



Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day

he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

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 worshiping members of Jerusalem have a significantly higher vaccination rate than our county that, together with new recommendations from the CDC and other church guidelines, has been prayerfully weighed by our leaders, along with the many different needs and wishes within our congregation. Therefore at this time as we emerge from the Covid pandemic we are worshiping in this way:

WELCOME

- **IN-PERSON WORSHIPERS**, please leave the first few spaces in the front parking lot for parking lot worshipers.
- **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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Christ the King Sunday – November 21st, 2021

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

570-385-2657 * www.jerusalemchurch.com

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POLICIES ON MASKS AND DISTANCING

- Vaccinated people are encouraged to wear a mask.
- Unvaccinated people are expected to wear masks, and to seek inoculation if that is medically advisable.
- People without masks need to assume that people wearing masks will want a six-foot distance from others, unless the masked person welcomes a closer distance.
- People without masks can choose a comfortable distance from each other.
- We have lots of space in which to worship, so we can spread throughout the nave for each service, but we will continue to tape off alternating pews as a precaution for people who are masked and need distance.

CURRENT WORSHIP PRACTICES

- We are resuming congregational speaking and singing in the building.
- Hymnals will be available in the pew racks, and distributed to and collected from people worshipping in the parking lot.
- Large print worship binders are available inside at worship stations. 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.
- The offering plates will stay in the back for the time being, until our ushering volunteers are back in full force.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Dona Nobis Pacem
Jerusalem Handbell Choir

The bell rings calling us to worship.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need.**

Amen.

God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.
Yours is the kingdom of God.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

Red Hymnal # 408

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

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The assembly inside is seated.

⁹As I watched,
 thrones were set in place,

and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 93

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and ¹armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- ¹not be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has ¹been established; you are from ¹everlasting.**

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted ¹up their voice; the waters have lifted up their ¹pounding waves.

⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers ¹of the sea,**

mightier is the LORD who ¹dwells on high.

⁵Your testimonies are ¹very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- ¹evermore.

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and

dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.


⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was
and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly inside stands to welcome the gospel.



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

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

James Covert

SERMON

Pastor Rebecca Resch

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift High The Cross

Red Hymnal # 660

The assembly stands. All proclaim the word of God in song.

(8:00) NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Barbara & Stanley Daniels, Tom & Amy Gohsler, Shannon Morgan

THE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The presiding minister addresses the assembly with these of similar words.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,
enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

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.

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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. **Amen**

(10:30) 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;
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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.

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, teachers, and daily disciples who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a more just and nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make decisions to benefit all people. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your son to give strength and hope to the weary. In the ongoing pandemic, give endurance and hope to doctors and nurses, teachers and students, childcare workers and nursing home caregivers, and first responders and essential workers. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for all who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community that serve those who are homeless, hungry, addicted, or abused. Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person, and for all who are sick and suffering, especially all whom we now raise in prayer before you.... Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Pastor: God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, 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

Glory to God

Georg Philipp Telemann

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff continues with: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff continues with: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics are: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff continues with: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. The lyrics are: "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.

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THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

The thanksgiving concludes:

. . . to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, 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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

INSIDE WORSHIPERS: Ushers will dismiss you by pew, then please give people wearing masks a six-foot distance as you approach the altar by the center aisle. 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

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Arr. James Biery

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together
at your heavenly banquet.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated.

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.
God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Jesus Shall Reign

Red Hymnal # 434

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.
Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

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

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Arr. Wayne Wold

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PRAYER LIST

Joyce Freed, Shirley Foose, Lee Miller, Joanna Sirianni Edwards, Ed Freed, Pauline Crawshaw, Karen Tropp, Diane Buffington, Jack Harnock, Marie Harnock, Keith Shoener, Tom Gerber, Kelly Carl, Cheryl Feeser, Leslie R., Mary Beth (Krater) Dinneen, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, Paul Calderone, Nicholas LaScala, Gail Kunkel, Lee Llewellyn, Dennis Heydt, Caroline Eister, Jeanette Stine, Christopher Payonk, Seth Ney, Renee Shade, Ben Moyer, Gaylene Ebling, Wally Foose, Craig Heffner, Jane Deibert, Judy Reihman, Tom Cook, Sylvia Edling, Joe Dewald, Ronald Bromwell, Lisa Weiser, Janest Yost, Anna Mae Berger, Madge Miller, Melissa Focht, Jason Brown, Teagan Brown, Brenda Phillips, 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, Peter Spontak, Kim O'Donnell, Leslie Wagner, Mateo Thomas, Barry Heffner, Phyllis Trinca Czech, Ed Sirianni, Stephen Edwards, Lester Aungst III, Christa Miller, Cathy Covach-Hale, Rev. Bruce MacLaughlin, Nancy Blank, Mary Miller, Rose Martin-Fuls, Earle Kull, Trent Johnson, Nancy Cooper, Dave Reager, Kevin Seibert, Mary Rauch, Tom Lokitus, Albert Tripp, Dorothy Moyer, Helen Fath, Diana Vasquez, Dorothy & Dan Ness, Theodore Karabetsos, Shawn Card

Those with Long-term health issues:

