

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of Holy Communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP!

Children's bulletins and coloring pagers are available at the worship entrance near the baptismal font. And please, if your children do not yet receive Holy Communion, bring them forward for a blessing.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP binders are available in the church lobby.

COVID-19 INFORMATION & CURRENT WORSHIP PRACTICES

- We have resumed congregational speaking and singing in the building.
- Hymnals are available in the pew racks.
- Wine and grape juice are once again being offered from the chalice.
- The offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary by the door.

HOLY COMMUNION

2nd Sunday after Pentecost – June 19th, 2022 Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972 570-385-2657 * www.jerusalemlutheran.com FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

GATHERING

PRELUDE

(8:00) O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Arr. Kenneth Mays

(10:30) Passacaglia & Fugue on "O God Our Help in Ages Past Dr. Steven Christ, bass clarinet arr. Rich Heffler

The bell rings calling us to worship.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN As We Gather At Your Table

Red Hymnal # 522

GREETING

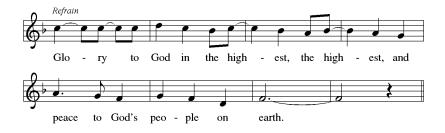
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE







PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

The presiding minister leads the assembly in prayer.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Isaiah 65:1-9

The assembly is seated. The lector reads the lessons from the pulpit.

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.
²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me

to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴who sit inside tombs. and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster. and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there. The word of the Lord.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The lector and the congregation read the Psalm responsively.
¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not [|] far away; O my help, hasten [|] to my aid.
²⁰Deliver me [|] from the sword, my life from the power [|] of the dog.
²¹Save me from the [|] lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have [|] rescued me.
²²I will declare your name [|] to my people; in the midst of the assembly [|] I will praise you.
²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's [|] line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-[|] spring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

Psalm 22:19-28

neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them; but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ¹great assembly;I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ¹ fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn [|] to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow [|] before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs | to the LORD,

who rules o- $^{\mid}$ ver the nations.

SECOND READING

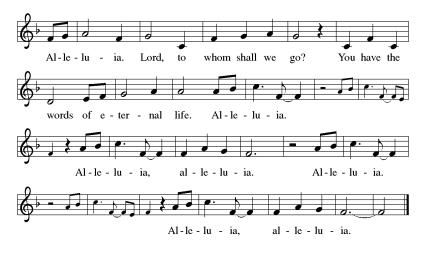
Galatians 3:23-29

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There 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. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

SERMON

Rachel Kramer Rachel Kramer

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

HYMN OF THE DAY Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Red Hymnal # 843

The assembly stands to 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

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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially white supremacy. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick. Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful departed whose lives proclaimed all you had done for them. At the last, unite us with them as we make our home in you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **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

(8:00) *Loving Him* Krista Sausser, solo J.E. Leeson/David Catherwood

(10:30) *Wher'er You Walk* Dr. Steven Christ, bass clarinet

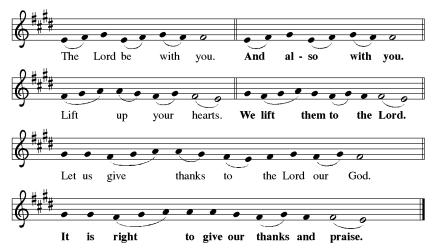
G.F. Handel

God's Word is sung or played as an offering. Let us participate in the anthem with our prayerful listening.

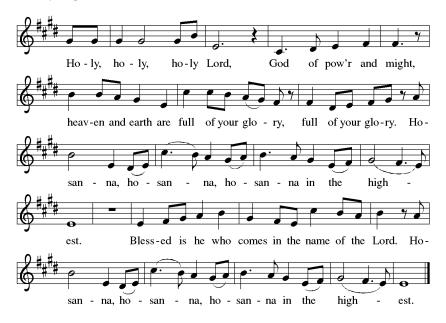
MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The assembly stands. The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks.



The presiding minister continues with the communion preface; then the assembly responds:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V

...be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

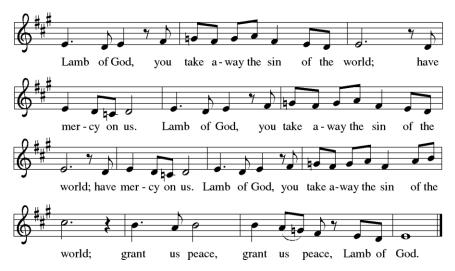
LORD'S PRAYER

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

The presiding minister says:

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.



The assembly is seated. All baptized Christians who wish to receive Christ in the meal are welcome to receive the Eucharist. Ushers will dismiss you by pew. Please take an empty glass if you wish to receive wine, or a glass prefilled with grape juice. If you wish to receive communion at your seat please speak with an usher. And please, if your children do not yet receive Holy Communion, bring them forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

(8:00) In You, We Are One Krista Sausser, solo

Jay Althouse

(10:30) *Meditation* Dr. Steven Christ, bass clarinet Jules Massenet

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The presiding minister says: The body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assembly stands. The presiding minister leads the prayer. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing. The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

Amen.

