



*All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's Table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the New Jerusalem.*

## **WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.**

*“Individuals need to follow healthy hygiene practices, stay at home when sick, practice physical distancing to lower the risk of disease spread, and use a cloth face covering... in community settings when physical distancing cannot be maintained. These universal precautions are appropriate regardless of the extent of mitigation needed.” [The Center for Disease Control]*

*Therefore out of love for one another as part of the Body of Christ, we will all wear masks, stay six feet away from other households, sanitize our hands, refrain from singing, and speak together very quietly only for the Lord's Prayer and Apostles' Creed. The louder we speak, the more potential viral spread there would be, even from behind masks.*

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## **HOLY COMMUNION**

All Saints Sunday – November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDES

*In Paradisium*

Gabriel Fauré

*The bell rings calling us to worship.*

### **(8:00) THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **(10:30) HOLY BAPTISM**

**Eva Alexandria Nettles**

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Who presents Eva Alexandria Nettles for Holy Baptism?

*Sponsors for the candidate, present the candidate:*

I present Eva Alexandria Nettles for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that your child may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this person in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support Eva Alexandria Nettles and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**We do.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses the candidate and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

Eva Alexandria Nettles is baptized in the name of the Father. . .

and of the Son. . .

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:*

Sustain Eva Alexandria Nettles with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

Eva Alexandria Nettles, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

*A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:*

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

*The assembly is seated.*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

*The assembly stands for the gospel.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor David Rowe**

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***Blest Are They***

**# 728**

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

- 1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow;  
they shall be consoled.

*Refrain*

Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you, holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God!

- 2 Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;  
they shall have their fill. *Refrain*
- 3 Blest are they who show mercy;  
mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart;  
they shall see God. *Refrain*
- 4 Blest are they who seek peace;  
they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith;  
the glory of God is theirs. *Refrain*
- 5 Blest are you who suffer hate,  
all because of me.  
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom;  
shine for all to see. *Refrain*

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**(8:00) APOSTLES CREED**

*Spoken together quietly enough not to wake a baby, in order to share as little airborne virus as possible from community speaking. 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**

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to people and places around us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every nation, guide this country—red states and blue states, rural voters and urban voters, young and old—as we share in another national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek the common good. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every venture, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless all new missions of our synod. Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of Water and Word, in Holy Baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We give thanks for this promise of forgiveness and life, and especially for Avery Fink and Eva Nettles who you have so graciously welcomed this year. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of death and resurrection, we give thanks for the lives from Jerusalem's community that we have commended to you this past year: Leon Schweigert, Carolyn Moyer, Gary Schweigert, Nancy Starr, Lamar Moyer, Ronald Gill, Charles Gurski, Marlis Jones, and Bertha Koehler. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year... [NAMES ENTERED IN THE ALL SAINTS BOOK FROM THE LOBBY]. In faith, may we join with them in ceaseless praise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. 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*



*who cannot be here! Yes, now is the time to use our phones in church, on silent of course!*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: ALL SAINTS**

With all the saints of Africa and Asia, India and the islands, Europe and the Americas,

we praise you, O God, for you create the worlds.

With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the forgotten,

we bless you, O God, for you provide us with water and food.

With all the faithful in cities and on farms, in mansions and huts, past and present,

we worship you, O God, for you shelter the generations.

With all your holy people, those who ministered in the church, those who served the poor,

and all who walked the way of the cross,

we glorify you, O God, for in Jesus you journeyed with us on earth.

With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son:

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

With Peter and all the martyrs, we honor Christ's death.

With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles, we proclaim his resurrection.

With John and all the theologians and mystics, we look for his returning.

With the Virgin Mary and all who sang of your greatness,

we pray for the power of the Spirit.

Visit this gathering, this bread and this cup,

with the presence of the body and blood of Christ.

Form us into a communion of service,

and infuse your earth with the wholeness we seek.

With grandparents and godparents, with the church universal,

lead us to a future we cannot yet see,  
and at the end draw all humanity to yourself.  
Now with all of the family you saved by your love,  
we shout blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving,  
honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Spoken together quietly enough not to wake a baby, in order to share as little airborne virus as possible from community speaking.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*During this time of the pandemic we are following ecumenical safety guidelines. The ushers will dismiss you by pew, and you will approach the altar by the center aisle (please allow a six-foot separation between households, as the blue tape on the floor indicates). The pastor, who has thoroughly disinfected his/her hands, will drop the consecrated wafer into your outstretched palms. Then we ask that you maintain a six-foot distance as you make your way toward the table that is holding prefilled glasses arranged far enough apart to take one without touching another. First lower your mask, then eat the host, and finally take either a glass of wine or grape juice. As you leave, drop the used glass in the nearby basket, replace your mask, and then sanitize your hands – and rejoice that although this is different, that we can resume receiving the Lord's Supper if we continue to strive to keep one another safe with precautions.*

**ANTHEM**

*God Leads Us Along*  
**Mary Rowe, soloist**

**George Young**

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

### **SENDING**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## TEMPLE TALK – REPORT OF SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Tanya Cartwright

### SENDING OF COMMUNION

*If requested, Communion servants will be sent to take the sacrament to those who are absent.*

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care:

As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread,  
assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament  
with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned.

