



*As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.*

## **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**

Third Sunday after Epiphany – January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDES

*We All Are One in Mission*

Arr. Mark Sedio

*The bell rings calling us to worship.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow  
your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,  
for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,  
you know them;**

**receive them in your divine mercy.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,  
our sins are washed away  
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,  
we are called to be the beloved community  
living out Christ's justice  
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**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**



Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

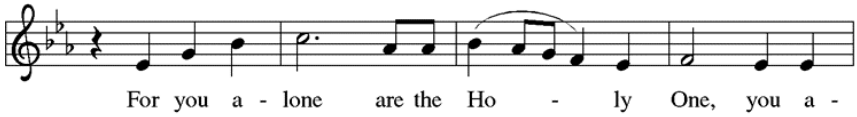
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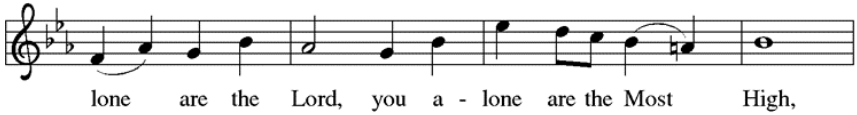
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

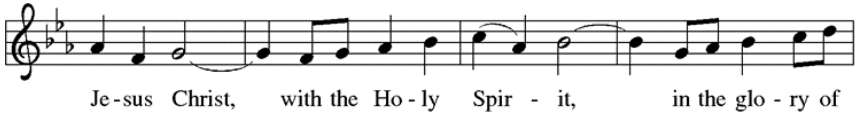
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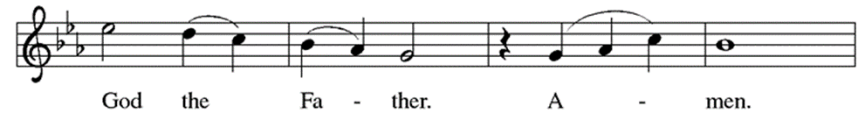
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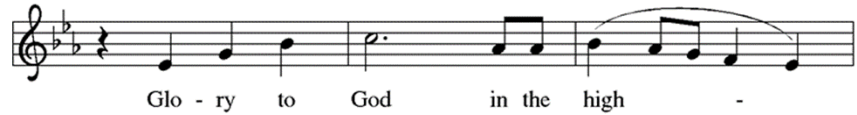
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God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:14-20**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

<sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**ANTHEM**

*Here I Am, Lord*

**Jonathan Valori & William Timm, duet**

**Dan Schutte**

*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**      *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*      **# 817**

*The assembly proclaims the word of God in song.*

- 1 You have come down to the lakeshore  
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
but only asking for me to follow.

*Refrain*

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you’ve called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.

- 2 You know full well what I have, Lord:  
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain*

3 You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
working love for the rest of the weary--  
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain*

4 You who have fished other waters;  
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain*

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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.*

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence.*

For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and especially your baptized people young and old, that all may proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the world bending under the coronavirus pandemic, that you would give strength to researchers, medical teams, teachers, and all essential workers, as they serve their neighbors in through their daily vocations, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and

homeless advocates, that God may inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief, for all the sick and especially those infected with Covid, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy may surround them, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For our congregation and community, for families big and small, for our pantry volunteers and child care staff and families, which God's steadfast love may serve as a model for daily discipleship, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

**Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. 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**

God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace. **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*  
Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

### *The Rejoicing*

**Handel**

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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, Deanna Carl, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, 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, Jerry Stoutland, David Griffiths, Joanne Huebsch, Jack Hubler

### **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 Stefich, 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**

	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Faith Batz Bill Shay</b>	<b>Lloyd Wertz</b>
<b>Cantor(s)</b>	<b>Jonathan Valori &amp; Bill Timm</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Linda Covert</b>
<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Paul Boyer</b>	<b>Melissa Boyer</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, &amp; Janet Sattizahn</b>	

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Bill Shay</b>	<b>The Kramers</b>
<b>Cantor(s)</b>	<b>Rabekah CdeBaca</b>	<b>Mary Rowe</b>
<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Melissa Boyer</b>	<b>Gary Reager</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Linda Collins &amp; Rob Baessler</b>	

**WEEKLY NEWS**

**THANK YOU TO TODAY'S CANTORS**, Jonathan Valori & William Timm, and Jim & Linda Covert. Our anthem for today was recorded by Jonathan and Bill.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will be held in the regular classroom. **SUNDAY SCHOOL** for preschool through fifth grade will resume at a later time.

