

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP!

Children's bulletins and activity bags 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

7th Sunday after Pentecost – July 24th, 2022 Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972 570-385-2657 * www.jerusalemlutheran.com FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

GATHERING

PRELUDE (8:00) *Worship Suite* arr. The Sprungers Beverly Kriner, organ and Audrey Christ, piano

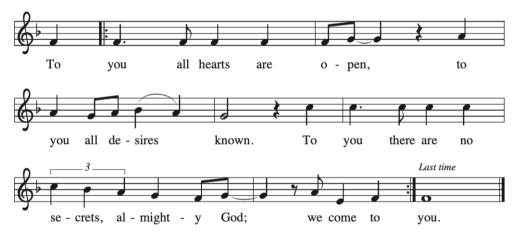
(10:30) O Worship the King Come Thou Fount Praise to the Lord Hometown Saxophone Quartet arr. Bob Walters

The bell rings calling us to worship.

OPENING PRAYER To You All Hearts Are Open

Purple Hymnal # 1012

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



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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

What a Friend We Have In Jesus Red Hymnal # 742

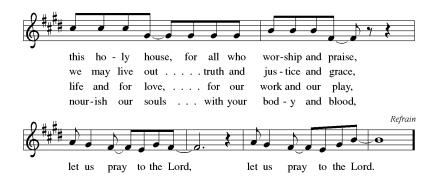
GREETING

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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the assembly in prayer.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

The assembly is seated. The lector reads the lessons from the pulpit.

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

The lector and the congregation read the Psalm responsively.

 $^1\mathrm{I}$ will give thanks to you, O LORD, with $^|\,\mathrm{my}$ whole heart;

before the gods I will | sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word a- bove all things.

³When I called, you answered me;

you increased my | strength within me.

 4All the rulers of the earth will praise $^{|}$ you, O LORD,

when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,

that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares [|] for the lowly, perceiving the haughty [|] from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you [|] keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right $^{\rm |}$ hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your pur-¹ pose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works $^{\rm |}$ of your hands.

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:6-19

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions,

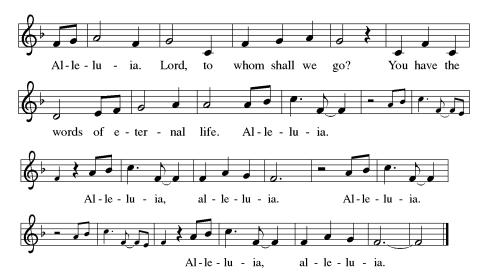
Psalm 138

puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

CHILDREN SERMON

the Rev. Larry Laine

SERMON

the Rev. Larry Laine

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

HYMN OF THE DAY Seek Ye First the Kingdom Of God Blue Hymnal # 783

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 INTERCESSION

The presiding 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.

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Our vision of community is rooted and built up in Christ. We pray for all communities of faith. Inspire leadership to think boldly, act judiciously, and exemplify compassion and righteousness. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We rejoice in the work of your hands. Like a potter turning the wheel - creating forms of artistic beauty – your world of rivers and lakes, oceans and waterways surrounds all your creation of beauty. As stewards of your natural beauty, endow us with reverence for creation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for all people of the world, especially the vulnerable. Guide our work as advocates for the disadvantaged, the forgotten and the lonely. Inspire rulers and governing authorities with your justice in serving each other. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer, especially those we name aloud before you. In comfort, healing, and continual care we trust your mercy, grace, and compassion. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **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	(8:00) Thy Will Be Done	Joyce Ellers
	Philip and Beverly Kriner, duet	

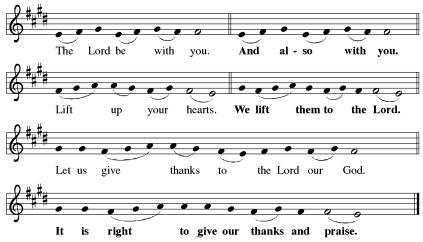
(10:30) For the Beauty of the Earth arr. Paul Edwards Hometown Saxophone Quartet

