us even with masks while staying six feet apart, out of love for one another we will cancel Sunday worship. Like snow cancellations, this will be announced on Facebook, the church website (www.jerusalemlutheran.com), and on the office answering machine (570-385-2657). In addition, if this happens, please pass the word to the others! Naturally, we hope that by taking precautions the other six days a week, this will not happen at Sunday Worship, but we need to be prepared!