



Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

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

6th Sunday of Easter – May 22nd, 2022
Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972
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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Processional of Joy

Beethoven/Hopson

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

Come Down, O Love Divine

Red Hymnal # 804

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.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through 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 16:9-15

The assembly is seated.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on
earth.**

⁵Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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 14:23-29

The holy gospel according to John.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach

you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

SERMON FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Audrey Christ

SERMON

Lloyd Wertz

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Blessed Spring

Red Hymnal # 447

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.

A brief silence.

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace. Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people. Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fountains, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet together at your river of life. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Praise, Praise

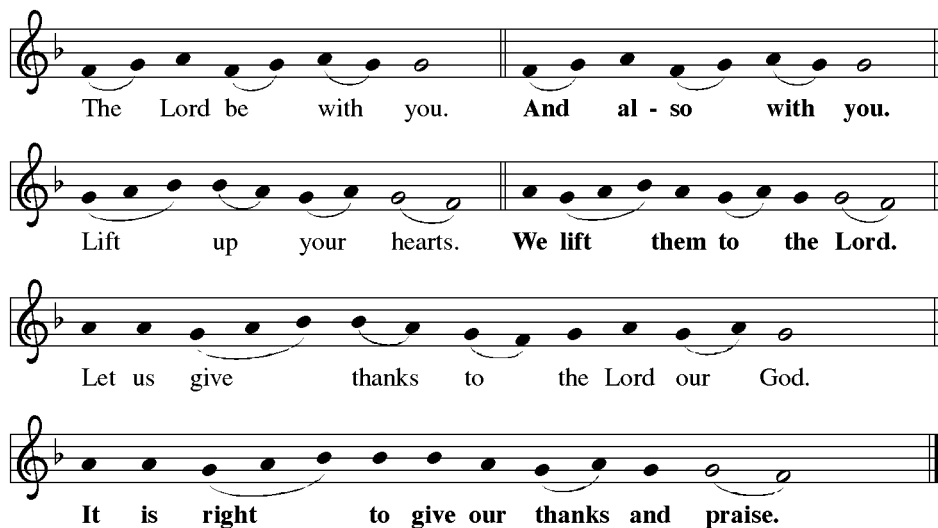
Handel/Patrick Liebergen

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

MEAL

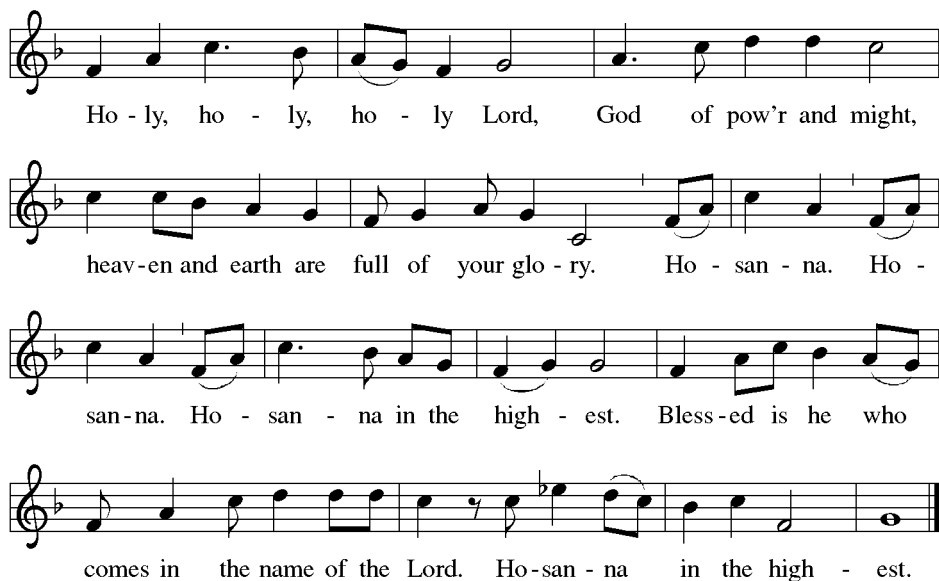
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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



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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

This is the Place
Brenda Searle, solo William Gaither

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

My Life Flows On in Endless Song
Red Hymnal # 763

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

Allegro

G.F. Handel

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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	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	Paul Boyer	Danika Kuhar
Counters	Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, and Janet Sattizahn	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Ellayna Boyer	Jim Covert
Lector	Deborah Reed	Linda Covert
Communion Assistants	Philip Kriner	Rob Baessler
Ushers	Donald Nettles	Mike Sausser

Sound Board
Counters

Joy Heffner
Melissa Boyer
Linda Collins and Rob Baessler

Frank Mahoney
Rachel Kramer

WEEKLY NEWS

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of my husband, Mark E. Reed, by Deb.

THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY to fill out the two questionnaires! 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!

THE SCHUYLKILL HAVEN AREA BACCALUREATE worship service will be hosted by Jerusalem on today 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!

SUMMERTIME MINI-RETREAT. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 26th, 2022. This will be Jerusalem’s first summer mini-retreat. It will start at 2:00pm and be hosted by Jim and Linda Covert. More details coming soon!

HELP STOCK THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY. Weekly sponsorships of \$20 will now be accepted for the Little Free Pantry to help feed our neighbors in need while honoring or remembering a loved one. Just as you may sponsor the altar flowers, your "in honor of" or "in memory of" will be listed in the Sunday bulletin. Just drop your check made out to Jerusalem Lutheran Church in the offering plate with the vital information (that it is for Little Free Pantry, who you are honoring, and who it is from). Your sponsorship will be noted in the following Sunday bulletin. Thank you for supporting our LFP!

A TREASURER IS NEEDED for the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches. Knowledge of Quicken and basic accounting is helpful. The treasurer offers an essential ministry as a community volunteer, ensuring the food pantry, blood bank, and emergency utility needs are met. 5-10 hours per month. Contact the Rev. Ms. Shawn D. Van Dyke for more information at 570-385-2049 or firstuccpastor@verizon.net.

PASTOR DANIEL BELL has passed away recently. Anyone wishing to send condolences to his family may mail their sympathies to: 4268 Wordsworth, Venice, FL 34293.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY 8:00am Worship
9:15am Sunday School/Altar Guild Meeting
10:30am Worship
4:00pm S.H. Baccalaureate

TUESDAY 5:30pm JCCC Staff Meeting
6:00pm JCCC Spring Fling (Rear Parking Lot)
7:00pm S.H. Council of Churches Meeting

WEDNESDAY 1:00pm Little Critters Preschool Graduation (Nave)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Property Committee Meeting

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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)