**BISHOP CHRISTOPHER DEFOREST** has begun leading our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. After serving congregations in New Mahoning and Kutztown, as well as prior business experience in convention planning and technology, he has begun his ministry with us. There have been some synod staff changes (which is normal, and some are due to retirements), but Pastor Kathleen Ash-Flashner is continuing as the Associate to the Bishop for our Schuylkill Mission District.

**DIAPERS, SANITARY NAPKINS, AND INCONTINENCE BED PADS** will be collected from now through January 31 for our Council of Churches' Food Pantry. Serving over 200 households each month with supplemental food, our volunteers at Jerusalem have also been making free diapers and personal care products available for distribution by driving down and hauling them back from the Lehigh Valley. The Philadelphia Diaper Bank which has supplied these items had used volunteers to drive them from Philly up to the Lehigh Valley. However with the pandemic, they are having more difficulty getting corporate donations, as well as volunteers to drive them to the Lehigh Valley. Since diapers and other care products are expensive, and cannot be purchased with Pennsylvania SNAP (formerly the food stamp program), this diaper drive is a great way to support our struggling neighbors. After worship, you will be able

to drop your donations in the big red shopping cart – either by dropping out your car window or *carefully getting out of your car while cars are leaving worship.*

***THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OFFERING*** will be held in conjunction with the Super Bowl throughout the country on Sunday, February 7. On a day when millions of dollars will be spent on gambling, commercials, and food and drink, in a country when ONE in FIVE children do not have adequate food security, we gather an offering of money for our Council of Churches' Food Pantry. So let us consider how much we spend for fun on the Super Bowl, and give at least that much so that all may at least have Soup.

***TANYA CARTWRIGHT, OUR DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND FAMILY MINISTRY*** has a new, full-time job. However, both she and the church value her work with children, youth, and adults (made much more difficult during the pandemic), so we are pleased that she will be able to continue but at an average of 10 hours a week, rather than 20. Coming up soon – Bear Creek Camp, and information about registering for the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2022.

***HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR YOUR COVID VACCINE YET?*** Both Lehigh Valley and Geissinger-st. Luke's are taking registrations both online and by telephone. Of course the time of your vaccine will be subject to availability and the priority that will be assigned to you based on the questionnaire that you will have filled out when you registered. For those without computers, call either Geissinger-St. Luke's 1-866-STLUKES (785-8537), option 7, or Lehigh Valley 888-402-LVHN.

***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!

***THANK YOU*** for your prayers, cards, and flowers in response to the recent death of my mother. Mary Rowe and Pastor

***PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR JERUSALEM CHILDCARE CENTER.*** Our daycare is open again with all programs currently operating. Illnesses spread “like wildfire” through daycares and schools normally. This year’s cold/flu season is much scarier, and our daycare has handled the pandemic very well. Please offer a prayer for our daycare staff and families who receive their care; May they stay healthy and safe.

***AFTER THE STORMING OF OUR CAPITAL BUILDING,*** Presiding Bishop Eaton, together with leaders of the National Council of Churches (a council of major denominations ranging from some Baptists to Roman Catholic observers, but with few modern Evangelicals) strongly spoke against the violence, polarization, and presidential rhetoric – not as a matter of party, but as a matter

for Christians who follow the way of Jesus to seek justice and peace. For more information from our ELCA, see <https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8086>.

**GOD'S BARNYARD.** On December 21, 2020, we received an email from the ELCA Good Gifts Program that all donations submitted on that day for God's Barnyard would be doubled. So, we gathered all of the donations we had received to date and submitted them to be matched. With both mail in donations and online donations ---when doubled--we made a total impact of \$8,160. We received an additional \$145.00 after Dec. 21. Therefore, with all donations and matching funds, our grand total for our 2020 God's Barnyard was \$8,305.00! Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness. Together, we are making this world a better place!

**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](http://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.

**DURING THIS TIME WHEN THE PANDEMIC AND LESS SOCIAL CONTACT MAY WEIGH HEAVILY, HERE ARE IMPORTANT RESOURCES FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY, OR YOUR NEIGHBORS:**

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- The Crisis Text Line: text "PA" to 741-741
- Veteran Crisis Line: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990
- Get Help Now for substance use disorder and alcohol treatment: 1-800-662-HELP (4357)
- PA Link for help accessing programs geared towards senior citizens: 1-800-753-8827

Senior citizens can also reach out to their local Area Agency on Aging to help on accessing resources for mental health and for assistance getting online. You can find your local Area Agency on Aging at [aging.pa.gov](http://aging.pa.gov).

### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

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

**TUESDAY** 11:00am COVID-19 Task Force Meeting Via Zoom  
2:00pm Music Ministry Fund Meeting  
5:30pm JCCC Staff Meeting  
7:00pm SH Council of Churches Meeting

**WEDNESDAY** 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting

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