



*A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our*

*“uncleanness” and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.*

## **COMMUNITY IN CHRIST**

*For just as the body is one and has many members...so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.... If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 26).* Because the worshipping members of Jerusalem have a significantly higher vaccination rate than our county that, together with new recommendations from the CDC and other church guidelines, has been prayerfully weighed by our leaders, along with the many different needs and wishes within our congregation. Therefore at this time as we emerge from the Covid pandemic we are worshipping in this way:

### **WELCOME**

- **IN-PERSON WORSHIPERS**, please leave the first few spaces in the front parking lot for parking lot worshipers.
- **IN-PARKING LOT WORSHIPERS**, please park in the first few spaces closest to Dock Street and tune your radio to **90.1 FM**.
- **VISITORS**, we welcome you! In this uncertain time of a pandemic, we believe that grace-filled love of God made known in Jesus Christ, and proclaimed in scripture, prayer, and worship sustains us even now. We are glad that you are here with us, so that together, we all can receive the Good News of Jesus Christ, and then be strengthened in daily love for God and our neighbors.

### **Masks and Distancing**

- Vaccinated people may choose whether or not to wear a mask.
- Unvaccinated people are expected to wear masks, and to seek inoculation if that is medically advisable.
- People without masks need to assume that people wearing masks will want a six-foot distance from others, unless the masked person welcomes a closer distance.
- People without masks can choose a comfortable distance from each other.
- We have lots of space in which to worship, so we can spread throughout the nave for each service, but we will continue to tape off

alternating pews as a precaution for people who are masked and need distance.

### **Worship Practices**

- We will continue to offer parking lot worship, video recordings of the service, and mailings of the bulletin and sermon for people who cannot yet attend in-person worship.
  - We are resuming congregational speaking and singing in the building.
  - Hymnals will be available in the pew racks, and distributed to and collected from people worshipping in the parking lot.
  - Large print worship binders are available inside at worship stations. 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.
  - The offering plates will stay in the back for the time being, until our ushering volunteers are back in full force.
  - Lectors, Assisting Ministers, Communion Assistants, Ushers, Sound Board people, and Acolytes are needed! If you have done this before, or would like to try something new, please see Melissa Boyer or Pastor Rowe.
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## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**5th Sunday after Pentecost – June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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### **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

*Where e'r You Walk*

**G.F. Handel**

*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,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life,

you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*Christ, Be Our Light*

# 715

## 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

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, 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

*Refrain*  
for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -

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

2 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.

*Refrain*  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 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. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### WORD

#### FIRST READING

**Lamentations 3:22-33**

*The assembly inside is seated.*

- <sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
 his mercies never come to an end;  
<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning;  
 great is your faithfulness.  
<sup>24</sup>“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
 “therefore I will hope in him.”  
<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
 to the soul that seeks him.  
<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly  
 for the salvation of the LORD.  
<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear  
 the yoke in youth,  
<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence  
 when the Lord has imposed it,  
<sup>29</sup>to put one’s mouth to the dust  
 (there may yet be hope),  
<sup>30</sup>to give one’s cheek to the smiter,  
 and be filled with insults.  
<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not  
 reject forever.  
<sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
 according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict  
 or grieve anyone.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

**Psalm 30**

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.  
<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,  
and you restored | me to health.**  
<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.  
<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;  
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.**  
<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.  
<sup>6</sup>**While I felt se- | cure, I said,  
"I shall never | be disturbed.**  
<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.  
<sup>8</sup>**I cried to | you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,**  
<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?  
<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;  
O LORD, | be my helper."**  
<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing | into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.  
<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever.**

**SECOND READING**

**2 Corinthians 8:7-15**

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly inside 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

**Mark 5:21-43**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup>But

overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.”<sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.<sup>38</sup> When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.<sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.”<sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.<sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!”<sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.<sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**Tanya Cartwright**

*A prerecorded children’s sermon is available to view on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.*

