



On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.

- PLEASE PARK FACING THE CHURCH, and dress warmly so that our cars are not idling throughout the service. Of course, a hot beverage, a lap robe or a lap animal may also help. The service will be brief in cold weather, and become longer and include more music and Holy Communion as the mornings get warmer.
- TUNE your radio to **90.1 FM** (the signal is probably too weak to use your radio's Scan command, because it may skip right over it. The broadcast can be heard for about 100 yards)
- SING AS LOUD AS YOU WANT IN YOUR CAR – pretend that you are doing Carpool Karaoke with James Corden on late night television.
- OFFERINGS will be collected as you enter the parking lot by the ushers in bright green vests.
- TO TALK TO EACH OTHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE SERVICE roll down your windows and wear a mask. Due to traffic *please don't get out of your car to mill around* (in addition to members parking their cars, remember that the south side of the parking lot has a public road cutting through it!).
- BATHROOMS are available through the front and back doors of the building.

WORSHIP SERVICE

First Sunday in Lent – February 21th, 2021

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GATHERING

PRELUDES

Be Thou My Vision
Jerusalem Handbell Quartet

arr. Bill Ingram

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,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

**Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.**

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit

to follow in the way of Jesus,

as healers and restorers of the world you so love.

Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

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.

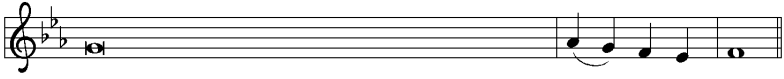
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



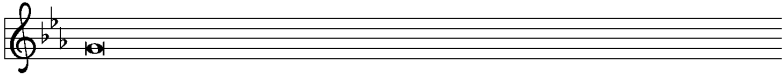
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



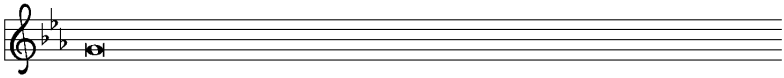
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

Jesus My Breath, My Life, My Lord
Nancy Richards, Beverly, & Philip Kriner

John Carter

A prerecorded anthem is available to view in Sunday's recorded service on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tanya Cartwright

A prerecorded children's sermon is available to view in Sunday's recorded service on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.

SERMON

Pastor David Rowe

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thy Holy Wings

613

The assembly proclaims the word of God in song.

- 1 Thy holy wings, O Savior,
spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely
through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion,
my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment
be lived within thy grace.
- 2 Oh, let me nestle near thee,
within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort
and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me
and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn
and need thy tender care.
- 3 Oh, wash me in the waters
of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit,
a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping
thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber,
enfold us one and all.

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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.

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer, especially those infected by the Coronavirus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of worship, witness, learning, care and concern. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In this time when it seems as if the pandemic will overwhelm us, and some are forced into isolation while others carry out essential, vulnerable work, we pray that your steadfast love for both the world and us will sustain your creation. Give hope to all, and strength especially to viral researchers, medical teams,

vaccination planners, educators, students, essential workers, parents, the unemployed, and all people at risk. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE 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.

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!

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.
Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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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, 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, Carlene Wenner, Christy Deaton Stocks, Maria Motto, Katharine Macnutt, Peter Spontak, Faye Sausser, Kim O'Donnell, Leslie Wagner, Mateo Thomas, Barry Heffner, Charlotte Moyer, Phyllis Trinca Czech, Ed Sirianni, Stephen Edwards, Lester Aungst III, Christa Miller, David Griffiths, Stanley Daniels

Those with Long-term health issues:

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Elizabeth Taylor, Carol Landes, Maureen Moyer, Janice Barr, Donna Direnzo, 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 Stefichack, Bill Everly, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Sara Berger, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Pat Thomas, Nathan Resch, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Gemma Geary

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

	8:30am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers		
Ushers	Donald Nettles	Lloyd Wertz
Cantor(s)	Rebekah CdeBaca	Brenda Searle
Sound Board		Rachel Kramer
Counters	Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, & Janet Sattizahn	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:30am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers		
Ushers	Faith Batz Bill Shay	Donald Boyer
Cantor(s)	Mark O'Hearn	Mark O'Hearn
Sound Board		Gary Reager
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed, & Marie Shay	

WEEKLY NEWS

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S CANTORS, Rebekah CdeBaca and Brenda Searle. Our anthem for today is sung by Jerusalem's own Philip and Beverly Kriner. They are joined by their longtime friend, Nancy Richards.