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Elizabeth Taylor, Carol Landes, Janice Barr, Donna Dizenzo, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Bob Yanek, 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, Nathan Resch, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Gemma Geary, 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	Ellayna Boyer	Rob Baessler
Lectors	Lou Messina	Bob McCloy
Children's Sermon	James Covert	
Communion Assistants	Karen Ochenrider	Beverly Kriner
Ushers	Bill Shay	Mark Conville
	Joy Heffner	Sheila Conville
Video Recorder		Mary Rowe
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Danika Kuhar
Counters	Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, and Janet Sattizahn	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers	Karen Ochenrider	Lloyd Wertz
Lectors	Julie Coleman	Rebekah CdeBaca
Children's Sermon	Mary Rowe	
Communion Assistants	Joy Heffner	Philip Kriner
Ushers	Faith Batz	Luke Hale
	John Macnutt	Noah Hale
Video Recorder		Joanne Wertz
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Danika Kuhar
Counters	Linda Collins & Rob Baessler	

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our mother's/grandmother's birthday, by her daughter, Fay Sausser and by her grandson, Mike Sausser.

WE WELCOME THE REV. REBECCA RESCH as our preacher today. She is the daughter of Mary and Pastor Rowe. Since Pastor Rowe will be retiring at the end of the year, and they have never led worship together since she was ordained in 2009, with the support of church council, he invited her to preach. In her own right, Pastor Resch serves part-time on the staff of the New Jersey Synod, where she is the candidacy coordinator working with people who are discerning a call to become deacons or pastors. She is also responsible for additional training and support for pastors and deacons in their first three years of ministry. Finally, she is the stated supply for preaching, pastoral care, and the church council, for St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hainesport, NJ.

WE WELCOME Stanley and Barbara Daniels, Tom and Amy Gohsler, and Shannon Morgan as new members today. They have been attending Jerusalem for a while. We are so happy they decided to officially join our Jerusalem community. Please welcome them!

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 25th. The Parish Administrator will be on vacation on Friday, November 26th and Monday, November 29th. For Pastoral care, please call Pastor Rowe on his cell phone, 570-933-5511.

GODS BARNYARD SALE is happening now through December 12th, 2021. Do you have someone on your Christmas gift list who is hard to buy for? How about buying something in their honor or in memory of a special loved one? Purchase items in person following Sunday worship services, or purchase items online by visiting our website (www.jerusalem.lutheran.com) and clicking on the "Events" tab. A wish list for GOD'S BARNYARD/ELCA GOOD GIFTS can be viewed by clicking the "Wish List" button; gifts range from farm animals to health clinic supplies. We hope you will join in our fight against hunger and poverty across the globe!

WINTER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND!

Attention Jerusalem members, if you wish to submit an article for the next Newsletter please email it to: mail@jerusalem.lutheran.com or place it in the "Administrator Inbox" in the office – No later than Monday, NOVEMBER 22ND! Thank you.

PLEASE SIGN-UP! November 28th, 2021 is the first Sunday in Advent; the season preparing us for the birth of Jesus. We need volunteers to light the Advent Wreath during the 8 and 10:30 services. A sign-up sheet is on the sign-up table for individuals or small groups to volunteer to do the lighting!

SOCIAL MINISTRY WILL BE SELLING DIVINE CHOCOLATE BARS after worship services starting November 28th. Serrv's collection of delicious Divine Chocolate comes from the Kuapa Kokoo Cocoa Cooperative in Ghana--- the first farmer-owned chocolate company in the world. The large 3.5 oz bars are \$3.00 each. Buy for yourself to enjoy, or for a sweet gift this Christmas!

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th at 9:15 am, with a snow date of December 12 (or the closest possible Sunday thereafter). We will be adopting a Plan for Ministry for 2022 and electing people to church council.

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH. If you would like to sponsor Altar Vases for Sunday, December 5th in honor of or in memory of a loved one please contact the church office. Phone: 570-385-2657. Thank you.

WE WILL DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS ON DECEMBER 5, immediately after the 10:30 service and will be serving pizza for lunch. If you are able to join us, see the sign-up sheet in the lobby. We will also need help after the second service on **January 2, 2022** to take down the decorations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY GIFTS! Your offerings provided \$360 for Seminary Students, \$960 for the Tanzania Water Project, \$900 for the Digital Sign and \$680 for our Capital Appeal. There is still time to make a special gift to these worthy causes!

EXPOSURE TO COVID AND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE – if you are exposed to someone with Covid (within 6 feet, for over 10 minutes), please stay away from church activities until you either have a negative Covid test taken 3-5 days after exposure, or you have gone for 10 days without symptoms. Although you have been vaccinated and are both much less likely to contract Covid and have a much lower risk of a severe or dangerous illness, you still can get it and spread it (we have had four fully vaccinated members of the choir get Covid). Thank you for showing loving one another and caring for yourself as a child of God.

THE JERUSALEM CHILD CARE CENTER is in need of donations of paper or plastic dixie cups. Either 5oz or 7oz. Please no Styrofoam.

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.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CONVOY will make a stop in Schuylkill Haven on Thursday, December 16th, 2021. They will participate in a ceremony at St. Ambrose R.C. Church, 201 Randel Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA. The ceremony will last 30-40 minutes. All are invited to attend.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY 8:00am Worship
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship

THURSDAY **HAPPY THANKSGIVING CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
FRIDAY **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

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