### **SERMON**

**Pastor David Rowe**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

**# 686**

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

### **APOSTLES CREED**

*We confess our faith with the whole church using the ancient baptismal creed that summarizes the teaching of the scripture and the apostles.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*As a local assembly of believers, we pray for the whole world and church, as well as our local congregation and neighborhood.*

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

God of wholeness, we pray for believers all over the globe, especially our synod's partner Lutheran churches in Tanzania, Saxony-Germany, and Argentina and Uruguay. Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as beloved siblings to share your love with all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when humanity has caused harm to your beloved creation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, inspire us to see in the generous heart of Jesus, the generosity and compassion that you desire for your followers, so that by offerings your resources entrusted to us, there might be a greater balance between our abundance and the needs of others. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all people, we pray for justice and peace among the nations. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart during the still ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Renew the strength of researchers, public health leaders, and medical workers. Let your presence be made know to all who are sick or in need of your care, especially all whom we now raise in prayer before you....  
Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of righteousness, we pray for the people of our congregation. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your eternal mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**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.**

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.

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

### 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.**

... Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

... Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

... Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**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.

### ***INSIDE WORSHIPERS:***

*During this time as we emerge from the pandemic we continue to follow ecumenical safety guidelines. Ushers will dismiss you by pew, then please give people wearing masks a six-foot distance as you approach the altar by the center aisle. Please take an empty glass if you wish to receive wine, or a glass prefilled with grape juice. The pastor, who has thoroughly disinfected his/her hands will place the consecrated wafer into your outstretched palms so that you may receive the body of Christ. Then proceed to one of the chalices where the wine will be poured, or where you will drink the prefilled glass. There the communion assistant will declare the blood of Christ given for you. Those not receiving Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a no-touch blessing.*

### ***OUTSIDE WORSHIPERS:***

*The Lord's Supper will be brought to those outside by a Communion Assistant, who will use an intinction set so that the consecrated wafer can be dipped in the grape juice, in order to receive the loving body and blood of Christ.*

**ANTHEM**

***Great is Thy Faithfulness***

**Mary McDonald**

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life,

we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **BLESSING**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**# 886**

## **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may leave immediately after the dismissal, or those wishing to stay to listen to the full prelude may leave later.*

## **POSTLUDE**

*Come Thou Fount/O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**Will McNair**

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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, 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, Edith Kriner, Melanie Hart, Janice Moore, Christie O'Dell, John Cooper, Florence Shay, Clarence Zweizig, Melvin Rodriguez & family, Dorothy Moyer, 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, Beryl Zulick, Jim Heisler, Cathy Covach-Hale, Edith Kriner, Kathie Frantz, Rev. Bruce MacLaughlin, Linda Collins, Nancy Blank, Mary Miller, Rose Martin-Fuls, Earle Kull

### **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 Steficheck, 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, Harold & Fay Sausser

**Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

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

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY**

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	<b>Karen Ochenrider</b>	<b>Lloyd Wertz</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Deb Reed</b>	<b>Rebekah Cdebaca</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Mary Rowe</b>	<b>Leslie Wagner</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Faith Batz</b>	<b>Don Boyer</b>
	<b>Bill Shay</b>	
<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Paul Boyer</b>	<b>Danika Kuhar</b>
<b>Video Recorder</b>		<b>Joanne Wertz</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, Janet Sattizahn</b>	

**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>Lectors</b>	<b>Deb Reed</b>	<b>Leslie Wagner</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Ellayna Boyer</b>	<b>Linda Covert</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Faith Batz</b>	<b>Noah Hale</b>
	<b>Conner Roeder</b>	<b>Luke Hale</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, and Marie Shay</b>	

*THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES* are to the Glory of God, in remembrance of the wedding anniversary of my parents', Robert and Betty Shuman by Deb.

*THANK YOU* to our hard working Property Committee for all the landscaping work done around the church. Thanks to our hard working volunteers, our church grounds look beautiful.

