



*To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.*

**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.

**COVID-19 INFORMATION & CURRENT WORSHIP PRACTICES**

- We have resumed congregational speaking and singing in the building.
  - Hymnals are available in the pew racks.
  - Wine and grape juice are once again being offered from the chalice.
  - The offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary by the door.
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**HOLY COMMUNION**

5th Sunday after Pentecost – July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972  
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## GATHERING

PRELUDE

(8:00) *Church Sonata in Eb*  
(10:30) *Largo*

Mozart  
Antonio Dvorak

(10:30) Charlotte Fiscus, flute & Sue Gerhart, piano

*The bell rings calling us to worship.*

TEMPLE TALK

(8:00) Bill Shay & (10:30) Lloyd Wertz

OPENING PRAYER

*O God We Call*

Purple Hymnal # 1075

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

O God, we call, O God, we call, from

deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from

deep in - side we yearn for you.

Text: Linnea Good, b. 1962

Music: O GOD, WE CALL, Linnea Good

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.  
Amen.**

Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.  
**Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**      *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*  
**Red Hymnal # 779**

**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.**

**KYRIE**

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e      e - lei - son,      on our world and on      our way.



Ky-ri - e      e - lei - son,      ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The presiding minister leads the assembly in prayer.*

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

*The assembly is seated. The lector reads the lessons from the pulpit.*

<sup>9</sup>The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM****Psalm 25:1-10***The lector and the congregation read the Psalm responsively.*<sup>1</sup>To <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,I lift <sup>1</sup> up my soul.**<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be <sup>1</sup> put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph <sup>1</sup> over me.**<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be <sup>1</sup> put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame <sup>1</sup> who are treacherous.**<sup>4</sup>Show me your <sup>1</sup> ways, O LORD,  
and teach <sup>1</sup> me your paths.**<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your <sup>1</sup> truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all <sup>1</sup> the day long.**<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compas- <sup>1</sup> sion and love,  
for they are from <sup>1</sup> everlasting.**<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and <sup>1</sup> my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your  
good- <sup>1</sup> ness, O LORD.**<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up- <sup>1</sup> right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners <sup>1</sup> in your way.**<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- <sup>1</sup> ly in justice  
and teach the low- <sup>1</sup> ly your way.**<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast <sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your <sup>1</sup> testimonies.****SECOND READING****Colossians 1:1-14**<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his

beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 10:25-37**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup>He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

<sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

<sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell

into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy."  
Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

**CHILDREN SERMON**

**the Rev. Larry Laine**

**SERMON**

**the Rev. Larry Laine**

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

**Red Hymnal # 712**

*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 presiding 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.*

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Good and gracious God, you have placed your word of love in the heart of your church. Fill your church with compassion, that we bear the fruit of your healing mercy to a broken world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You created the earth with seeds sprouting up to new life. We pray for the flourishing of fruit trees and orchards, vines and bushes. Prosper the work of those who plant, tend, harvest, and gather. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Show us your ways and teach us your paths of justice and love. Raise up community and national leaders to challenge and dismantle societal structures that perpetuate ethnic, racial, and religious profiling and discrimination. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Come near to all in need. Orchestrate kindness in the face of cruelty, hope where there is despair, love in the face of neglect, comfort where there is death, and healing in illness. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Turn this community toward neighbors in need. Bring aid and support to those who are poor, beaten down, abused, forgotten, silenced, or avoided. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints who revealed your love and mercy in this life. Inspired by their witness, strengthen us to live in hope. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**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**