In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this  
sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the  
body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### BLESSING

*The assembly stands. The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

*For All the Saints*

# 422

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Text: William W. How, 1823-1897*

## **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*For All the Saints*

**R. Vaughn Williams**

## **OFFERING**

*You may drop your offering in the plates as you leave.*

*If you are worshiping at home, please mail your offering to Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA. Or you can drop it through the slot in the door at the back, office entrance of the church building.*

*To avoid crowding and therefore lessening the six-foot physical distance, we ask you to leave starting from the front pews to the back. If you and others feel comfortable, you can continue fellowship conversation in the lobby and outside with masks from a safe distance.*

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## **MINISTRY NEWS**

### **PRAYER LIST**

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Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Elizabeth Taylor, Carol Landes, Maureen Moyer, Karen Cockill, Janice Barr, Donna Dizenzo, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Bob Yanek, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Kathrine Smiley, Mark Noecker, Anna Heffner, David Wise, Joan Steficheck, Bill Everly, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Sara Berger, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Pat Thomas, Nathan Resch, Casey Watson, Jerry Stoutland, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Gemma Geary

**Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

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

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY**

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Karen Ochenrider</b>	<b>Jim Covert</b>
<b>Cantor(s)</b>	<b>Mary Rowe</b>	<b>Krista Sausser</b>
<b>Guides</b>	<b>Bill Shay</b> <b>Joy Heffner</b>	<b>Jane Mahoney</b> <b>Frank Mahoney</b>
<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Melissa Boyer</b>	<b>Gary Reager</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Ellayna Boyer</b>	<b>Jillian Gipe</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Cheryl Miller &amp; Karen Dudley</b>	
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Linda Collins, Deb Reed, &amp; Marie Shay</b>	

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Lou Messina</b>	<b>Phil Kriner</b>
<b>Cantor(s)</b>	<b>Bev &amp; Phil Kriner</b>	<b>Bev &amp; Phil Kriner</b>
<b>Guides</b>	<b>Deb Reed</b> <b>Faith Batz</b>	<b>Lloyd Wertz</b> <b>Don Boyer</b>
<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Paul Boyer</b>	<b>Gary Reager</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Cheryl Miller &amp; Karen Dudley</b>	
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Lou Messina &amp; Janet Sattizahn</b>	

**WEEKLY NEWS**

**THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES** are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Shelia Brensinger and in honor of Kim by mom and dad Brensinger.

**THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT** is to the Glory of God, in loving memory of our father, Rev. Elmer H. Eiche, by Catherine, Madeleine, & Benjamin Eiche

**THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT** is to the Glory of God, in honor of Martena Schnerring for her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday from Beth and Allen Greenawalt.

**THROUGH HOLY BAPTISM GOD WELCOMES** Eva Alexandria Nettles as a daughter in the family of God. She is the daughter of Matthew and Brittany Nettles. Her baptism sponsors are Kourtney Hunter and Valerie Shipwash. Please support and welcome Eva with your prayers and encouragement as she grows in faith.

**ALL SAINTS DAY IS TODAY NOVEMBER 1.** During this festival of the church we will give thanks both for the saints who have died, but also for the new saints who have become part of the people of God through Holy Baptism.

**IN OUR PRAYERS ON THIS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY,** we remember both the saints who rest from their labor, and those who were baptized into this communion of saints this past year. During the past year we give thanks for the lives of: Leon Schweigert, Carolyn Moyer, Gary Schweigert, Nancy Starr, Lamar Moyer, Charles Ronald Gill, Charles Gurski, Bertha Koehler, and Marlis (Molly) Jones.

Since last All Saints Sunday, we give thanks for the new lives of: Avery Fink and Eva Nettles.

**OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** total as of October 31<sup>st</sup> is \$210,493.53. Thank you so much for your generosity!

**CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ORDINATION OF WOMEN IN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA,** November 15. Finally realizing that despite several negative verses in scripture about women in leadership, many more verses in the New Testament include and speak of women leading the church – most notably Paul in Galatians 3:28 "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." – We began ordaining women in 1970 (the first woman of color was not ordained until 1980).

