



Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed ones” and the “woe to’s” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

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 recommendations from the CDC and ecumenical church worship guidelines, has been prayerfully considered by our leaders for our worship practices. Therefore at this time in 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. Further information on page 2.
- **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.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP binders are available in the church lobby.

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POLICIES ON MASKS AND DISTANCING

- Everyone needs to wear a mask until the local pandemic subsides.
- We have lots of space in which to worship, so we can spread throughout the nave for each service, and we will continue to tape off alternating pews to maintain a safer distance.

CURRENT WORSHIP PRACTICES

- We have resumed congregational speaking and singing in the building.
- Hymnals are available in the pew racks, and distributed to and collected from people worshipping in the parking lot.
- Large print worship binders are available inside. Those worshipping in the parking lot can request large print from an usher.
- Wine and grape juice are once again being offered from the chalice inside, with intinction being offered outside. Please space yourselves as you come forward.
- The offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary by the door until we can safely pass the plates through many hands.

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PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Variations on *Thaxted*
(O God Beyond All Praising)

arr. Tom Trenney

The bell rings calling us to worship.

GATHERING

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,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:
In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

O God beyond All Praising

Red Hymnal # 880

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

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

The assembly inside is seated.

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals

and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹ of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats ¹ of the scornful!

**²Their delight is in the law ¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching ¹ day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that ¹ do not wither;
everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

**⁴It is not so ¹ with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind ¹ blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹ judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council ¹ of the righteous.

**⁶For the LORD knows the way ¹ of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall ¹ be destroyed.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if

the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

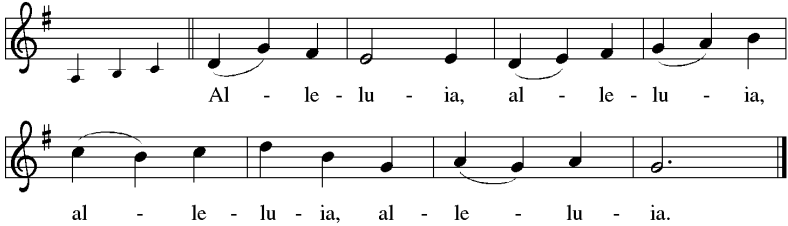
²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly inside stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.” The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Lloyd Wertz

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Streams of Living Justice

Red Hymnal # 710

The assembly 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.

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless fruit trees with an abundant harvest. Protect rainforests from destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Renew this congregation in our shared mission. As we plan and dream for the future you are preparing, inspire us by the examples of Martin Luther and all the reformers. Bless new projects and new ministry partnerships. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Christ is raised from the dead, and so we cling to the hope of the resurrection. We praise you for the lives of the saints who lived and died in the hope of eternal life with you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

We greet each other with a nod or gesture of Christian fellowship from a distance, and we also invite you to text or email a word of peace to someone.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

arr. Lee Dengler

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



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

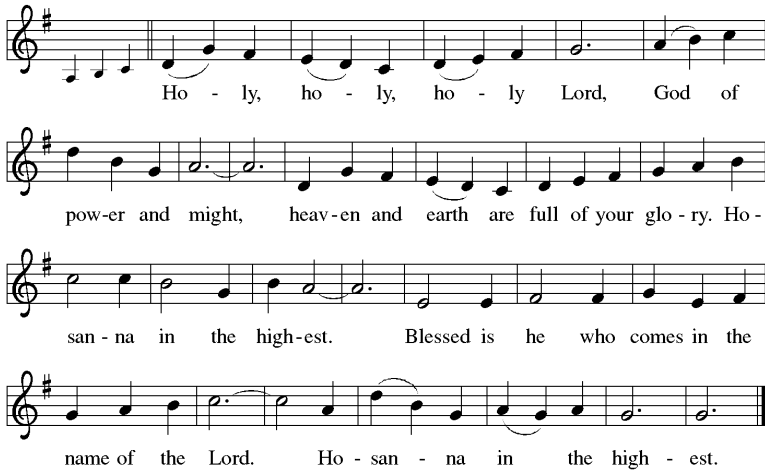


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER # 3

. . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your word
dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth
in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God,
we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, 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

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

INSIDE WORSHIPERS: Ushers will dismiss you by pew, then please allow a six-foot distance from other households as you approach the altar by the center aisle (tape marks in the center aisle are a helpful guide). Please take an empty glass if you wish to receive wine, or a glass prefilled with grape juice. The pastor 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. 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Praise the Lord Rise Up Rejoicing

arr. Kenneth Kosche

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated.

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.
God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Red Hymnal # 551

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.
Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.