**(8:00) *I Say Rejoice***

**Tammy Waldrop**

**Lou Messina, Julie Coleman, & Brenda Searle**

**(10:30) *This is Amazing Grace***

**Josh Farro**

**Katie Dietrich, vocals & Michele Dietrich, piano**

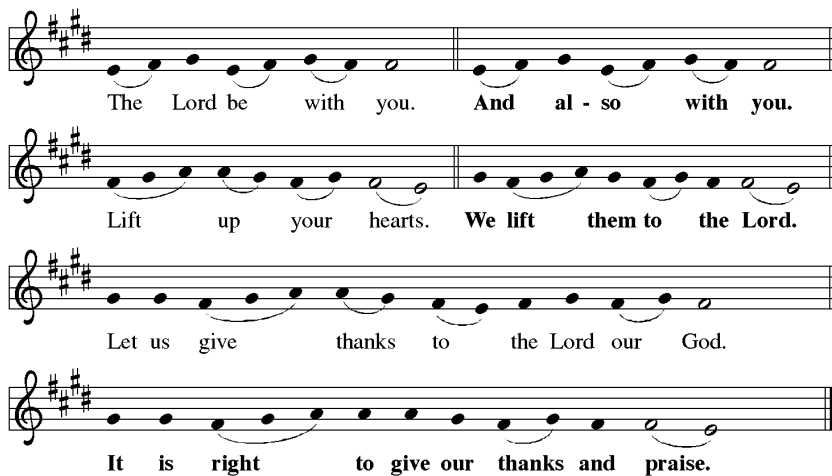
*God's Word is sung or played as an offering. Let us participate in the anthem with our prayerful listening.*



## MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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



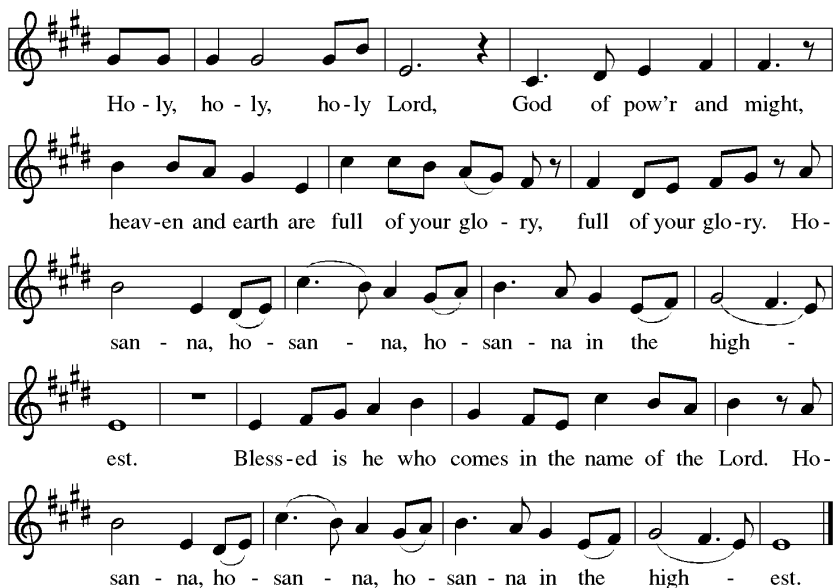
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER V

...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

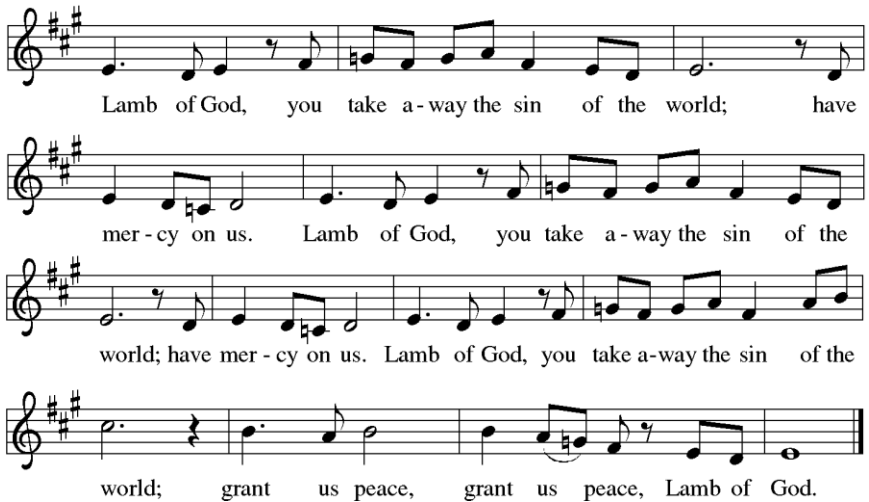
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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:*

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.



