



*The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.*

## **WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.**

- **IN-PARKING LOT WORSHIPERS**, please park in the first few spaces closest to Dock Street, and set your radio to **90.1 FM**. Bulletins and other handouts will be distributed after you have parked your car, and your offering will be gathered then as well. For Communion, please hold onto the wafers in plastic bags that you will have been given until the consecration and invitation to commune takes place later in the service. Pastor will try to lead part of the service from outside. Rest rooms are available in the church building.
- **IN-PERSON WORSHIPERS**, please park at the far side of the front lot, the back lot, or one of the handicap spaces. Bulletins and other handouts will be distributed after you enter the lobby, and your offering will be gathered at that time. Masks will be worn in the building, or outside when talking to others, and everyone needs to stay six feet away from people in other households. Because speaking and singing can spread the virus even when wearing masks, we will not speak the responses out loud or sing – the assisting minister will speak the responses in the service and a cantor will sing on our behalf.
- **VISITORS**, we welcome you! In this uncertain time of a pandemic, we believe that that grace-filled love of God made known in Jesus Christ, and proclaimed in scripture, prayer, and worship sustains us even now – and so 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.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter – April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972**

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## GATHERING

PRELUDES

*My Shepherd will Supply My Need*  
American Folk Melody  
*O Blessed Spring*

arr. Hal Hopson

James Biery

*The bell rings calling us to worship.*

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*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.**

God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness  
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and  
by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us,  
and lead us, so that we may delight  
in your will and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister  
Of the church of Christ, and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness

of all your sins, in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING

**ENTRANCE HYMN**      *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*      # 367

- 1    Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
     in praise of love that still abounds:  
     "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
     Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
     Repeat their song of glory here:  
     "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
     Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 2    Eternal is the gift he brings,  
     therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
     "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
     Now still he comes to give us life  
     and by his presence stills all strife.  
     "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
     Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 3    Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
     set heart and will on things above  
     that we conquer through your triumph;  
     grant grace sufficient for life's day  
     that by our lives we truly say:  
     "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
     Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 4    Adoring praises now we bring  
     and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
     "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
     Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
     to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
     all the glory, never ending!  
     Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.*

*Text © 1958 Service Book and Hymnal, admin. Augsburg Fortress.*

## **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**




*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,




al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### PSALM

Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no  
evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

## **GOSPEL**

**John 10:11-18**

*The assembly inside stands for the gospel.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **ANTHEM**

*Oh Lord, Be My Shepherd*

**Logan Polak, soloist**

*A prerecorded anthem is available to view in Sunday's recorded service on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**Tanya Cartwright**

*A prerecorded children's sermon is available to view in Sunday's recorded service on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.*

## **SERMON**

**Pastor David Rowe**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

**# 778**

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

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake;  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table thou hast richly spread  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling-place shall be;  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

*Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650*

## **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.*

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. *A brief silence.*

Loving Shepherd, you know your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we may bear witness to your expansive love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, country sides and deserts, may abound with life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Hope-giving Shepherd, the nations and peoples are your heritage. Place into the hearts of all leaders and rulers the passion to serve. Crucify any desire to overpower others and give leaders joy in lifting up the lowly. In the aftermath of a police officer found guilty of manslaughter and murder, bring justice to racism, and renewed integrity to the criminal justice system. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we may direct our lives toward those in need, especially in this time of the COVID Pandemic. Help us love one another in truth and action. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Inspire our community in our life together and give, bring healing to the sick, exhausted, or troubled, and to all whom we now raise in prayer before you.... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Eternal Shepherd, you hold us securely in your loving hands. In the assurance of resurrection hope, we remember our loved ones who have died in you. Bring us, with them, to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

## **MEAL**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 God thanks and praise.**



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

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## **THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION**

*The thanksgiving concludes:*

. . . For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

. . . To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen, amen, amen.**

...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.

*Communion wafers that have been distributed and now consecrated, are eaten.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.

Satisfy the hunger still around us,

and send us as joyful witnesses,

that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The assembly may be seated.*

### BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

# 502

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still;  
thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

*Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877*

### DISMISSAL

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

*March Purcell*

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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, Sam Huff, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Donna Evans, Joan Heckrote, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, Kenny Noecker, Nancy Reese, David Huff, Paul Calderone, Nicholas LaScala, Gail Kunkel, Lee Llewellyn, Dennis Heydt, Caroline Eister, Jeanette Stine, Christopher Payonk, Seth Ney, Renee Shade, Ben Moyer, Gaylene Ebling, Wally Foose, Craig Heffner, Jane Deibert, Judy Reihman, Tom Cook, Sylvia Edling, Joe Dewald, Ronald Bromwell, Carla Zelinsky, Lisa Weiser, Janest Yost, Anna Mae Berger, Madge Miller, Kathleen Kelleher, Melissa Focht, Jason Brown, Teagan Brown, Brenda Phillips, Family of Keith Ramsey, Cecelia Kacmar, Lois Pavelko, Edith Kriner, Melanie Hart, Janice Moore, Christie O'Dell, John Cooper, Florence Shay, Clarence Zweizig, Jayden Leiby, Melvin Rodriguez & family, Dorothy Moyer, Bruce Stees, JoAnn Baker Copley, Carlene Wenner, Christy Deaton Stocks, Maria Motto, Katharine Macnutt, Peter Spontak, Kim O'Donnell, Leslie Wagner, Mateo Thomas, Barry Heffner, Charlotte Moyer, Phyllis Trinca Czech, Ed Sirianni, Stephen Edwards, Lester Aungst III, Christa Miller, David Griffiths, Stanley Daniels, Beryl Zulick, Jim Heisler, Cathy Covach-Hale, Carole Gehrig, Edith Kriner, Kathie Frantz