**A SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MISSION SUPPORT** will be taken throughout the month of November. Formerly called Benevolence, Mission Support is a tangible expression of our partnership with the wider church. Just over half of each dollar that we give to Mission Support funds ministries throughout our Northeastern Synod (i.e Learning Ministries Day; Youth, Young Adults, and Families; ministry of the bishop and staff with congregations and rostered leaders), with the remaining money supporting the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (i.e. planting new congregations, missionaries, Churchwide Youth Gathering (all of our youth received scholarship support from the ELCA in 2018), ministry of the bishop and staff for ecumenism, education, and advocacy). Please use the special offering envelope, or giving and marking more on your regular envelope in the place for "Wider Church" to help us get closer to our annual goal!

**WINTER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** will be Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please submit articles by emailing them to [mail@jerusalem.lutheran.com](mailto:mail@jerusalem.lutheran.com) or place written articles in the Administrator Inbox in the church office. Thanks!

**ATTENTION:** If you participate in the Redner's receipt program, please make sure that you use your **Redner's card** when you check out. Using your card ensures that a special code appears on the receipt that allows us to receive funds from Redner's. If there is no code, the receipt cannot be used! **THANKS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

**THANK YOU** for all of your notes of appreciation from Pastors' Appreciation month. It is a joy to serve in partnership with you here at Jerusalem, and even in this difficult time of a pandemic, God continues our ministry, albeit in new forms and ways. Yet despite all the outward changes, let us continue to be grounded in the heart of faith – the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed, shared, and enacted in Word and Sacrament, witness and service.

~Pastor David Rowe

***DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE CANCELED IF...***

- If someone attends Sunday worship, and soon afterward tests positive – thereby having exposed us even while wearing masks while staying six feet apart. Out of love for one another we will then cancel Sunday worship for 1-2 weeks for a period of quarantine.
- If one of the school districts in the area suspends in-person learning, then we will also suspend worship and Sunday School out of mutual love and concern.
- If the Coronavirus Task Force (Jane Mahoney, Donald Boyer, Deborah Reed, and Pastor Rowe) and the Church Council feel that the level of community infection puts our gathering at risk, or that another temporary stop to worship may help prevent the increase of the virus.

Like snow cancellations, Sunday cancellation will be announced on Facebook, the church website ([www.jerusalem.lutheran.com](http://www.jerusalem.lutheran.com)), and on the office answering machine (570-385-2657). The Sunday record of attendance will be used to call people. In addition, if we need to once again suspend Sunday gatherings, please help us pass the word to the others!

***HOW THE PANDEMIC HAS IMPACTED JERUSALEM'S MEMBERS!*** At this point we know of four members who have had the Coronavirus. One was asymptomatic, one we sick at home, and two spent over a week in an intensive care unit. In addition, we know of three relatives of church members who have died. Despite some voices in our society that want to shrug off the virus and live normally, we believe that Christian love and concern call us to continue to take precautions both here on Sunday and throughout the week. Please wear your masks, social distance, and be cautious with family and public gatherings and travel.

**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 COULD USE MORE VOLUNTEERS** to take Holy Communion to people who are staying home. Please see Pastor Rowe.

### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

**TODAY** 8:00am Worship  
10:30am Worship  
**TUESDAY** 7:00pm Endowment Committee Meeting (Via Zoom)  
**THURSDAY** 3:30pm Covid-19 Task Force Meeting (Via Zoom)  
6:30pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting (Via Zoom)

### **MINISTRIES SUPPORTED THROUGH MISSION SUPPORT GIVING**

- “I Can” describes a ministry among believers with cognitive and developmental disabilities who are still able to nurture and communicate their faith in beautiful ways ... in Reading;
- “The Resource Center” tells of a site where ministry ideas can be explored ... in Schoenersville;
- “Disaster Response” recalls the reaction to destructive, severe flooding inflicted upon our neighbors ... in Schuylkill County;
- “Congregational Care Team” bears witness to the power of person-to-person mutual support and consolation ... in Oley.

Freed in Christ for A New Day conveys stories about four ministries...in Reading, in Schoenersville, in Schuylkill County, in Oley. The locations can make them seem out of reach. They are, however, really within reach because your congregation helps make them happen.

Your congregation shares part of your offerings with offerings from other synod congregations. We call those shared offerings mission support. Mission support makes the ministries happen– it’s what makes it possible to reach more of God’s people in need of Gospel-centered care.

Tricky as Freed in Christ for A New Day may be, one thing is clear: gathered in Christ by the Holy Spirit, members of your congregation and congregations of this synod are not afraid to extend the reach of our faith. Through your mission support a new day in Christ can dawn for people in many communities – near and far – in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Zeiser  
Bishop, Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod