



The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to 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). Recommendations from the CDC and ecumenical church worship guidelines, have 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

Third Sunday in Lent – March 20, 2022
Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
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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

My Jesus I Love Thee
Jerusalem Handbell Choir

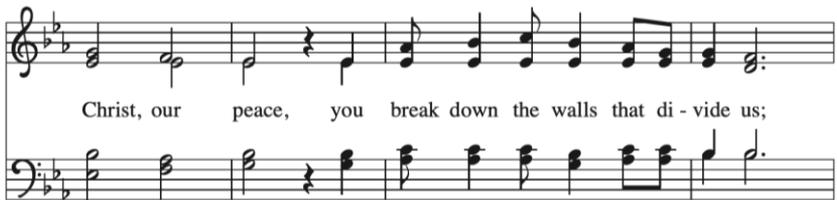
arr. Jason Krug

The bell rings calling us to worship.

GREETING SONG

Christ, Our Peace

Marty Haugen



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

GATHERING

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Red Hymnal # 326

(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

Allyson Grace Dolan

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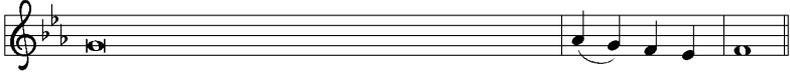
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



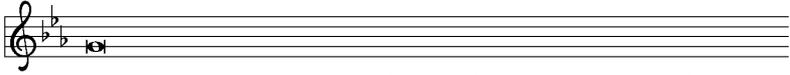
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



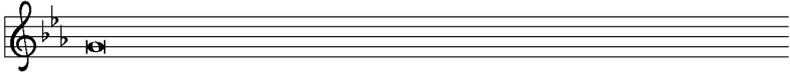
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

The assembly inside is seated.

- ¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.
⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
 call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 63:1-8

¹O God, you are my God; eager-ly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,
that I might behold your power | and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.

**⁴So will I bless you as long | as I live
and lift up my hands | in your name.**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

**⁶when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night watches.**

⁷For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

**⁸My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

The Rev. Larry Laine

SERMON

The Rev. Larry Laine

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue

Red Hymnal # 644

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. Response after each petition:

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Response at the conclusion of the prayers: 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

Hope of the World

Georgia Harkness

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The assembly stands. 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 IV

...With this bread and cup
 we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
 ...Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.
 ...burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.
 ...blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

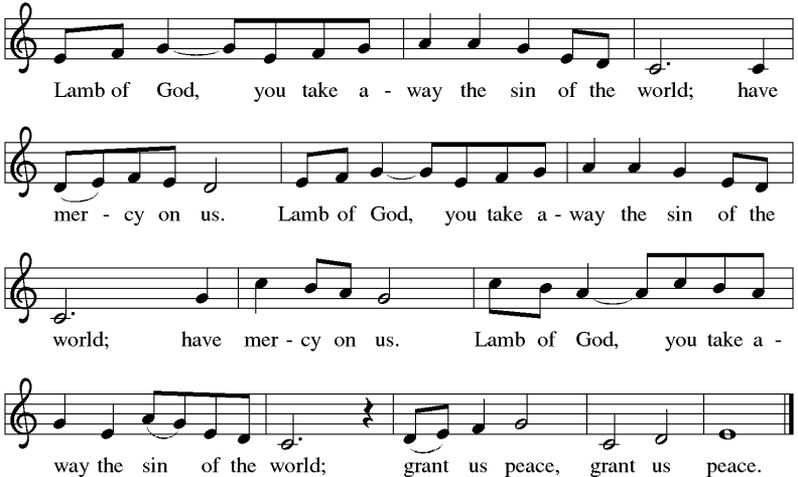
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and 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

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

INSIDE WORSHIPERS: Ushers will dismiss you by pew. Please take an empty glass if you wish to receive wine, or a glass prefilled with grape juice.

OUTSIDE WORSHIPERS: The Lord's Supper will be brought to those outside by a Communion Assistant, who will use an intinction set.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Surely God Is My Salvation

Purple Hymnal # 926

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated.

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty,
✠ bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Red Hymnal # 618

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

CHIMES

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PRAYER LIST

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Those with Long-term health issues:

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Carol Landes, 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, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Harold & Fay Sausser, Ruth Brown, Kevin Seibert

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, Private 3rd Class Caleb Levan

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers	Karen Ochenrider	James Covert
Lectors	Julie Coleman	Bob McCloy
Communion Assistants	Jean Loose	Linda Covert
Ushers	Donald Nettles John Macnutt	Mark Conville Shelia Conville
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rachel Kramer
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed, Marie Shay	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers	Deborah Reed	Rabekah CdeBaca
Lectors	Conner Roeder	Greg Gross
Communion Assistants	Julie Coleman	Linda Covert
Ushers	Bill Shay Donald Nettles	Mike Sausser
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Danika Kuhar
Counters	Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, Janet Sattizahn	

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Caroline Edling, by her husband, Ed, and children, Sally and Jean.

THROUGH HOLY BAPTISM GOD WELCOMES ALLYSON GRACE DOLAN as a daughter in the family of God. Please support and welcome Allyson with your prayers and encouragement as she grows in faith.