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

Rondeau/Mouret

arr. Elaine Gardner

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PRAYER LIST

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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, Pat Thomas, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, 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

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers	Lou Messina	Rob Baessler
Lectors	Laurie Bedford	Greg Gross
Communion Assistants	Karen Ochenrider	Rebekah CdeBaca
Ushers	Bill Shay Conner Roeder	Tom Gohsler Amy Gohsler
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Gary Reager
Counters	Lou Messina and Janet Sattizahn	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers	Karen Ochenrider	Lloyd Wertz
Lectors	Julie Coleman	Bob McCloy
Communion Assistants	Jean Loose	James Covert
Ushers	Donald Nettles John Macnutt	Mark Conville Shelia Conville
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rachel Kramer
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed, and Marie Shay	

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God in loving memory of Paul and Catherine Moyer and William and Lois Plucker by Steve and Sue Moyer, and family.

A SOUPER BOWL OFFERING will be collected **TODAY**. As part of a nationwide church movement to gather offerings for soup kitchens and pantries on a day when from lavish snacks to pricey commercials (\$5,000,000 for each 30 second spot) extravagant spending abounds, we will gather a special offering for our local food pantry. Imagine the scale of spending in a country where 1 in 5 children lives without adequate nutrition... yet four 30 second super bowl commercials would fund the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal for a year!

TODAY IS THE JERUSALEM "SOUP"-ER BOWL. We are having some fun with the Super Bowl and helping out the Schuylkill Haven Area Food Pantry. There are 2 boxes set out in the church lobby. One for the Cincinnati Bengals and one for the Los Angeles Rams. You are asked to place a can of soup (or two) in the box of the team you are rooting for. After worship today, donations will be counted and the team with the most soup in their box wins the Jerusalem "Soup"-er Bowl! For people who are not really football fans. Social Ministry will have a third box on display. The donations in the 3rd box to go to our Little Free Pantry. It's all in fun! Let's make feeding our community the big winner!!!

MOVIE NIGHT WITH ST. JOHN'S IN FRIEDENSBURG. We were invited to join St. John's Lutheran for a movie night on Friday, February 18th at 7:00pm. They are showing *Mission of Joy*, a documentary about the 5 day meeting of the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. The focus is how people can achieve joy in a troubled world. The movie will be shown in St. John's fellowship hall and light refreshments will be provided.

ACOLYTE TRAINING: Jerusalem will be holding an Acolyte Training session on Sunday, February 20, at 9:15 am. All youth who are in 5th grade or older and any interested adults may attend. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for those interested with more information. Any questions, contact Pastor Jim Covert.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND, will be observed with worship at 6:30PM. In addition to offering ashes as a remembrance of our mortality, the services will include Ash Wednesday confession and absolution, as well scripture, sermon, and the Lord's Supper as we begin our Lenten journey.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER will be held each Wednesdays at 6:30PM from March 9 – April 6. This year's sermons series is on the topic of PRAYER. We look forward to this season of Lent leading into Holy Week, which has become the strongest part of our congregation's worship-life throughout the year!

LENTEN SCHEDULE! This year things are a little different due to not having a 'Called' pastor at Jerusalem. **March 2nd** begins the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. There will be one service at 6:30 P.M. with the imposition of ashes

and Holy Communion. Every Wednesday in Lent at 6:30 PM we will gather for Holden Evening Prayer. During Holy Week there will be a Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion at 6:30 PM. Good Friday service will also be at 6:30 having a Tenebrae service or Service of Shadows. As you can tell all worship services that are during the week take place at 6:30 PM. But note, there will be no parking lot worship available. Please mark your calendars so you don't miss out on these opportunities!

MINISTRY CELEBRATION FOR 2022, will be held on March 20th at 9:15 AM! There will be no Sunday School on that day. Please join us in the social hall to view displays from Jerusalem's different committees and ministries. Annual Reports will be distributed that morning as well!

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2021! Attention church committee chairpersons, please complete an Annual Report for last year on the ministry of your committee. If you have financial information to share, please include that too. Reports can be emailed to mail@jerusalemlutheran.com or a paper copy can be dropped in the "Administrator Inbox" in the church office by **February 20th!**

Save the Dates!

- ❖ March 20, 2022 at 3:00pm, Trumpet and Organ Recital featuring John H. Thyhsen on Trumpet and Randall D. Perry on Organ.
- ❖ April 24, 2022 at 3:00pm, Clarinet and Piano concert featuring Dr. Steven Christ on Clarinet and Dr. Annie Rose Tindall-Gibson on Piano.