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

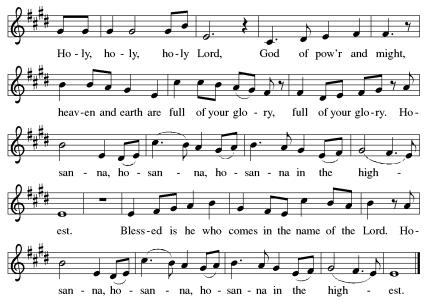
MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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



The presiding minister continues with the communion preface; then the assembly responds:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V

...be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

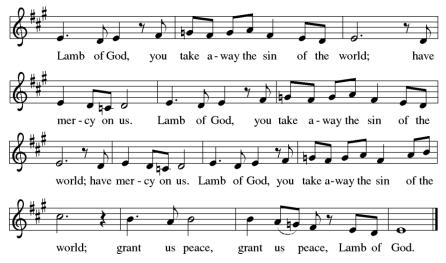
LORD'S PRAYER

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:

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.



The assembly is seated. All baptized Christians who wish to receive Christ in the meal are welcome to receive the Eucharist. Ushers will dismiss you by pew. Please take an empty glass if you wish to receive wine, or a glass prefilled with grape juice. If you wish to receive communion at your seat please speak with an usher. And please, if your children do not yet receive Holy Communion, bring them forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION ANTHEM (8:00) *We Drink the Cup* Neil Maxey Philip and Beverly Kriner, duet

(10:30) *The Old Rugged Cross* arr. Paul Edwards Hometown Saxophone Quartet

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 presiding minister leads the prayer. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing. The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. Amen.

SENDING SONG

How Great Thou Art

Red Hymnal #856

DISMISSAL

The presiding minister sends the assembly into mission. As we leave this sanctuary of worship grant us wisdom of your kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven" – a kingdom of justice and righteousness, a kingdom of truth and integrity. Guide us with your Holy presence calling us to love each other as we listen, speak, and commune together. May we always see each other as the creation of your holiness. Go in peace and serve the kingdom. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE (8:00) *This Is My Father's World* arr. Larry Shackley Beverly Kriner and Audrey Christ, piano duet

(10:30) *Amazing Grace* Hometown Saxophone Quartet

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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, 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, 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, Barbara & Stanley Daniels, Darlene and Bob Zechman, Diane Laine, Eileen Guitas, Zoey Heydt, Bill O'Donnell, Ann Marie Pyle, Lisa Katious, Lee Miller, Tammy Hoover, Barbara Scott, Aaron Earlosky, John Macnutt, Ron Blackwell

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, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Harold & Fay Sausser, Ruth Brown, Kevin Seibert, William O'Donnell, Cheryl Feeser, Cathy Covach-Hale

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
Lector	Karen Ochenrider	Jane Mahoney
Communion Assistants		Jim Covert
Ushers	Sheila Conville	Frank Mahoney
	Mark Conville	Donald Boyer
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Danika Kuhar
Acolyte		
Counters	Lou Messina & Janet Sattizahn	
Altar Guild	Janet Sattizahn	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Lector Communion Assistants Ushers 8:00am Lou Messina Janet Sattizahn Faith Batz

Melissa Boyer

10:30am Bob McCloy

Frank Mahoney Donald Boyer

Linda Collins, Deb Reed, & Marie Shay Janet Sattizahn

WEEKLY NEWS

Sound Board

Altar Guild

Acolyte Counters

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God and in joyous celebration of the marriage of Jean Loose and Robert Mawson on July 23rd.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT is to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Reta Rhodes on what would have been her 93rd Birthday by Samantha Rhodes.

THANK YOU to Jean Loose and Robert Mawson for assembling the new Children's Worship Bags! Kids, be sure to check them out!

OUR EARS ARE BLESSED THIS MORNING with the beautiful music by our members Beverly and Philip Kriner at the 8:00 am service and by the Hometown Saxophone Quartet at the 10:30 am service. Please thank them for their musical ministry.