SPRING NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due by Wednesday, March 10, 2021. Newsletter articles can be emailed to mail@jerusalem.lutheran.com. Thanks!

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER will be held on the Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday but before Holy Week (Feb 24 – March 24) at 6:30 at least initially in the parking lot. Instead of sermon series, each week we will lift up a "20th Century Witness" who through their lives and writings, point us toward scripture, neighbor, and faithfulness even in severe and difficult times like these days. In addition to the small, battery-operated tea light that we will give to everyone to place on his/her dashboard for Evening Prayer (The light of Christ! Thanks be to God!), please remember to bring a cellphone or flashlight to read by.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS are needed to be ushers, assisting ministers, sound board managers, and video recorders (a smartphone is needed; iPhones preferred because we are familiar with them). Training will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering contact Melissa Boyer or the church office. THANK YOU to everyone, especially Barry Bedford, who made our first drive-in worship service successful!

OUR CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE (Deb Reed, Jane Mahoney, Don Boyer, and Pastor) continues to meet and make recommendations to our Church Council about the shape of Jerusalem's ministry in this time of pandemic.

- It continues to monitor the Covid-positivity rate in Schuylkill County (it has come down a good bit since its peak, but is still as high as it was in mid-December, and Schuylkill has had the highest rate in the eight-county Philadelphia area of southeastern Pennsylvania). We will also be keeping an eye on that rate in the aftermath of the Super Bowl when undoubtedly there will be many social gatherings.
- While we had several small public funerals and viewings several months ago, most recently with the much higher rate of infection, our church funerals have either been restricted to the family, or a small family graveside service that has been held with the intention of

holding a later, larger memorial service at Jerusalem when it is safer. Hopefully you will not need to plan a funeral during this time, but we recognize both the need of the Rites of the Church when grieving, as well as the fact that funerals can be "super-spreader" events.

- We encourage everyone to get a vaccine when they become available for you. And you can help us, by sharing with us when you have been vaccinated so that we can use this as one factor as prayerfully seek to discern when it may be safe enough to offer in-person worship. When you are fully vaccinated (two doses), please fill out the tear-off on the last page and drop it in the offering basket when you leave the parking lot.

JANE DIEBERT has a large recliner she would like to give to away. If anyone is interested in the recliner please call Jane, 570-453-8600.

CANCELLATION OF SERVICES DUE TO THE PANDEMIC OR WEATHER. If circumstances arise that worship and Sunday school need to be cancelled, the news will be announced on Facebook, the church website (www.jerusalem.lutheran.com), and on the office answering machine (570-385-2657). Because we have a covered walkway or the service can be led entirely from inside, there will be no need to cancel for ordinary bad weather. Worship will be cancelled only when the weather is too bad to travel.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY 8:30am Worship
9:15am Confirmation Class
10:30am Worship

TUESDAY 1:00pm COVID-19 Task Force Meeting (Via Zoom)
5:30pm JCCC Staff Meeting (Via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship
7:00pm Property Committee Meeting

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BELOW IS A LIST OF COVID-19 VACCINE SITES IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

Site	Address	City	Contact Info.
St. Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital	360 West Ruddle St.	Coaldale, PA 18218	Phone: 1-866-785-8537
Geisinger St. Luke's Hospital	100 Paramount Blvd.	Orwigsburg, PA 17961	Website: https://www.slnh.org/covid-19/protect-yourself/covid-19-vaccine Phone: 1-866-StLukes(opt. 7)
Surgery Center of Pottsville	1544 Route 61 Suite 6192	Pottsville, PA 17901	Phone: 570-385-7000
Lehigh Valley Hospital Schuylkill	700 E. Norwegian St.	Pottsville, PA 17901	Website: https://www.LVHN.org/vaccines Contact name: Luis Puentes Phone: 833-584-6283
Schuylkill Community Health Center	210 Sunbury St.	Minersville, PA 17954	Website: https://primary-health.net/covid-vaccine-clinic.aspx Contact Name: Ashlee Montgomery Phone: 724-699-9211
Family Practice Center	105 W. Main Street	Valley View, PA 17983	Phone: 570-682-8026
Redner's Pharmacy	22 Forest Drive	Hegins PA 17938	Call store phone currently for scheduling; Updating website



I/we _____ (name(s))
have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.