DID YOU KNOW that Jerusalem has a calendar that has all events that take place at Jerusalem on it? This includes all ministry meetings, day care and preschool staff meetings and events, concerts, worship services, education events, social ministry activities, community ministries, Schuylkill Mission District Council meetings and activities, and any other special events that take place in our building. YOU can access this calendar! Just go to www.jerusalemlutheran.com and click on 'events' (the top right side). When you see the drop down box click on 'calendar'. The whole month will come up on your screen. This is especially important if you want to schedule a meeting so there are no conflicts. Once your committee sets the meeting date and time, let our parish administrator, Rachel, know as soon as possible so she can put it on the calendar. Of course, this works in reverse if you need to cancel something that is on the calendar, let Rachel know that too! Only Rachel can add and remove items on the calendar! It is important to keep the calendar current as we grow in ministries and the number of people participating! Thanks for cooperating to keep things running smoothly!

WEATHER CANCELLATION OF SERVICES! If there is no electricity during the winter, services will automatically be cancelled. *With snow and ice, please use your best judgment about your travel, because conditions do vary by neighborhood.* If services are cancelled they will be announced by 6:30 am on:

- **The church answering machine message.** Call the church office at 570-385-2657.
- **Facebook and the church web page** will announce Sunday closings if the administrator can get internet access from home.

WE INVITE YOU TO PRAY...Have you ever looked around at your brothers and sisters who are worshipping with you while service is taking place? Some look around during sermon time. Others look around while singing a hymn. Maybe we look around while the anthem is being sung, or the organist is playing a prelude or postlude, or to see the expressions on faces during a Baptism. Sometimes we observe others while receiving Holy Communion or afterwards at their seats praying..... or maybe looking around!

At a Spiritual Direction retreat, during the first session, one of the 4 leaders shared with us that we occasionally will see her eyes closed while another leader is making a presentation. ‘No,’ she said, ‘I am not sleeping or resting my eyes! I am praying for the leader, for all gathered as a group here, for individuals, and for anything else where the Spirit is leading me!’

Here at Jerusalem, whether your eyes are closed or open or looking around at others when we are gathered in Christ, allow yourself to be moved by the Holy Spirit. Pray as the Spirit guides for what we are about as God’s people, not just as a community, but for individuals gathered in this space at this particular moment! May this become a holy habit during worship and beyond!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY	8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday school 10:30am Worship 11:30am “Soup”-er Bowl Tally/Who won?
TUESDAY	6:00pm Schuylkill Mission District Meeting in Library 7:00pm Endowment Committee Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:00pm Childcare Committee Meeting 6:15pm Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY	6:30pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting in Library
FRIDAY	1:00pm Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry Distribution

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INTRODUCING PASTOR LARRY LAINE

Starting Sunday, March 6th, Jerusalem will share an interim minister with St. John's Lutheran in Friendsburg. Over the next three weeks, Pastor Laine will share some information about himself. Below is about how he grew up:

Larry D. Laine, born in 1945 – that would be in the last century! I was a breech birth baby. Once I got my face turned around, I turned out to be a cute little 8-pound baby. But that didn't last long.

My mom and dad, my older sister and my older brother helped grow me up on a dairy grape farm, (100 acres of alfalfa and 100 acres of grapes). To keep things consistent we milked 100 cows, two times a day, even on Sundays. Sanger was the closest town. We lived on a branch, a tributary of the San Joaquin River, which came down from the high Sierra-Nevada Mountains. Sometimes the water came down so fast that it flooded our house which was way too close to the river.

I went to school – an 'L' shaped brick building with 4 separate rooms for the 30 to 40 kids from 1st to 8th grade. I think there were 4 teachers and one principal. I didn't know the teachers really well, but I knew the principal. He and I spent a lot of time in his office just talking, although he wasn't really talkative. When he did talk, believe me I listened. I listened really well.

I missed the principal when I went to high school. In elementary school I loved recess. It was my favorite class. I was always the first one out on the ball diamond, or the flag football field, or the b-ball court. I was even the first to get on the teeter-totter. In high school I was different. I signed up for every recess class they offered. I loved it so much that they gave me 16 big letters over the course of my 4 years. However, it was always the same letter, as if I had never seen a "C" before. I saw a lot of "C" s. They was all over my report card from the other classes I had to take.

Somehow, I graduated from high school and matriculated into college. It may have been because of a recommendation from my elementary school principal. Or not! So, I went. That is where I really found some direction in my life. However, you are going to have to wait until next week to hear about that. We can only print so much nonsense in this bulletin because of space considerations.

a little history from Pastor Laine