



*So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.*

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

- PLEASE PARK FACING THE CHURCH, and dress warmly so that our cars are not idling throughout the service. Of course, a hot beverage, a lap robe or a lap animal may also help. The service will be brief in cold weather, and become longer and include more music and Holy Communion as the mornings get warmer.
- TUNE your radio to **90.1 FM** (the signal is probably too weak to use your radio's Scan command, because it may skip right over it. The broadcast can be heard for about 100 yards)
- SING AS LOUD AS YOU WANT IN YOUR CAR – pretend that you are doing Carpool Karaoke with James Corden on late night television.
- OFFERINGS will be collected as you enter the parking lot by the ushers in bright green vests.
- TO TALK TO EACH OTHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE SERVICE roll down your windows and wear a mask. Due to traffic *please don't get out of your car to mill around* (in addition to members parking their cars, remember that the south side of the parking lot has a public road cutting through it!).
- BATHROOMS are available through the front and back doors of the building.

## **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDES

*Trumpet Tune and Voluntary*

Henry Purcell

*The bell rings calling us to worship.*

### 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,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow  
your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,  
for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,  
you know them;**

**receive them in your divine mercy.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,  
our sins are washed away  
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,  
we are called to be the beloved community  
living out Christ's justice  
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**Amen.**

### 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**



Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### WORD

#### PSALM

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the | brokenhearted  
and binds | up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number | of the stars  
and calls them all | by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;  
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts | up the lowly,**

**but casts the wicked | to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp | to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds**

**and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food | for the cattle  
and for the young ravens | when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> | Hallelujah!

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:29-39**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **ANTHEM**

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

**Audrey Christ, solo**

**Arr. James Koerts**

*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**

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

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*The assembly proclaims the word of God in song.*

*Refrain*

Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

2 In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

3 Give us strength to love each other,  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

4 You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

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**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.*

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church: for ministries of healing and wholeness, for hospital, hospice, and military chaplains, for those serving in prison ministry, for all who proclaim freedom and release in the name of Christ, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For creation: for people throughout the world without access to medical care during this pandemic; for scientists, researchers, and public health leaders; for doctors, nurses, and all medical facility workers during this of the coronavirus, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations: for all who lead in cities and towns, states and countries; for community organizers, school officials, and CEOs; for international health organizations, that in times of trial, fear, pandemic, or hopelessness, they may find freedom in service to those most in need, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For all wearied by life's burdens: for those who are poor, for those lacking supportive relationships, for those crushed by debt, for those struggling with chronic pain or illness, for those exhausted from overwork or stress, and for all who cry out to you, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For this congregation: for ministries centered here at Jerusalem especially as we seek to serve parents and guardians through our child care; for children, youth, and family ministries; for Christian education and confirmation; for ministries of companionship and support; for all who lead, support, or attend worship in person or at home, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the gift of fun and sports: for healthy competition and community building, but also for an awareness of those whose struggles in life – hunger, unemployment, or poverty – make it difficult to enjoy daily life, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, who were called by name and now rest from their labors that their lives serve as witnesses to the goodness of God, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

**Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **THE 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.**

### **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 who cannot be here!*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **SENDING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

God the creator strengthen you;

Jesus the beloved fill you;

and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace. **Amen.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

*March*

**Henry Purcell**

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## **MINISTRY NEWS**

#### **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, Cathy Hale, 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, Faye Sausser, 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

**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 Direnzo, 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 Steficek, 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>8:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	<b>Ellayna Boyer</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Faith Batz</b>	<b>Deb Reed</b>
		<b>Hunter Reed</b>
<b>Cantor(s)</b>	<b>Audrey Christ</b>	<b>Mary Rowe</b>
<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Paul Boyer</b>	<b>Rachel Kramer</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Lou Messina &amp; Janet Sattizahn</b>	

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Joy Heffner</b>	<b>Jim Ziegelbein</b>
		<b>Don Boyer</b>
<b>Cantor(s)</b>		<b>The Coverts</b>
<b>Sound Board</b>		<b>Gary Reager</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Linda Collins, Deb Reed, &amp; Marie Shay</b>	

**WEEKLY NEWS**

**THANK YOU TO TODAY'S CANTORS** Mary Rowe and Audrey Christ. Our anthem for the day is performed by our own Director of Music, Audrey Christ.

**TODAY THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OFFERING** will be gathered for our Council of Churches' Food Pantry.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS** are needed to be ushers, assisting ministers, sound board managers, and video recorders (a smartphone is needed; iPhones preferred because we are familiar with them). Training will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering contact Melissa Boyer or the church office. THANK YOU to everyone, especially Barry Bedford, who made our first drive-in worship service successful!

