

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating Holy Communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

#### 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.

**PARKING LOT WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE** for those who prefer to worship outside. Please park in the first few spaces closest to the Dock Street and tune your radio to **90.1 FM.** 

#### 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 worshiping 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.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

3rd Sunday of Easter – May 1st, 2022 Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972 570-385-2657 \* www.jerusalemlutheran.com FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

#### PREPARATION

#### PRELUDE

#### With Verdure Clad

Joseph Hadyn

The bell rings calling us to worship.

#### EASTER GREETING

The presiding minister says to the assembly: The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. The light of Christ! Thanks be to God!

#### GREETING SONG Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

From the "With One Voice Hymnal, # 671"

#### Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Presiding minister sings the verse 1 time. The congregation joins in and sings this verse with the minister 2 times.

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city. through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### **GATHERING**

#### ENTRANCE HYMN This Joyful Eastertide

# 391

#### GREETING

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.* Jesus Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!** 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





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the assembly in prayer.

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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

The assembly is seated.

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said. "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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

#### Acts 9:1-20

#### PSALM <sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-<sup>|</sup>ed me up and have not let my enemies triumph | over me. <sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried | out to you, and you restored | me to health. <sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, <sup>|</sup> from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. <sup>4</sup>Sing praise to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you faithful; give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance. <sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes <sup>1</sup> in the morning. <sup>6</sup>While I felt se-<sup>1</sup> cure, I said, "I shall never | be disturbed.

- <sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.
- <sup>8</sup>I cried to | you, O LORD;

I pleaded with | my Lord, saving,

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down <sup>1</sup> to the pit? Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and have mer-<sup>1</sup> cy upon me;

O LORD, be my helper."

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever.

#### SECOND READING

#### Revelation 5:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

and honor and glory and blessing!"

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honor and glory and might

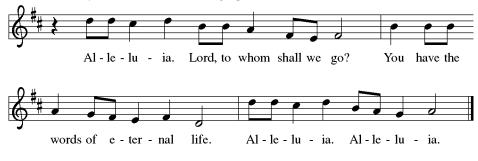
forever and ever!"

<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



#### GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

## The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said

to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

#### SERMON FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

#### SERMON

### the Rev. Larry Laine

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

HYMN OF THE DAY A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! # 393 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 INTERSESSION

The assisting 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.

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. A brief silence.

the Rev. Larry Laine

O God of new beginnings, fill us with words, vision, and touch as we, like the apostles Philip and James, invite guests to worship with us, share in communion and reach out in justice to a world sorely in need of your presence. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

O Lord, this land is your land. As tenants we have destroyed and devastated the ecosystems of balance through neglect and abuse and a desire to fulfill our insatiable appetites of food and wealth. Restore and reestablish plants and animals. Give us a conscience of sacredness for your earth in our collaboration with you. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

O God, for all who plan, implement, and labor, often without rest, give them hope as they struggle. Treat all with a sense of fairness and just wages. Provide for our living needs, especially to those who are deprived of food, water, and clean air. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

O Lord, so many cry to you for help, especially those we name aloud before you. Be a balm for their sorrow. Turn their mourning into dancing. Feed them from your abundance. Clothe them with joy. Heal them with the oil of righteousness and compassion. Put a testimony of blessing and praise on their lips. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Be present to faithful ones persecuted for following you *and especially the churches in autocratic and atheistic cultures.* Sustain them by your faithfulness. Give them strength in the name of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Join our voices with angels, creatures, and all the saints in praising Christ and bestowing upon him all blessing, honor, and glory. Reveal Christ's glory to us and through us in our worship. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Pastor: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; 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.

#### CHOIR ANTHEM

#### The Chief Cornerstone

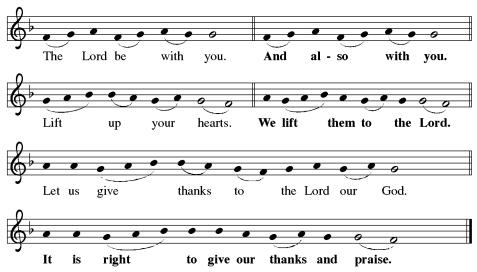
**Bradley Ellingboe** 

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

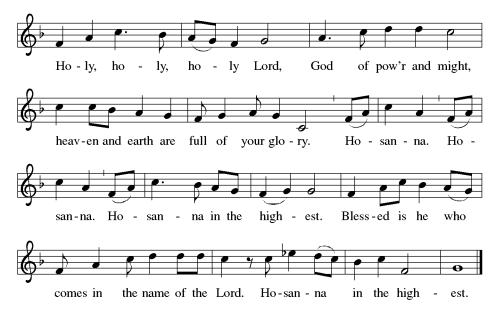
#### MEAL

#### 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 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

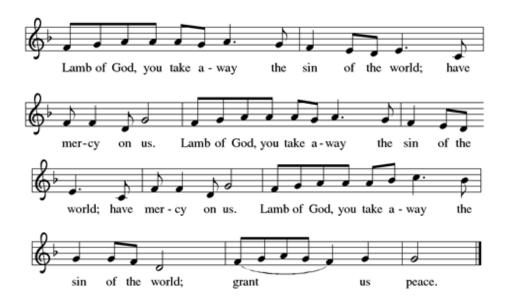
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and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

*The presiding minister says:* The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

#### The assembly is seated.

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. If you wish to receive communion at your seat please speak with an usher.



