



*God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.*

## **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 recommendations from the CDC and ecumenical church worship guidelines, has been prayerfully considered by our leaders for our worship practices. Therefore at this time in 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. Further information on page 2.
- **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**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany – January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**  
**Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972**  
**570-385-2657 \* [www.jerusalem.lutheran.com](http://www.jerusalem.lutheran.com)**

## POLICIES ON MASKS AND DISTANCING

- Everyone needs to wear a mask until the local pandemic subsides.
- We have lots of space in which to worship, so we can spread throughout the nave for each service, and we will continue to tape off alternating pews to maintain a safer distance.

## CURRENT WORSHIP PRACTICES

- We have resumed congregational speaking and singing in the building.
- Hymnals are available in the pew racks, and distributed to and collected from people worshipping in the parking lot.
- Large print worship binders are available inside. 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. Please space yourselves as you come forward.
- The offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary by the door until we can safely pass the plates through many hands.

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## PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

*Creator of the Stars of Night*  
Jerusalem Handbell Choir

Cathy Mocklebust

*The bell rings calling us to worship.*

### ANNOUNCING BAPTISM

## GATHERING

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*One Bread, One Body*

Red Hymnal # 496

### 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.**

### (8:00) THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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*The assembly stands. 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.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**(10:30) HOLY BAPTISM**

**Isabella Rose Charkaway**

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**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry 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

*Refrain*

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 -

*Refrain*

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the Holy Scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

*The assembly inside is seated.*

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the

square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,

and the sky proclaims its | maker’s handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale | to another,**

**and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language,

and their voices | are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world,**

**where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again;**

**nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;**

**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,**

**sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one’s | own offenses?**

**Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion<sup>1</sup> over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a<sup>1</sup> great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable<sup>1</sup> in your sight,**

**O LORD, my strength and<sup>1</sup> my redeemer.**

## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

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**

**Luke 4:14-21**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**Pastor James Covert**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

**Red Hymnal # 661**

*The assembly stands. All proclaim the word of God in song.*

## **(8:00) 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.*

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

You reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict over pandemic issues, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with illness and pain, or those living under oppression. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation. Empower us to freely welcome and value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We rejoice this day on welcoming a new little sister on the day of her baptism, Isabella Rose Charkaway. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Sustaining Spirit, who lives and breathes in us and with us, bring comfort and peace to all who have been devastated by natural disasters especially the people of Tonga who are struggling in the aftermath of a tsunami. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Tend to those who mourn. Bring us together in your everlasting glory. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; 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

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

arr. Nancy Raabe

## MEAL

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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.

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER # 3**

. . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your word  
dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth  
in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God,  
we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, 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 allow a six-foot distance from other households as you approach the altar by the center aisle (tape marks in the center aisle are a helpful guide). 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 HYMN**

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

**Purple Hymnal # 1084**

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We thank you, O God,  
that you have fed us at your table  
with bread and wine beyond compare,  
the very life of Christ for us.  
Send your Spirit with us now,  
that we may set the captive free,  
use your gifts to build one another up,  
and in everything reflect your glory  
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The assembly may be seated.*

### **INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **BLESSING**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

The God of glory shine within you  
and the love of God touch all who are around you.  
The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and may you be a blessing for God.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG**

*Go to the World*

**Purple Hymnal # 991**

## **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

**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**

*Recessional*

**Douglas Wagner**

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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, Kevin Seibert, Mary Rauch, Tom Lokitus, Albert Tripp, Dorothy Moyer, Helen Fath, Diana Vasquez, Dorothy & Dan Ness, Robin Moran, Kendra Johnson, Deb Esposito, Rob Baessler

### **Those with Long-term health issues:**

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Elizabeth Taylor, Carol Landes, Janice Barr, Donna Drenzo, 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, Pat Thomas, Nathan Resch, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, 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**

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Lou Messina	Rebekah CdeBaca
<b>Lectors</b>	Caitlin Lockhart	Jill McCloy
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Julie Coleman	Rob Baessler
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Shay Donald Nettles	Noah Hale Luke Hale
<b>Sound Board</b>	Paul Boyer	Danika Kuhar
<b>Counters</b>	Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, and Janet Sattizahn	

## **WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30pm</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Ellayna Boyer	Lloyd Wertz
<b>Lectors</b>	Karen Ochenrider	Linda Covert
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Deb Reed	Rebekah CdeBaca

<b>Ushers</b>	John Macnutt	Mark Conville
	Faith Batz	Sheila Conville
<b>Sound Board</b>	Melissa Boyer	Rachel Kramer
<b>Counters</b>	Linda Collins & Rob Baessler	

**THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES** are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, sisters, and bothers, by the Seifert family, Levan family, and Christine and Pete Spontak, Jr.

**THROUGH HOLY BAPTISM GOD WELCOMES ISABELLA ROSE CHARKAWAY** as a daughter in the family of God. Please support and welcome Isabella with your prayers and encouragement as she grows in faith.