SENDING SONG

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Red Hymnal #883

DISMISSAL

The presiding minister sends the assembly into mission. Go in peace. Be a blessing to the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

(8:00) Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Kenneth Mays

(10:30) *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* Dr. Steven Christ, bass clarinet

arr. Rich Heffler

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MINISTRY NEWS

PRAYER LIST

Joanna Sirianni Edwards, Ed Freed, Pauline Crawshaw, Karen Tropp, Diane Buffington, Jack Harnock, Marie Harnock, Keith Shoener, Tom Gerber, Kelly Carl, Leslie R., Mary Beth (Krater) Dinneen, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, Paul Calderone, Nicholas LaScala, Gail Kunkel, Lee Llewellyn, Caroline Eister, Jeanette Stine, Christopher Payonk, Seth Ney, Renee Shade, Ben Moyer, Gaylene Ebling, Wally Foose, Jane Deibert, Tom Cook, Ronald Bromwell, Lisa Weiser, Janest Yost, Madge Miller, Melissa Focht, 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, Mateo Thomas, Barry Heffner, Phyllis Trinca Czech, Stephen Edwards, Christa Miller, Cathy Covach-Hale, Rev. Bruce MacLaughlin, Mary Miller, Rose Martin-Fuls, Earle Kull, Trent Johnson, Mary Rauch, Tom Lokitus, Albert Tripp, Helen Fath, Diana Vasquez, Dorothy & Dan Ness, Robin Moran, Kendra Johnson, Rob Baessler, Stanley Daniels, Darlene and Bob Zechman, Diane Laine, Eileen Guitas, Zoey Heydt, Bill O'Donnell, Ann Marie Pyle, Lisa Katious

Those with Long-term health issues:

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Carol Landes, Donna Direnzo, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Anna Heffner, David Wise, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Harold & Fay Sausser, Ruth Brown, Kevin Seibert, William O'Donnell, Cheryl Feeser

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Major Michael Shay, Staff Sgt. Joseph Moyer, Senior Airman Matthew Nettles, Airman Jackie Nettles, Sgt. Travis D. Miller, Sgt. Anthony Cooper

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY

	8:00am	10:30am	
Lector	Karen Ochenrider	Bob McCloy	
Communion Assistants	Jean Loose	Jean Loose	
Ushers	John Macnutt	Frank Mahoney	
	Bill Shay	Don Boyer	
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rick Heckrote	
Acolyte	Conner Roeder		
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed, and Marie Shay		
Altar Guild	Lou Messina and Jean Loose		

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Lector Communion Assistants Ushers 8:00am Julie Coleman Karen Ochenrider Faith Batz Bill Shay 10:30am Greg Gross Rob Baessler Frank Mahoney Don Boyer

Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Danika Kuhar
Acolyte	Donald Nettles	
Counters	Lou Messina, Rob Baessle	er, and Janet Sattizahn
Altar Guild	Joy Heffner	

WEEKLY NEWS

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of grandfather James Rhoades by Samantha Rhodes, and grandfather Irvin Moyer, by Samantha Rhodes.

THE ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS is to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of father, John Rhodes, by Samantha.

THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY IS SPONSORED THIS WEEK in honor of our children by Bev & Phil Kriner.

ATTENTION WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS! Please remember to sign up for the month of July at the "Sign-Up" Center. As always – THANK YOU for being a worship volunteer!

COUNTERS PLEASE REPORT into the office on Tuesday, June 21st. The banks will be closed on Monday, June 20th in observance of Juneteenth.

FAITH AND FAMILIES MINISTRIES is inviting you to join in for a hike at Locust Lake State Park on Saturday, June 25th. Please meet up at the park at 1:00 pm. After the hike we will get ice cream from the camp store. There is a sign-up sheet at the "Sign-Up" Center. For questions contact Tanya Cartwright.

OUR FIRST MINI-RETREAT will be held on Sunday, June 26, beginning at 2:00 pm. Our topic will be JOY! What is it? How do we experience it? What does God say about it? How do we share it? The retreat will be led by Pastor Jim Covert and will be hosted by Pastor Jim and Linda at their home. Bring your Bibles and other readings that express Joy for you. We will have time for sharing and conversation and will finish our day with a potluck dinner. A signup sheet will be in the Narthex of the church that we ask you to sign up if you plan to come. Let us know how many you will have, write down a phone number, and what you will bring for the potluck. Any questions, contact Pastor Jim and/or Linda. Hope to see you there!

EVERY YEAR JERUSALEM PARTICIPATES IN THE ELCA'S GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY. This year GOD's Work, Our Hands Sunday is on September 11th. Given the date, we thought it would be a good time to honor our first responders. We have chosen 3 Fire Companies in Schuylkill Haven to give useful donations. The details of the project will be shared at each worship service on July 10, 2022. Please join us on July 10 to find out how to honor our Firefighters! A special fellowship time will follow both services. Light refreshments will be served. *DISCOUNT KNOBELS TICKETS* can be obtained from Christine Spontak. Call 570-745-7630 for more information.

CHURCH KEYS NEEDED. Do you have a copy of Jerusalem's key? If you have a copy of the church key and do not need it, please, turn it into the office.

ALTAR VASE FLOWER SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE for Sunday, June 26, if there is someone you would like to have flowers in honor or in memory of please contact the church office at 570-385-2657. Thank you!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY	8:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Worship
MONDAY	JUNETE	EENTH OBSERVANCE.
TUESDAY	7:00pm	Divorce Support Group
WEDNESDAY	7:00pm	Property Committee

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