**COMMUNION ANTHEM** 

His Eye is On the Sparrow Don White, solo Martin/Gabriel

#### 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 assisting minister leads the prayer. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

#### **SENDING**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated

#### BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing. God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever. Amen.

#### SENDING SONG

#### DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission. Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

#### A Millennial Trumpet

#### **Franklin Ashdown**

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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, Deb Esposito, Rob Baessler, Stanley Daniels, Darlene and Bob Zechman, Diane Laine, Eileen Guitas, Zoey Heydt, Bill O'Donnell

#### 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, Pat Thomas, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Harold & Fay Sausser, Ruth Brown, Kevin Seibert, William O'Donnell

#### 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
Assisting Minister	Ellayna Boyer	Jim Covert
Lector	Lou Messina	Jill McCloy
Communion Assistants	Karen Ochenrider	Linda Covert
Ushers	Bill Shay	Tom Goshler
	John Macnutt	Amy Goshler
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rick Heckrote
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed,	and Marie Shay

#### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Lou Messina	Rabekah CdeBaca
Lector	Deb Reed	Tanya Cartwright
Communion Assistants	Joy Heffner	Rob Baessler
Ushers	Faith Batz	Frank Mahoney
	Donald Nettles	Greg Gross

Paul Boyer	Rachel Kramer
Lou Messina and J	anet Sattizahn

WEEKLY NEWS THE FLOWERS IN THE ATLAR VASES are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Russell Crawshaw's 97th birthday in heaven, by his wife, Pauline,

Sound Board

Counters

and family.

**PLEASE SIGN** the birthday card for Pastor Laine. It is at the "Sign-up" Center in the church lobby. And please wish him a happy birthday today! Thanks!

*OUR 3 YEAR MARK FOR THE CAPITAL APPEAL* is coming up on May 5<sup>th</sup>. As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, we have received \$336,416.41 towards our **first** goal of \$350,000! Thank you for your continued generous giving!

**OUR COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE.** Thank you for all your special offerings for Ukraine, the total collected so far is \$1,079.80. All monetary donation will go to Lutheran World Relief to provide food, shelter, care kits, medical supplies, etc. Please drop any last minute donations in the offering plate today, we are sending the money in this week! Thank you so much for your generosity!

**PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN** the two questionnaires past out by our ushers on Palm and Easter Sunday. One form is called the "Congregational Vitality Project" and the other "Reflection Questions for Congregations in Transition." Both forms will help us move forward with the call process in finding a permanent pastor for Jerusalem. Extra copies of the questionnaires can be found on the table in the church lobby between the entrances to the nave. Filled out forms can be placed in the shallow boxes on this table. Thank you!

**ATTENTION WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS.** The new volunteer schedule for May is available for pick up at the "Sign-Up" Center in the church lobby. You can also download a copy from the church website at www.jerusalemlutheran.com. Click on the "Members Tab." A special thank you to all who help worship run smoothly.

**MOTHER'S DAY TEA.** Please join us in the social hall on May 8th for our annual Mother's Day Tea at 9:15 a.m. Please join us for fellowship, food and fun. Feel free to bring a picture of your mother or someone who is like a mother to you. It will be great to share all the wonderful ladies that we hold close to our hearts.

SUMMER NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE is Monday, May 16. Please email articles to mail@jerualemlutheran.com or drop articles in the "Administrator Inbox" in the office. Thank you!

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL OUT THE FORM ON THE BACK OF THE BULLETIN.** Churches thrive on their volunteers. Having our congregation's members, visitors, and friends becoming more active in worship enhances our ability to share God's word. Jerusalem is so grateful for the dedicated worship volunteers that we have. Our current lectors, assisting ministers, soundboard operators, ushers, and communion assistants have made our worship services happen. But our volunteers are few. Please prayerfully consider joining our worship volunteers. Remember the old saying, "Many hands make light work." Thank you!

#### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY	8:00am Worship	
	9:15am Sunday School	
	10:30am Worship	
	2:30pm Schuylkill Mission District Assembly (church library)	
MONDAY	7:00pm Call Committee Meeting (church library)	
TUESDAY	6:30pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting	
	7:00pm Endowment Committee Meeting	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:15pm Bell Rehearsal	
	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	
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We are in need of worship volunteers. If you are willing to serve the church with your talents and become an active part in ministry please let us know we can add you to our volunteer pool. Please fill out this form and drop it into the offering plates. Thank you!

Worship Roles: Usher, Assisting Minister, Lector, Communion Assistant, and Sound Board Operator. We will train!

I/we	would like to
serve as a	at
	(write service time).