WE WELCOME THE HOMETOWN SAXOPHONE QUARTET AT TODAY'S 10:30 AM SERVICE! Please greet them! The members include Andrew Surotchak, Ben Shafer, Dr. Steven Christ, and Mark Christ.

CARD SHOWER FOR LEE MILLER. Lee recently moved to Providence Place in Pottsville. We would like to show Lee we are thinking about him. Please mail him a card to: Lee Miller, Providence Place, 2200 1st Avenue, Room 118, Pottsville, PA 17901. Thank you!

REDNER'S "SAVE-A-TAPE" PROGRAM & JERUSALEM. Thank you to all who shop at Redner's Markets and drop their receipts in the White "Redners" Box in the church lobby at the "Sign-up" Center. Jerusalem can get 1% back on what you spend every week at the grocery store. Please remember:

- All receipts must be dated within the past three years.
- Your Redner's Rewards card must be scanned during the check out.
- Please submit the whole receipt. Do not cut any part of the receipt off.

OUR GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS 2022 PROJECT is to honor our first responders. We have chosen the 3 Fire Companies in Schuylkill Haven to give useful donations. Please visit the display in the church lobby to take a rain drop

or to make a monetary donation. The collection is happening now through September 4th!

OUR NEXT MINI-RETREAT will be held on Sunday, July 31, beginning at 2:00 pm. Our topic will be MIRACLES! What do miracles in the Bible teach us about our faith? What did Jesus want us to understand about God through a miracle? The retreat will be led by Pastor Jim Covert and will be hosted by Pastor Jim and Linda at their home. Bring your Bibles! We will have time to have conversation. We will finish our day with a dinner (meal plans are TBD). A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex of the church. We ask you to sign up if you plan to come. Let us know how many you will have and write down a phone number. Any questions, contact Pastor Jim and/or Linda. Hope to see you there!

JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR THIS SPECIAL MUSIC:

- July 31 @ both services- Angela Dowd, cello & vocals
- August 7 @ 10:30- Karin McMillen vocalist (Pastor Laine's daughter)
- August 14 @ both services Ellayna Boyer on flute
- August 21 @ both services Praise Team
- August 28 @ 8:00 Melissa Boyer on baritone horn
- August 28 @ 10:30- The Judy Schmaldienst Flute Ensemble
- September 4 @ both services Linda Covert on guitar

FALL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due by **MONDAY**, **AUGUST 22ND**. Please email your article to mail@jerusalemlutheran.com or drop your written article in the "Administrator Inbox" in the church office. We'd love to spread the word about Jerusalem's fall activities!

SUNDAY SCHOOL will start up again on Sunday, September 11th. Jerusalem is looking for a co-teacher to volunteer to work with pre-K through 5th grade. Please contact Christine Spontak at 570-294-5177 if you're interested. Thanks!

ALTAR VASE FLOWER SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE for Sunday, July 31. If there is someone you would like to have flowers in honor or in memory of please contact the church office at 570-385-2657. Thank you!

FAMILY FUN GARDEN GATHERING. Family fun and education will abound at the Schuylkill County Master Gardeners Day event. Tour the Demo Garden of flowers. Buy a bouquet to take home. Taste baked/prepared foods made from locally grown produce (blueberry, rhubarb, pawpaw) and plants like lavender. Grab a bargain at the gardeners' rummage table. Learn about "top or bottom" vegetables, how to grow, how to prepare and even basic beekeeping from the Honey for Heroes program. Stop in from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, rain or shine, on Saturday, August 27th at 110 Route 61 South, Schuylkill Haven, at the Vietnam Memorial lot.

ROCKIN' THE HILL. Sunday, September 11th from 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Friedensburg. Free Music, Games, Food, and Drinks! Outdoor event. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. GPS address: 24 Church Road, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972. (Behind Friedensburg Post Office.)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY	8:00am Worship
	10:30am Worship
	4:00pm LaScala Viewing
MONDAY	9:30am LaScala Viewing
	11:30am LaScala Funeral
TUESDAY	5:30am JCCC Staff Meeting in Church Library
	7:00pm Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches
WEDNESDAY	7:00pm Property Committee

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