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

*The assembly is seated. All baptized Christians who wish to receive Christ in the meal are welcome to receive the Eucharist. Ushers will dismiss you by pew.*

*Please take an empty glass if you wish to receive wine, or a glass prefilled with grape juice.*

*If you wish to receive communion at your seat please speak with an usher. And please, if your children do not yet receive Holy Communion, bring them forward for a blessing.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** (8:00) *Bless the Lord*  
Lou Messina, Julie Coleman, & Brenda Searle  
arr. Tammy Waldrop  
(10:30) *What a Beautiful Name*  
Katie Dietrich, solo

Ben Fielding

**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 presiding minister leads the prayer.*

Life-giving God,

through this meal you have bandaged our wounds

and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others,

both friend and stranger,

that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS INTRODUCTION TO GWOH 2022** Linda Covert

*The assembly may be seated*

**BLESSING**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

The God of peace,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you, comfort you,

and show you the path of life

this day and always.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Red Hymnal # 836

**DISMISSAL**

*The presiding minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

(8:00) *Hymn To Joy*

Beethoven/arr. Matthew Carl

(10:30) *Day by Day*

arr. John Innes

Michele Dietrich, piano & Audrey Christ, organ

## 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, 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, 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, Stanley Daniels, Darlene and Bob Zechman, Diane Laine, Eileen Guitas, Zoey Heydt, Bill O'Donnell, Ann Marie Pyle, Lisa Katiou, Lee Miller, Tammy Hoover

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

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Carol Landes, Donna Drenzo, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Anna Heffner, David Wise, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Harold & Fay Sausser, Ruth Brown, Kevin Seibert, William O'Donnell, Cheryl Feeser, Cathy Covach-Hale

#### **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
Lector	Linda Covert	Linda Covert
Communion Assistants	Joy Heffner Julie Coleman	
Ushers	Faith Batz Don Nettles	Frank Mahoney Don Boyer
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Gary Reager
Acolyte		
Counters	Lou Messina and Janet Sattizahn	
Altar Guild	Janet Sattizahn	

### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Lector	Laurie Bedford	Bev Kriner
Communion Assistants	Karen Ochenrider	

Ushers	Joy Heffner	Frank Mahoney
	Faith Batz	Tom Gohsler
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rick Heckrote
Acolyte		
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed, & Marie Shay	
Altar Guild	Janet Sattizahn	

## **WEEKLY NEWS**

***THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES*** are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Robert E. Young by his wife, Annie, and the family.

***THE FLOWERS IN THE FLOOR VASES*** are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of my mom, Carole Gehrig, in honor of her birthday on July 13<sup>th</sup> by daughter, Karen Dudley.

***THE FLOWERS ON THE FLOOR*** in front of the pulpit and in front of the old “assisting minister” chair are from Rob Baessler’s funeral this past Wednesday. After the service we invite anyone who would like a flower to take some home from these arrangements.

***WE WELCOME TALENTED MUSICIANS*** from Frieden’s Lutheran Church, Shartlesville at today’s 10:30 am service. Please greet them!

***AS OF JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>***, our capital appeal donations were \$343,015.27! We’ve almost made it to our **FIRST** goal! Thanks to all for your offerings!

***THE PRAISE TEAM WILL PLAY ON SUNDAY, JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>!***

***TODAY IS THE KICKOFF FOR OUR GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS 2022 PROJECT!*** This year GOD’s Work, Our Hands Sunday is on September 11th. Given the date, we thought it would be a good time to honor our first responders. We have chosen the 3 Fire Companies in Schuylkill Haven to give useful donations. Please join us for fellowship after the services.

