

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

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 worshiping 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 worshiping 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

4th Sunday after Epiphany – January 30th, 2022 Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972 570-385-2657 * www.jerusalemlutheran.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 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.

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PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Bach

The bell rings calling us to worship.

GATHERING

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, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

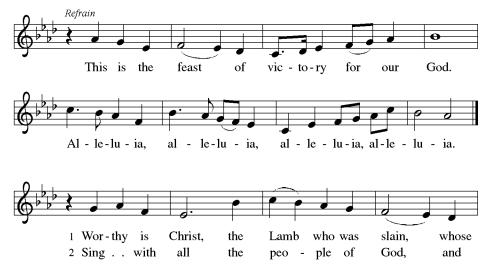
O Zion, Haste

Red Hymnal # 668

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The assembly inside is seated.

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the LORD."

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 71:1-6

¹In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame.
²In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free; incline your ear to | me and save me.
³Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe; you are my crag | and my stronghold.
⁴Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked.

from the clutches of the evildoer and [|] the oppressor.

⁵For you are my hope, ¹O Lord GOD,

my confidence since | I was young.

⁶I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have ¹ been my strength;

my praise shall be al- | ways of you.

SECOND READING

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly inside stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

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

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

SERMON

Pastor Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer

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.

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.

Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of children in this congregation and in this community. Give us humble hearts to follow their leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face. Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your never ending love. 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

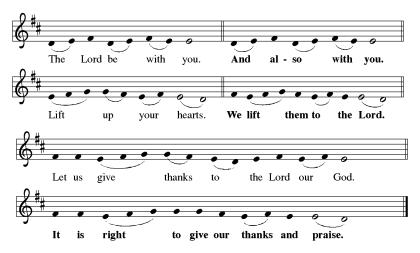
The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

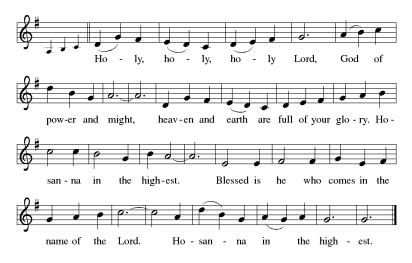
MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks.



The presiding minister continues with the communion preface; and then the assembly responds with "Holy, Holy, Holy."



EUCHARISTIC 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

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

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

Love Has Brought Us Here Together Purple Hymnal # 1040

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated.

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing. God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. Amen.

SENDING SONG

Go My Children, with My Blessing Red Hymnal # 543

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission. Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **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

Flourish

Douglas Wagner

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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, Elizabeth Taylor, Carol Landes, Janice Barr, 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, 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

8:00am	10:30pm
Ellayna Boyer	Lloyd Wertz
Karen Ochenrider	Linda Covert
Deb Reed	Rebekah CdeBaca
John Macnutt	Mark Conville
Faith Batz	Sheila Conville
Melissa Boyer	Danika Kuhar
Linda Collins & Rob Bae	ssler
	Ellayna Boyer Karen Ochenrider Deb Reed John Macnutt Faith Batz

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30pm
Assisting Ministers	Ellayna Boyer	Linda Covert
Lectors	Conner Roeder	Jill McCloy
Communion Assistants	Joy Heffner	Rob Baessler

Ushers	John Macnutt	Donald Boyer
	Faith Batz	Greg Gross
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rick Heckrote
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed,	and Marie Shay

THE ALTAR VASES are empty today to acknowledge the end of Freed's Flowers in Schuylkill Haven, and to give thanks to God for the Freed family.

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.

A JERUSALEM "SOUP"-ER BOWL. Starting February 6th through the 13th, 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 <u>can of soup</u> (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 <u>pop-top can</u> 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!!!

THANK YOU TO OUR PROPERTY COMMITTEE AND ESPECIALLY WAYNE YEAGER AND RICK HECKROTE! Last week, the church had the title floors in the social hall, hallways, choir room & choir office, and the Youth Building cleaned. This required all furniture and other items to be moved out of those rooms and then put back. Truly exhausting work! We really appreciate all our volunteers. If you see Wayne or Rick, please, stop to thank them. ACOLYTE TRAINING: Jerusalem will be holding an Acolyte Training session on Sunday, February 20, at 9:15 am. All youth who are in 5th grade or older and any interested adults may attend. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for those interested with more information. Any questions, contact Pastor Jim Covert.

PLEASE SIGN THE VALENTINE CARDS JERUSALEM'S SHUT INS. You can also pick up a Shut in list of names in the church lobby. Thank you!

JERUSALEM CHURCH DIRECTORIES FOR 2022 WILL BE PRINTED BY VALENTINES DAY. Please take a moment to look over the contact information we have for you. At the "Sign-Up" Center in the lobby. If corrections are needed please alert the church office.

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2021! Attention church committee chairpersons, please complete an Annual Report for last year on the ministry of your committee. If you have financial information to share, please include that too. Reports can be emailed to mail@jerusalemlutheran.com or a paper copy can be dropped in the "Administrator Inbox" in the church office. Thanks!

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, 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 is still speaking! And what is God in Christ Jesus saying to you, to us as siblings in Christ?

"I am with you always. You are never alone." – Matthew 28:20 Presence is always with us. It is constant on our part to bring our hearts and minds into that presence, be open to what we are being shown or hear, and respond with thanksgiving and action. Be in Christ as Christ is in us! Give thanks and praise for this gift!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY	8:00am Worship
	9:15am Sunday school
	10:30am Worship
TUESDAY	7:00pm Endowment Committee Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:15pm Bell Rehearsal
	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

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