**IF YOU MISSED CHURCH SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH**, then you missed an important announcement about our transition period! A group of people from Jerusalem and St. John's (Friedensburg) gathered to work on a contract proposal for an interim pastor. Our proposal was accepted and the contract will be signed by all parties and forwarded to the Synod Bishop. We will be sharing this pastor with St. John's starting on March 1st! His first Sunday here will be March 6th and he will serve alternating Sundays between the two churches. On the off Sunday, we will have a supply or lay person conduct our service. In the near future, we will announce information about this person, but he needs to give his church 30 days' notice first. We will retain our 2 services and our mid-week Lenten services as well. In the meantime, our church council will soon begin the call process of finding a permanent pastor for us by selecting a call committee and making an information booklet for the Bishop to use in his search for a replacement. If you have any questions, please ask a council person or use the papers and pencils on the lobby table and place your question along with your name (so we can contact you with the answer) in the basket. As we get more information, we will announce our progress.

**AT ITS JANUARY MEETING**, our church council elected the following officers to serve both the congregation and the council: Jim Ziegelbein, president; Bill Shay, vice president; and Lloyd Wertz, secretary. In addition, the council once again appointed Jill McCloy as treasurer, and Karen Ochenrider as Financial Secretary. Please thank these people for using their talents and giving their time as congregational council leaders! The Jerusalem Lutheran Church Council members for 2022 include: Edward Sirianni, Lloyd Wertz, Faith Batz, Frank Mahoney, Jim Zeigelbein, Beverly Kriner, Bill Shay, Don Nettles, Robert Baessler, and Cheryl Feeser.

**A JERUSALEM "SOUP"-ER BOWL.** Starting February 6<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>, Jerusalem will be having some fun with the upcoming Super Bowl and helping out the Schuylkill Haven Area Food Pantry. Once we know which football teams are playing in the big game, we'll have 2 boxes set out in the church lobby marked with those team names and their logo. You are asked to place a can of soup (or two) in the box of the team you will be rooting for. After worship on

February 13, the soup donations will be counted and the team with the most soup in their box wins the Jerusalem "Soup"-er Bowl! For people who are not really football fans. Social Ministry will have a third box on display. If you don't have an opinion on who you'd like to see win the BIG GAME, we ask that you donate a pop-top can of ready to eat soup or Chef Boyardees pasta meals in our box to go to our Little Free Pantry. It's all in fun! Let's make feeding our community the big winner!!!

***JERUSALEM MEMBER DIRECTORY FOR 2022.*** During the past year have you moved? Changed phone numbers? Changed email addresses? Please notify the church administrator of any changes before the Member Directories are printed! Please call the office 570-385-2657, email [mail@jerusalemchurch.com](mailto:mail@jerusalemchurch.com), or drop a note in the "Administrator Inbox" (located on the counter in the church office). Your help is appreciated!

***FREED'S FLORIST IS RETIRING.*** Jerusalem gives thanks for Curt Freed as well as his parents Lee and Joyce Freed for their service over the years. Starting in February, Jerusalem will use Forget Me Not Florist on Adamsdale Road for Altar and Floor Vases. At Forget Me Not Florist, it is their policy for flower sponsors to call them and order their own flowers. The church will still call flower sponsors to update blurbs for the bulletins.

***VALENTINE CARD SHOWER FOR JERUSALEM'S SHUT INS.*** We would like to show our homebound members we are thinking about them. Let's shower them with Valentine greetings! You can pick up a Shut in list of names in the church lobby or visit the church website at [www.jerusalemchurch.com/events](http://www.jerusalemchurch.com/events). Thank you!

***VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY.*** Aubry Gordon is looking for help shoveling snow. If you are looking for a community service or volunteer opportunity call her at 570-640-1096.

***TAKE A BREAK SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS*** meets on Thursdays at 2 pm at Meadowbrook Center. Additional information can be found on the Schuylkill Caregiver Facebook page, at [www.schuylkillcaregiver.com](http://www.schuylkillcaregiver.com), or you can call Karen Shiffert at 570-739-0908.

***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.

***WE INVITE YOU TO PRAY...***

God, in Jesus the Christ, is always connecting and communicating with us. When we bring our awareness to the Holy Spirit's presence we tap into that connection on a more conscious level. Psalm 46:10 states, "Be still and know that I am God." This is one way to bring ourselves into God's love! So, what is Spirit sharing with you when you get quiet and listen? What is the Holy Spirit nudging you to be? Listen, God is still speaking!

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

**TODAY** 8:00am Worship  
9:15am Sunday school  
10:30am Worship

**TUESDAY** 11:00am Coronavirus Task Force Meeting  
2:00pm Music Ministry Fund Meeting  
5:30pm JCCC Staff Meeting  
7:00pm Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Meeting

**WEDNESDAY** 6:15pm Bell Rehearsal  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm Property Committee

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