TODAY AT 9:15 IS OUR MINISTRY CELEBRATION FOR 2022! Please join us in the social hall to view displays from Jerusalem's different committees and ministries. Annual Reports will be distributed that morning as well!

TODAY AT 3:00PM IS AN ORGAN CONCERT featuring Randall D. Perry!

TUESDAY MORNING MEET AND GREET. To welcome Pastor Laine, all are invited to join him for coffee, tea, and a treat on Tuesday, March 22nd, 2022 at 10:00 am in the church library. The side office door will be unlocked. Come share your ideas on what you would like to see happen with Jerusalem's Ministry.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE WORKDAY Saturday, March 26th at 9:00am. Please meet the property committee at Jerusalem to help get the church ready for Easter. Any time you can spare to help us keep our church looking beautiful is appreciated!

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER will once again be our Wednesday, Mid-week Lenten Services, from March 9 – April 6 at 6:30 PM. Our theme will be 'Praying With Others' in which a story concerning prayer will be told and then time taken to pray as a group. Join us for these Wednesday evening worships, which have become a meaningful part of our Lenten journey.

WEEKLY SOUP SUPPERS WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 P.M. We hope that you will join us Wednesday evenings during Lent for "Bread, Bowl and Worship," a simple meal of bread and soup followed by worship in the sanctuary. Please sign the sheets at the sign-up center if you are able to contribute soup, bread, and other items of food needed for the five soup suppers. Volunteers to clean up after the soup suppers are also needed. Thanks.

AN UPCOMING SPRING CONCERT. SAVE THE DATE! April 24, 2022 at 3:00pm, Clarinet and Piano concert featuring Dr. Steven Christ on Clarinet with Caleb Flick on Piano and Dr. Annie Rose Tindall-Gibson on Piano.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE BLESSING US WITH THEIR VOICES ON PASSION/PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2022. Now through Palm Sunday. Our Sunday School children will rehearse a song with our Music Director, Audrey Christ during Sunday School. Please bring your children or grandchildren to join us!

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY worship services will be held on Sunday, April 10. We will have the Procession with Palm branches and the reading of the Passion of Jesus according to the Gospel of Luke. We will need readers to participate in the reading of the Passion gospel. If you would like to be part of this, see Pastor Jim Covert.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE WORSHIP will be held on Good Friday, April 15 at 6:30 pm. A Tenebrae is a worship where the church is gradually darkened as the service progresses. Tenebrae means darkness or shadow. We will need people to participate in the service, including readers of the seven last words of Jesus, someone to do some sound effects, someone to extinguish candles as the service progresses, and most of all, someone to operate the dimming of the lights. If you would be willing to help, see Pastor Jim Covert.

FREE SUMMER CLOTHING “GIVE AWAY”! St. John’s UCC in Schuylkill Haven is offering a summer clothing give away on April 23rd (rain date is April 30th) from 9:00 am til noon. If anyone would like to contribute clean, gently used clothing for this mission, the items can be dropped off at St. John’s Church on the corner of Dock Street and Main Street any Tuesday from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. Or on March 29th, April 5th, or April 12th from 5:00 – 7:00pm. Thank you!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY	8:00am Worship 9:15am Ministry Celebration 9:15am Bell rehearsal 10:30am Worship 3:00pm Organ Concert featuring Randall D. Perry
TUESDAY	5:30pm JCCC Staff Meeting (Library) 6:00pm Cemetery Committee Meeting (Parlor) 7:00pm Schuylkill Haven & Vicinity Council of Churches
WEDNESDAY	5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer Worship 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Property Committee Meeting
SATURDAY	9:00am Property Committee Workday

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Easter Lily Orders

Orders are being accepted from those who would like to adorn our church with the placement of Lilies or Tulips for Easter Sunday. The cost per plant for a lily is \$11.00 and the cost per plant for a tulip is \$9.25. All plants must be paid for through the Church Office. 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, April 11th. Thanks!

NAME _____

NUMBER OF LILIES _____

IN MEMORY OF

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OF _____

Amount Enclosed _____

SAFE WATER

Inspired by the ELCA's Lenten study, "A way in the Wilderness", the Social Ministry committee would like to encourage you to participate in your own Lenten discipline by giving weekly suggestions for you to enhance how you make your way through Lent.

Week 3: Vulnerable in the Wilderness

"Oh God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water" (Psalm 63:1)

As we journey together in the wilderness this Lent, the psalmist expresses our yearning for God. This verse, by comparing our need for water to our need for seeking God, reminds me that March 22, 2022 is World Water Day. World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2 billion people living without access to safe water.

This week, you are encouraged to pray for those who need a safe water supply. If you would like to donate to the ELCA's Good Gifts program for gifts in water, you can drop a check in the offering plate (made out to Jerusalem Lutheran Church, then note "water gift" on the memo line). Donations will be accepted this Sunday 3/20, Wednesday 3/23, and next Sunday 3/27. Cash donations can be placed in the jar in the church lobby.

Your donations will help purchase water filters where safe water isn't available. Donations may also be used to fund an irrigation project. Irrigation systems can relieve the stress of unpredictable weather for farmers and their families.