**ASH WEDNESDAY (Feb. 17!) WORSHIP** will be held at noon and 6:30 as drive-in services. Instead of marking foreheads with ashes, we will be distributing ash crosses with part of Psalm 51 print on the back ("Create in me a clean heart, O God...") that can be carried in a wallet or purse throughout Lent. COMMUNION WAFERS will be distributed in sealed plastic bags when people enter the lot, and then during the service, they will be consecrated and we will receive the Body of Christ given for us for the first time in many weeks. Please remember to bring a cellphone or flashlight to read the bulletin in the dark.

**HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER** will be held on the Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday but before Holy Week (Feb 24 – March 24) at 6:30 at least initially in the parking lot. Instead of sermon series, each week we will lift up a "20th Century Witness" who through their lives and writings, point us toward scripture, neighbor, and faithfulness even in severe and difficult times like these days. In addition to the small, battery -operated tea light that we will give to everyone to place on his/her dashboard for Evening Prayer (The light of Christ,! Thanks be to God!), please remember to bring a cellphone or flashlight to read by.

**OUR CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE** (Deb Reed, Jane Mahoney, Don Boyer, and Pastor) continues to meet and make recommendations to our Church Council about the shape of Jerusalem's ministry in this time of pandemic.

- It continues to monitor the Covid-positivity rate in Schuylkill County (it has come down a good bit since its peak, but is still as high as it was in mid-December, and Schuylkill has had the highest rate in the eight-county Philadelphia area of southeastern Pennsylvania). We will also be keeping an eye on that rate in the aftermath of the Super Bowl when undoubtedly there will be many social gatherings.
- While we had several small public funerals and viewings several months ago, most recently with the much higher rate of infection, our church funerals have either been restricted to the family, or a small family graveside service that has been held with the intention of holding a later, larger memorial service at Jerusalem when it is safer. Hopefully you will not need to plan a funeral during this time, but we recognize both the need of the Rites of the Church when grieving, as well as the fact that funerals can be "super-spreader" events.
- We encourage everyone to get a vaccine when they become available for you. And you can help us, by sharing with us when you have been vaccinated so that we can use this as one factor as prayerfully seek to

discern when it may be safe enough to offer in-person worship. When you are fully vaccinated (two doses), please fill out the tear-off on the last page and drop it in the offering basket when you leave the parking lot.

**JANE DIEBERT** has a large recliner she would like to give to away. If anyone is interested in the recliner please call Jane, 570-453-8600.

**CANCELLATION OF SERVICES DUE TO THE PANDEMIC OR WEATHER.** If circumstances arise that worship and Sunday school need to be cancelled, the news will be announced on Facebook, the church website ([www.jerusalem.lutheran.com](http://www.jerusalem.lutheran.com)), and on the office answering machine (570-385-2657). Because we have a covered walkway or the service can be led entirely from inside, there will be no need to cancel for ordinary bad weather. Worship will be cancelled only when the weather is too bad to travel.

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

**TODAY** 8:30am Worship  
9:15am Confirmation Class  
10:30am Worship

**TUESDAY** 6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting (Via Zoom)  
7:00pm Church Council Committee Meeting (Via Zoom)

**WEDNESDAY** 7:00pm Schuylkill Mission District Meeting (Via Zoom)

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**BELOW IS A LIST OF COVID-19 VACCINE SITES IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.**

Site	Address	City	Contact Info.
St. Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital	360 West Ruddle St.	Coaldale, PA 18218	Phone: 1-866-785-8537
Geisinger St. Luke's Hospital	100 Paramount Blvd.	Orwigsburg, PA 17961	Website: <a href="https://www.slnh.org/covid-19/protect-yourself/covid-19-vaccine">https://www.slnh.org/covid-19/protect-yourself/covid-19-vaccine</a> Phone: 1-866-StLukes(opt. 7)
Surgery Center of Pottsville	1544 Route 61 Suite 6192	Pottsville, PA 17901	Phone: 570-385-7000
Lehigh Valley Hospital Schuylkill	700 E. Norwegian St.	Pottsville, PA 17901	Website: <a href="https://www.LVHN.org/vaccines">https://www.LVHN.org/vaccines</a> Contact name: Luis Puentes Phone: 833-584-6283
Schuylkill Community Health Center	210 Sunbury St.	Minersville, PA 17954	Website: <a href="https://primary-health.net/covid-vaccine-clinic.aspx">https://primary-health.net/covid-vaccine-clinic.aspx</a> Contact Name: Ashlee Montgomery Phone: 724-699-9211
Family Practice Center	105 W. Main Street	Valley View, PA 17983	Phone: 570-682-8026
Redner's Pharmacy	22 Forest Drive	Hegins PA 17938	Call store phone currently for scheduling; Updating website



I/we \_\_\_\_\_ (name(s))  
have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.