



*The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

**WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.**

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP!**

Children’s bulletins and coloring pages 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 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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**HOLY COMMUNION**

4th Sunday of Easter – May 8th, 2022  
Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972  
570-385-2657 \* [www.jerusalemchurch.com](http://www.jerusalemchurch.com)  
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## PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

*In Christ Alone*

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

*The bell rings calling us to worship.*

### 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.

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

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     *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*  
Red Hymnal # 596

*1 Verse: All Sing*  
*2 Verse: Women Sing*  
*3 Verse: Men Sing*  
*4 Verse: All Sing*

### **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     *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*  
Music and Lyrics by Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse, 1989

*Verse:*

Wonderful, merciful Savior  
precious redeemer and friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
rescue the souls of men?  
O You rescue the souls of men

*Verse:*

Counselor, Comforter Keeper  
spirit we long to embrace;  
you offer hope when our hearts have  
hopelessly lost our way.  
O we've hopelessly lost our way

*Verse:*

You are the One that we praise.  
You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our  
hearts always hunger for.  
O our hearts always hunger for

*Verse:*

Almighty, infinite Father,  
faithfully loving your own.  
Here in our weakness You find us  
falling before Your throne.  
O we're falling before Your throne.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the assembly in prayer.*

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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

**Acts 9:36-43**

*The assembly is seated.*

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

<sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.

<sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

**Psalm 23**

*The assisting minister reads the Psalm.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;

I shall not<sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down<sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be-<sup>1</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my<sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways<sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall<sup>1</sup> fear no  
evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>1</sup> comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence<sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>1</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the<sup>1</sup> LORD forever.**

**SECOND READING**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



A - lle - lu - ia He is worthy A - lle - lu - ia to be praised.



Give Him glo - ry Give Him ho - nor That is due un - to His name.

## **GOSPEL**

**John 10:22-30**

*The assembly stands for the gospel.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**the Rev. Robert Reier**

**SERMON**

**the Rev. Robert Reier**

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

**Red Hymnal # 392**

*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 INTERCESSION**

*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.*

Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation. Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Inspire the words of prophets and saints who employ innovative imagery to stretch our understanding. Send Christ to instruct us with motherly care. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. 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.**

## **ANTHEM**

### *My Tribute*

**Words and Music by Andraé Crouch**

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

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The assembly stands. 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 our thanks and praise.**

*The presiding minister continues with the communion preface; then the assembly responds:*

## *Be Unto Your Name*

**Words and Music by Lynn DeShazo and Gary Sadler, 1998**



We are the bro - ken, You are the Heal - er. Je - sus, Re-deem - er,



might - y to save. You are the love\_\_ song we'll sing for-ev - er,



bow - ing be - fore\_\_ You, bless - ing Your name.\_\_\_ | Ho - ly, ho - ly,



Lord God Al-might - y, wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain. High - est



prais - es, hon - or and glo - ry be un - to Your - name.



be un - to Your name.\_\_\_\_



## **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**

*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 MUSIC**

## **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**

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**Red Hymnal # 789**

### **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**

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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, Rob Baessler, Stanley Daniels, Darlene and Bob Zechman, Diane Laine, Eileen Guitas, Zoey Heydt, Bill O'Donnell, Ann Marie Pyle

#### **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, Cheryl Feeser

#### **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	Lou Messina	Rabekah CdeBaca
Lector	Deb Reed	Tanya Cartwright
Communion Assistants	Joy Heffner	Rob Baessler
Ushers	Faith Batz Donald Nettles	Frank Mahoney Greg Gross
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Rachel Kramer
Counters	Lou Messina and Janet Sattizahn	

### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Karen Ochenrider	Phil Kriner
Lector	Laurie Bedford	Bob McCloy
Communion Assistants	Julie Coleman	Beverly Kriner
Ushers	Joy Heffner Bill Shay	Noah & Luke Hale Mike Sausser

Sound Board  
Counters

Melissa Boyer  
Linda Collins, Deb Reed, and Marie Shay

Rachel Kramer

## **WEEKLY NEWS**

***THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES*** are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of grandmother, Maude Rhoades (Bright), by Samantha Rhodes, and in loving memory of grandmother, Sadie Moyer, by Samantha Rhodes.

***THE ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS*** is to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of mother, Reta Rhodes, by Samantha.

***THE TOTAL FOR OUR 3 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAPITAL APPEAL*** is \$337,958.41 towards our **FIRST** goal of \$350,000! Paying off this loan entirely will depend on how quickly we can pay down our principle balance while interest accrues. Thank you for your continued generous giving!

***THE FINAL TOTAL FOR OUR COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE*** came too \$1,214.33! Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters in Ukraine! All monetary donations are being sent to Lutheran World Relief to provide food, shelter, care kits, medical supplies, etc.

***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!

***MOTHER'S DAY TEA.*** Please join us TODAY in the social hall at 9:15 am for fellowship, food and fun.

***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!

***PROPERTY COMMITTEE WORKDAY SATURDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FROM 9:00AM – NOON.*** Please help us get our church ready for summer!

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

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00am Worship
	9:15am Sunday School / Mother’s Day Tea
	10:30am Worship
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting
	7:00pm Church Council Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:15pm Bell Rehearsal
	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY</b>	12:30pm Blood Drive