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN AGES 3 -5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE.** This year's VBS will be August 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. This year we will meet in person and follow all CDC recommended guidelines. We plan on having a lot of fun. Our theme will be "River of Life," where we are journeying down the river to learn about God's gracious gift of water. From the waters of baptism to the waters that sustain farms and gardens, water is life. But water is much more than a resource. For people of faith, water is a powerful symbol, with significance as deep as the

natural stores that cover the globe. At “River of Life,” we will learn about the importance of water like when Jesus was baptized and many other stories. Join us from 6pm-8pm for crafts, music, games, bible stories, snacks, and lots of fun. Online registration will be available by the end of the month.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Saturday, August 21, will be a FIELD TRIP to Bear Creek Camp to learn more about this church ministry that not only provides youth with a faith-deepening community in the summer, but also is a resource for people of all ages throughout the year. There will be a lunch stop for fellowship, and the trip itself will be by carpool. Details and a sign-up sheet will soon be available!

**WE'LL BE KICKING OFF** our God's Work, Our Hands project on Sunday, August 15 after each worship service. While we enjoy a beverage, mini muffins, and, sure, some ice cream, too, we'll share our plans on participating in World Clean Up Day! Consider being a team leader and gathering a group of friends, family, or whomever you wish, to walk around town and clean up trash. All who participate will be given gloves, a reflective vest, and trash bags. World Clean Up Day is set for Saturday, September 18, 2021. Every little bit helps....because together we are making our world a better place! Please see Linda Covert to let her know that you would like to be a team leader and form your own clean up team!

***FIVE EASY STEPS IN BECOMING A FANTASTIC WORLD CLEAN UP DAY TEAM LEADER:***

1. Ask people to be on your clean up team. Teams consist of 2 or more people.
2. Give your team a name. Be silly....be creative!
3. Choose an area in the community that you will pick up trash.
4. Get complimentary supplies (gloves, reflective vests, and trash bags) from Social Ministry Committee for each of your team members.
5. Have fun and know you are making a difference in Schuylkill County.

**TODAY** we have our only Bear Creek Camper for the season leaving for camp. Please keep Danika Kuhar and the staff at Bear Creek Camp in your prayers this week. She will leave today and come home Friday late afternoon.

**CARD SHOWER** for Nancy Blank. Our long time member Nancy Blank has recently moved to Luther Ridge. Please send her a card, give her a phone call, or drop in to visit her. Her contact information: Nancy Blank, Luther Ridge, Room 111, 160 Red Horse Road, Pottsville, PA 17901. Room Phone: (570) 621-7276.

**PARKING LOT WORSHIPPERS**, if the heat of your car is too much. Feel free to bring a lawn chair under the shade of the cloister walk. You will be able to hear the service from the outdoor speaker.

**ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS** are available for Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested please contact the church office. Thanks!

**\$75,000!** Thanks to your generous and faithful giving to the four-year capital appeal for the new roof and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system, we have not only been able to make our monthly payments toward the fifteen-year loan, we have now been able to put an additional \$75,000 down to accelerate repayment and to save significant interest over the life of the loan – all the while keeping a healthy reserve in the appeal fund in the event of an emergency or economic downturn.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

**TODAY** 8:00am Worship  
10:30am Worship  
**TUESDAY** 11:00am Coronavirus Task Force Meeting  
**WENESDAY** 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

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# Ways you can SERVE

“...<sup>28</sup>just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

~Matthew 20:28, NRSV

As we try to return to “normal” worship, we need to add new volunteers to our worship volunteer pool. Roles that have disappeared during the pandemic, such as, lector and communion assistant are now coming back. If you are willing to serve the church with your talents and become an active part in ministry please let us know we can add you to our volunteer pool. Please fill out this form and turn it into the church office. Thank you!

Worship Roles: Usher, Greeter, Assisting Minister, Lector, Communion Assistant, Video person, Sound Board, Altar Guild, Offering Counter, Newsletter Assembler, and Acolyte.

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serve as a \_\_\_\_\_.