



Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

5th Sunday of Easter – May 15th, 2022
Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972
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GATHERING

PRELUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Jerusalem Handbell Choir

arr. Cathy Moglebust

The bell rings calling us to worship.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

The presiding minister says to the assembly:

The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
The light of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

GREETING SONG

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

From the "With One Voice Hymnal, # 671"

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

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

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.

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.**

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

GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.


Jesus Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the assembly in prayer.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 11:1-18

The assembly is seated.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD^l from the heavens;
praise God^l in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD,^l all you angels;
sing praise, all you^l hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD,^l sun and moon;

sing praise, all you | shining stars.

**⁴Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,

**⁶who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

**⁸fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**

⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;

**¹⁰wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;

**¹²young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

**¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all |
faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

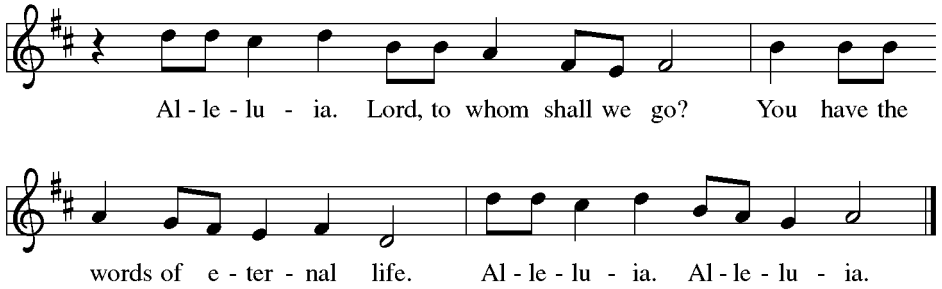
⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

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.

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

the Rev. Larry Laine

SERMON

the Rev. Larry Laine

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Red Hymnal # 631

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 INTERSESSION

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.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires. As we care for one another, open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world all around us. Urge us toward more sensitive and deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Humble the rulers of nations before each other. Direct them to the people who need their attention most. Turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Quick may you dwell in the hearts and minds of those in pain or distress, especially those we name aloud before you. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with us as despair and great need emerge and reside in our lives. God, in your mercy,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Place holy love at the center of all relationships and communities. By love heal us. By love endow us. Buy love renew us. Bring an end to racism, self-interest, power and greed. Let love shine through us as a beacon of goodness and justice to all. God, in your mercy,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Give us a home in the diverse company of your presence. Teach us the value of each person's sacred identity. Bless us with the shared family identity as parents, children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Pastor: In your mercy, O God, respond to our prayers. Renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Loving God Who Made Us All

Andrew Birling

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

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

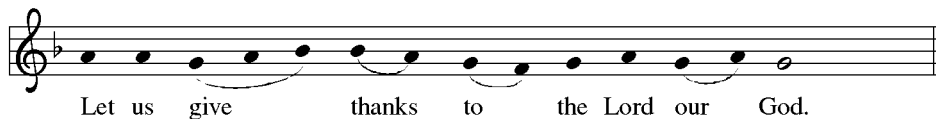
The assembly stands. The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks.



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. 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 in the high - est.

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.



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.

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 ANTHEM

One Bread, One Body
Jim and Linda Covert, duet

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

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Red Hymnal # 383

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

Rigaudon

André Campra

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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, Lisa Katiou

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 | Karen Ochenrider | Phil Kriner |
| Lector | Laurie Bedford | Bob McCloy |
| Communion Assistants | Julie Coleman | Beverly Kriner |
| Ushers | Don Nettles Bill Shay | Noah & Luke Hale Mike Sausser |
| Sound Board | Melissa Boyer | Gary Reager |
| Counters | Linda Collins, Deb Reed, and Marie Shay | |

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

| | 8:00am | 10:30am |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister | Lou Messina | Beverly Kriner |
| Lector | Julie Coleman | Greg Gross |
| Communion Assistants | Jean Loose | Rabekah CdeBaca |
| Ushers | Faith Batz John Macnutt | Mark Conville Sheila Conville |

Sound Board
Counters

Paul Boyer
Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, and Janet Sattizahn

Danika Kuhar

WEEKLY NEWS

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Mom and Dad Motley and Mom and Dad Brensinger, by Gary and Rosemary Brensinger.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN the two questionnaires past out by our ushers on Palm and Easter Sunday. You should have also received these forms by mail. 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!

SUMMER NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE is **TOMMORROW 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 21ST FROM 9:00AM – NOON. Please help us get our church ready for summer!

THE SCHUYLKILL HAVEN AREA BACCALUREATE worship service will be hosted by Jerusalem on Sunday, May 22nd at 4:00pm. This is a special service for the SH graduating seniors. A free will offering will be taken to support the SH Council of Churches’ Community Ministry.

ATTENTION WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS! Sign-up sheets for the month of June are out at the “Sign-Up” Center. Please check your calendar and sign up for the Sunday in June you are available. As always – THANK YOU for being a worship volunteer!

THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST is coming up on Sunday, June 5th. We invite everyone to wear **RED** that Sunday, as fire is the theme of the day. We will be celebrating the 50th day from Easter, when the Holy Spirit descends upon the followers of Jesus!

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH THERE WILL BE AN ECUMENICAL OUTSIDE WORSHIP AT 4P.M. This is being hosted by our Northeastern Pa Synod Bishop Christopher deForest along with the president of the United Church of Christ Penn Northeast Conference and president of the Penna Southeast Conference U.C.C., the head of the Presbyterian Lehigh Presbytery, and the head of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem. All these leaders will be there as part of the worship! It will be held at St Paul UCC church Summer Hill Road. Following that there will be a pot luck picnic! This is an exciting

opportunity in that it is graphically close and we get to meet afterwards with our bishop and all the other people from our surrounding communities. Mark your calendars now to save the date! Rain or shine! Look for more information in forthcoming bulletins!

THE FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST along route 61 invites you to join them for their 200th Anniversary on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 10 AM to 3 PM, the first UCC will have an Open House with light refreshments and a basket raffle.

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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY 8:00am Worship
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship
1:30pm Perkins Piano Recitals in the Nave
WEDNESDAY 6:00pm Childcare Committee Meeting
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY 1:00pm Food Pantry Distribution
SATURDAY 9:00pm Property Committee Workday

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Geranium Flowers for



P E N T E C O S T

Orders are being accepted for Red Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday. Cost per plant is \$5.00. All plants must be paid for through the Church. Please make checks out to Jerusalem Lutheran Church. Please fill out your order on this sheet. Orders and money due by Tuesday, May 31st. Thanks!

NAME _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

NUMBER OF Plants _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ (\$5.00 each)