***FAITH AND FAMILIES MOVIE NIGHT*** will be Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the church library. Come celebrate Christmas in July! The movie will be Home Sweet Home Alone (PG). Drinks and snacks provided. Please sign-up at the “Sign-Up” Center. Thanks!

***OUR NEXT MINI-RETREAT*** will be held on Sunday, July 31, beginning at 2:00 pm. Our topic will be **MIRACLES!** What do miracles in the Bible teach us about our faith? What did Jesus want us to understand about God through a miracle? The retreat will be led by Pastor Jim Covert and will be hosted by Pastor Jim and Linda at their home. Bring your Bibles! We will have time to have conversation. We will finish our day with a dinner (meal plans are TBD). A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex of the church. We ask you to sign up if you

plan to come. Let us know how many you will have and write down a phone number. Any questions, contact Pastor Jim and/or Linda. Hope to see you there!

**JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR THIS SPECIAL MUSIC:**

- July 24 @ 10:30- Hometown Saxophone Quartet
- July 31 @ both services- Angela Dowd, cello & vocals
- August 7 @ 10:30- Karin McMillen vocalist (Pastor Laine's daughter)
- August 14 @ 10:30- Karen Terry Ludwig, lap dulcimer & hammered dulcimer (Audrey's aunt)
- August 28 @ 10:30- Judy Schmaldienst Flute Studio

All other special music will be provided by our own church members!

**FALL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** are due by **MONDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>**. Please email your article to mail@jerusalemlutheran.com or drop your written article in the "Administrator Inbox" in the church office. We'd love to spread the word about Jerusalem's fall activities!

**DISCOUNT KNOBELS TICKETS** can be obtained from Christine Spontak. Call 570-745-7630 for more information.

**ALTAR VASE FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE** for Sunday, July 17, and Sunday, July 31. If there is someone you would like to have flowers in honor or in memory of please contact the church office at 570-385-2657. Thank you!

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

**TODAY**                    8:00am    Worship  
                                  9:00am    Fellowship for GWOH Project  
                                  10:30am    Worship  
                                  11:30am    Fellowship for GWOH Project  
**FRIDAY**                    1:00pm    Food Pantry Distribution

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# ↑ CHANGES ARE COMING ↓

## THE WORDS FROM THIS MORNING'S TEMPLE TALK

Some of you may already be aware that our current Office Administrator, Rachel Kramer, has tendered her resignation, as she is moving out of the area. Her resignation is effective August 5<sup>th</sup> having given the Congregation Council a full six weeks of notice in advance of her last day of work.

Your Council has a Personnel Committee which has taken action to update the Current Job Description for the Office/Parish Administrator and will be hoping to post the open position on the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod website, as well as other places where candidates for employment of this type might be recruited. In the interim, there have been conversations with a potential candidate to “fill in” for the essential duties that were part of Rachel’s weekly routine, but not as a full replacement of her in the job of Office Administrator.

We wanted to make you aware of this situation for several reasons.

- First, this is your Congregation and you should be aware of situations that can impact the delivery of support and service that are offered. Perhaps just as important, we hope that a few of you might have some desire to offer additional support for staffing the Office Administrator position, even if it is limited to only making or answering phone calls, during our time of being without Rachel and our hiring of her replacement.
- And finally, if you are aware of any potential replacements; please share the fact that we are actively seeking a new Office Administrator and to apply to our address with a letter of interest as well as some description of their work history and interest in the job. This letter of interest can simply be addressed to the Congregation Council of Jerusalem Lutheran Church at our address here on Dock St.

If any questions occur to you on this issue, feel free to contact me, or other members of our Congregation Council who are pictured on the wall of our hallway leading to the Child Care Program Offices.