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

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Elizabeth Taylor, Carol Landes, Maureen Moyer, Janice Barr, Donna Drenzo, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Bob Yanek, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Mark Noecker, Anna Heffner, David Wise, Joan Stefichack, Bill Everly, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Sara Berger, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Pat Thomas, Nathan Resch, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Gemma Geary

### **Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Major Michael Shay, Staff Sgt. Joseph Moyer, Senior Airman Matthew Nettles, Airman Jackie Nettles, 2nd LT Heather Strouse, Sgt. Travis D. Miller, Sgt. Anthony Cooper, Private 3rd Class Caleb Levan

## **WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY**

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	<b>Lou Messina</b>	<b>Rob Baessler</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Faith Batz</b> <b>Bill Shay</b>	<b>Don Boyer</b> <b>Lloyd Wertz</b>
<b>Cantor(s)</b>	<b>Mary Rowe</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Linda Covert</b>
<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Melissa Boyer</b>	<b>Danika Kuhar</b>
<b>Video Recorder</b>		<b>Joanne Wertz</b>

**Counters**

**Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, & Janet Sattizahn**

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	<b>Mary Rowe</b>	<b>Jim Covert</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Faith Batz</b>	<b>Deb Reed</b>
	<b>Conner Roeder</b>	<b>Hunter Reed</b>
<b>Cantor(s)</b>	<b>Audrey Christ</b>	<b>Lloyd Wertz</b>
<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Melissa Boyer</b>	<b>Rachel Kramer</b>
<b>Video Recorder</b>	<b>Kyle Nettles</b>	
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Linda Collins, Deb Reed, &amp; Marie Shay</b>	

***THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES*** are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Fred Wenner, on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death by Shelia & Mark Conville and Family.

***THANK YOU TO TODAY'S CANTORS***, Mary Rowe and Jim and Linda Covert! Our online anthem is sent to us from Audrey's student, Logan Polak!

***ALL CREATION SINGS***, a supplement for our hymnal with additional hymns, many of which were written since our "red hymnal" was published, will soon be available. As we continue to treasure older hymns, global hymns, and newer hymns, we look forward to buying and using this supplement to enrich our worship. The cost is \$12.50 each, with orders due to us by June 1 (so that we can order at the introductory price, before the higher price goes into effect on June 15). We need about 180 hymnals for our pews. Please use the hymnal envelopes to make your gift and indicate if it is a memorial, in honor of someone, or to the glory of God.

***ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2020*** are available in the lobby or from an outside usher. More than dollars and statistics, the annual reports also provide narrative descriptions for our congregational ministry in the past year. This is even more important during the pandemic to remind us that even though some ministries look quite different, and others have been paused, Christ was still proclaimed, and witness and service still took place. In addition, a PHOTOGRAPHIC YEAR IN REVIEW for 2020 is showing in our lobby, as well as available through the links on our website ([www.jerusalem.lutheran.com](http://www.jerusalem.lutheran.com)) and our Facebook page.

***CATHY COVACH-HALE*** is receiving chemotherapy once every three weeks (which hits her hard for several days), and needs both prayer and help with meals. She and her sons Noah and Luke live in town, and either meals or gift cards would make meals easier on the days when she is sick. Please see Linda Covert who is coordinating meals, if you would like to help.

***ALTAR VASE SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE*** on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is also Pentecost Sunday. Please contact the church office if interested.

***APPRISE PROGRAM WITH DIAKON COMMUNITY SERVICES*** will be offering free Medicare guidance and assistance to the people of Schuylkill

County. On April 28, the APPRISE Program will run a New to Medicare 101 Session at the Meadowbrook Center in Schuylkill Haven from 6:00-7:30. Unfortunately, many people who are turning 65 or eligible for Medicare do not understand their options, rights, and coverage. We would like to put an end to that by providing sessions throughout Schuylkill to help future Medicare beneficiaries understand their new insurance. To register please call 570-624-3026/ email at [oravitzd@diakon.org](mailto:oravitzd@diakon.org).

**BEAR CREEK MAY PLAY DAY** is Saturday, May 1st from 10am -3pm. Enjoy boating, games campfire, arts and crafts, guided nature hikes. Camp store will be open. Event is free. Lunch will cost \$10 per person and is optional (hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, sides and drinks). You can pack your own lunch. They will follow all CDC guidelines and masks will be required. Registration is required if participating even if you are not eating lunch. Please see Tanya to register. Car caravan will meet in the parking lot at 8:30am.

