



November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The

more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

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

WELCOME

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

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP binders are available in the church lobby.

HOLY COMMUNION

25th Sunday after Pentecost – November 14th, 2021

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

570-385-2657 * www.jerusalem.lutheran.com

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POLICIES ON MASKS AND DISTANCING

- Vaccinated people are encouraged to consider wearing 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 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.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Rondeau for Organ

Mouret

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.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need.**

Amen.

God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.

Yours is the kingdom of God.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Built on a Rock

Red Hymnal # 652

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-tory 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

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

The assembly inside is seated.

14At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone

who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names up on my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who hold my lot.

**⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are

pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly inside stands to welcome the gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-8

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Beverly Kriner

SERMON

Tanya Cartwright

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Canticle of the Turning

Red Hymnal # 723

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.

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have been led astray in name of religion. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of, and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make

them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters, climate change, and destructive weather. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our rock, you stand with us even in pandemic and illness. Give courage to medical teams and caregivers, and bless all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially those whom we now raise in prayer before you... God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved. Assure us of your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Pastor: God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

My Lord What a Morning

arr. Jay Althouse

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff contains the lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.'

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: 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 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. 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 MUSIC

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together
at your heavenly banquet.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated.

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

When Our World Is Rent by Violence

Purple Hymnal # 1052

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.

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

Processional for Organ

Warren Martin

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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, 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, Diana Vasquez, Dorothy & Dan Ness, Theodore Karabetsos, Shawn Card

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, Anna Heffner, David Wise, 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

Assisting Ministers

Lectors

Children's Sermon

Communion Assistants

Ushers

Video Recorder

Sound Board

Counters

10:30am

Lou Messina

Laurie Bedford

Julie Coleman

Bill Shay

Conner Roeder

Kyle Nettles

Paul Boyer

Linda Collins, Deb Reed, and Marie Shay

James Covert

Rob Baessler

Beverly Kriner

Rebekah CdeBaca

Luke Hale

Noah Hale

Gary Reager

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers	Ellayna Boyer	Rob Baessler
Lectors	Julie Coleman	Bob McCloy
Children's Sermon	Jim Covert	
Communion Assistants	Karen Ochenrider	Beverly Kriner
Ushers	Deb Reed	Mark Conville
	Hunter Reed	Sheila Conville
Video Recorder		Mary Rowe
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rachel Kramer
Counters	Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, and Janet Sattizahn	

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God, in loving in memory of our parents and grandparents, Merlin and Dorothy Schreffler and Edgar Kriner by Beverly and Philip Kriner, Catherine, Madeleine and Benjamin Eiche.

THE FLOWERS IN THE FLOOR VASES are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of my father, Major Robert Shuman, and in honor of all veterans by Deborah Shuman Reed.

GODS BARNYARD SALE begins TODAY, Sunday, November 14th. Do you have someone on your Christmas gift list who is hard to buy for? How about buying something in their honor or in memory of a special loved one? Purchase items in person following Sunday worship services, or purchase items online by visiting our website (www.jerusalem.lutheran.com) and clicking on the "Events" tab. A wish list for GOD'S BARNYARD/ELCA GOOD GIFTS can be viewed by clicking the "Wish List" button; gifts range from farm animals to health clinic supplies. We hope you will join in our fight against hunger and poverty across the globe!

WINTER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND!

Attention Jerusalem members, if you wish to submit an article for the next Newsletter please email it to: mail@jerusalem.lutheran.com or place it in the "Administrator Inbox" in the office – No later than Monday, NOVEMBER 22ND! Thank you.

PLEASE SIGN-UP! November 28th, 2021 is the first Sunday in Advent; the season preparing us for the birth of Jesus. We need volunteers to light the Advent Wreath during the 8 and 10:30 services. A sign-up sheet is on the sign-up table for individuals or small groups to volunteer to do the lighting!

SOCIAL MINISTRY WILL BE SELLING DIVINE CHOCOLATE BARS

after worship services starting November 28th. Serrv's collection of delicious Divine Chocolate comes from the Kuapa Kokoo Cocoa Cooperative in Ghana---the first farmer-owned chocolate company in the world. The large 3.5 oz bars are \$3.00 each. Buy for yourself to enjoy, or for a sweet gift this Christmas!