**SUMMER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** will be due by Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Articles can be sent via email to [mail@jerusalem.lutheran.com](mailto:mail@jerusalem.lutheran.com) or dropped in the "Administrator Inbox" in the church office. Thanks!

**SCHUYLKILL HAVEN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT** will hold Baccalaureate by Zoom again this year, to reduce the risk of virus spread preventing any seniors from participating in graduation. The date selected was Sunday, May 23, at 4 PM.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EVENTS.** Protect and enhance your marriage. Virtual and in-person events are scheduled. Scholarship funds are also available for those in need. Please visit [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) to sign up.

**ARE YOU FULLY VACCINATED YET?** If so, please make sure you tell us. Forms are in the lobby to leave in the office, or you can email the office ([mail@jerusalem.lutheran.com](mailto:mail@jerusalem.lutheran.com)) without a form. Not only does the Lutheran Church STRONGLY support vaccinations against the Coronavirus, but we also need to develop herd immunity in order to resume singing as a congregation. Our ELCA is relying on the recommendations of Sing: The Center for Congregational Song (<https://congregational-song.org/covid-updates-congregational-song/>) to help us determine on the basis of scientific findings when we will be able to sing together. Using their work, we are looking for at least a 75% vaccination rate before we lift our voices together in song. So the more, and the sooner we can get vaccinated, the sooner we can consider singing again.

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

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00am Worship 9:15am Confirmation Class/Sunday School 10:30am Worship
<b>TUESDAY</b>	5:30pm JCCC Staff Meeting (Via Zoom)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:00pm Property Committee Meeting
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:30am Bear Creek May Play Day

## **EARTH DAY, 2021: HEALING THE EARTH: FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL INITIATIVES**

How can we heal the earth in the simple everyday decisions we make about growing, eating and disposing of our food? How can we heal the earth through sustainability projects and interfaith, local, and international advocacy efforts?

Join us as we explore these questions in our Earth Day Series taking place in April and May on Zoom. Follow this link <https://forms.gle/8Tbhjc2temTKxRw58> to register for any or all of the four Sunday Sessions on Zoom which will take place at 12:00 p.m. Register no later than the Friday before each presentation. Questions? Call 610-866-5661

This program has been planned by members of Central Moravian Church, The Cathedral Church of the Nativity, and the Universal Unitarian Church of Bethlehem. It is funded by the Elizabeth Johnston Prime Fund of Central Moravian Church. Presentations will be available after the sessions on the Central Moravian Church YouTube Channel.

April 25, 2021

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Zoom.

The Food Arc: From Joyful Consumption to Reverent Disposal  
Kathy Fox, The Bethlehem Food Coop  
Lynnette Delbridge, Master Composter  
Beth Behrend, Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council

Kathy Fox, a member of the Bethlehem Food Coop (BFC) Board of Directors, will talk with us about finding healthy food in our local area. In particular, she will speak on behalf of the BFC, explaining what a food co-op is, what it will bring to Bethlehem, and the economic, community, and sustainability benefits of supporting and purchasing from a food co-op.

Lynnette Delbridge, an experienced composter trained most recently in the New York City Master Composter Program will discuss practical and theological reasons for composting, demonstrate various composting methods at home, and the benefits of using compost to improve garden soil. Beth Behrend, who teaches math at East Stroudsburg University and who serves on the Bethlehem Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) as the head of the waste reduction committee, will talk about ways we can reduce our food waste at home and through the city. She will offer tips for conscious shopping habits and the EAC's city-wise composting project.

May 16, 2021

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Zoom.

The Infrastructure Revolution: Financial Support for Sustainability  
Projects

Alfred Griffin, Senior Managing Director and Head of Generate Credit

Alfred Griffin served for seven years as the founding President of the New York State Green Bank and is now a Senior Managing Director and Head of Generate Credit at Generate Capital, a leading sustainable infrastructure company. He is an adjunct professor at the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs where he teaches “Clean Energy Financial Innovation.” Alfred will discuss proven technologies that can help reduce greenhouse gases, how they can be financed, and clean energy projects that can help us move toward a more sustainable world.

May 23, 2021

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Changing Hearts and Minds: Interfaith and International Advocacy for the  
Planet

Fletcher Harper, Executive Director of Green Faith

The Rev. Fletcher Harper is Green Faith’s Executive Director and a pioneer in the global religious environmental movement. He has led organizing for multi-faith turnout at major climate mobilizations, including the historic Peoples Climate March in New York City in 2014. He works in the fossil fuel divestment movement, co-founded SHINE, an NGO which makes renewable energy available to women and communities in Africa and India, and is actively involved in interfaith efforts to protect the tropical rainforests and the rights of their indigenous guardians. He is the author of *Green Faith: Mobilizing God’s People to Protect the Earth*. Fletcher will talk with us about local, national, and international interfaith efforts to mobilize people of faith to advocate for our planet and ways we can get involved, particularly through Green faith Circles.

Geranium Flowers for



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Orders are being accepted for Red Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cost per plant is \$4.25. All plants must be paid for through the Church. Please make checks out to Jerusalem Lutheran Church. Please fill out your order on this sheet. Orders and money due by Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

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