WE WILL DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS ON DECEMBER 5, immediately after the 10:30 service and will be serving pizza for lunch. If you are able to join us, see the sign-up sheet in the lobby. We will also need help after the second service on **January 2, 2022** to take down the decorations.

EXPOSURE TO COVID AND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE – if you are exposed to someone with Covid (within 6 feet, for over 10 minutes), please stay away from church activities until you either have a negative Covid test taken 3-5 days after exposure, or you have gone for 10 days without symptoms. Although you have been vaccinated and are both much less likely to contract Covid and have a much lower risk of a severe or dangerous illness, you still can get it and spread it (we have had four fully vaccinated members of the choir get Covid). Thank you for showing loving one another and caring for yourself as a child of God.

THE JERUSALEM CHILD CARE CENTER is in need of donations of paper or plastic dixie cups. Either 5oz or 7oz. Please no Styrofoam.

WEATHER CANCELLATION OF SERVICES! If there is no electricity during the winter, services will automatically be cancelled. *With snow and ice, please use your best judgment about your travel, because conditions do vary by neighborhood.* If services are cancelled they will be announced by 6:30 am on:

- **The church answering machine message.** Call the church office at 570-385-2657.
- **Facebook and the church web page** will announce Sunday closings if the administrator can get internet access from home.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

<i>TODAY</i>	8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship
<i>TUESDAY</i>	11:00am Coronavirus Task Force Meeting 7:00pm Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Meeting
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	6:15pm Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Schuylkill Mission District Meeting
<i>THURSDAY</i>	1:00pm Blood Drive 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting
<i>FRIDAY</i>	1:00pm Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry Distribution



About our Pastoral
TRANSITION

Now that several weeks have passed since Pastor Rowe announced his retirement at the end of this year, here is brief overview to answer some of the questions that people have asked:

- Unlike when a pastor is called to another congregation giving a 30-day or so notice, retiring pastors are encouraged to announce the end of their congregational ministry several months in advance. This longer, unhurried time will allow for some celebration of this chapter of Jerusalem's ministry.
- Our Bishop and leaders of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod will soon begin working with our church council to start a transitional process that will eventually lead to calling a new pastor.
- When Pastor Rowe leaves, another pastor will be designated by our synod to provide pastoral visitation, and to do marriages, funerals, etc. – so care will go on! In addition, the bishop's office will provide supply pastors for Sunday services, so worship will continue!
- It will probably be at least a year until a new pastor is called, in order to give time for Jerusalem's leaders and members to prayerfully reflect on its strengths, growing edges, and opportunities for ministry in the years ahead. These will be submitted to the synod to help develop a congregational profile.
- The council will appoint a call committee, and using Jerusalem's profile, our synod will submit pastoral candidates to the call committee for an interview.
- When the call committee discerns that a candidate has some of the leadership gifts that Jerusalem needs, that person will then be sent to council for an interview where salary and benefits will be negotiated. Finally, with the support of the call committee and council, the candidate will be presented to the congregation, and after an opportunity for the candidate to meet people and lead worship, the congregation will be asked to vote to affirm the candidate, and to extend a call to the new pastor.

Please note that several things have changed over the last 20-30 years. First, Jerusalem itself has changed – for the first time in over a generation the call process will not take place in either the stressful aftermath of a fire and congregation merger, or the synodical disciplinary action of a pastor (so this will be the first "normal" transition in decades!). Second, there are now fewer pastors in mainline denominations, including our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, so the process to call the next pastor may take longer. But what **HAS NOT CHANGED** is that this will be a time for congregational members and leaders to work with our bishop and synod for prayerful conversation, reflection, and discernment concerning Christ's mission for Jerusalem's witness in this neighborhood.



Orders are being accepted from those who would like to adorn our church with the placement of poinsettia flowers for Christmas. Cost per plant is \$10.00. All plants must be paid for through the Church. Please make checks out to **Jerusalem Lutheran Church**. Please fill out your order on this sheet. Make sure the Church Office receives your order and money by Monday, December 13th. Thanks!

NAME _____

NUMBER OF Plants _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ (\$10.00 each)