



John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

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

Second Sunday of Advent – December 6th, 2020

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

PRELUDES

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Jerusalem Handbell Choir with a piano and organ duet

The bell rings calling us to worship.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH, WEEK 2

8:00am

10:30am Lloyd & Joanne Wertz

Litany

L: At every beginning there is a yearning
for the one who is coming.

O Emmanuel,

Prepare us for your coming.

L: We gather together to get ready for what?

Only heaven knows.

O Emmanuel,

Prepare us for your coming.

L: We wait for the day
when God will create a prevailing peace on the earth,
and natural-born enemies turn into newborn friends.

O Emmanuel,

Prepare us for your coming.

L: We get ready for God to come close
by laying our lives open to Jesus,
asking him to sort through all our mixed motives.

O Emmanuel,

Prepare us for your coming.

L: Jesus, we welcome your presence now
with the lighting of these candles,
whose flames bring warmth to winter
and fill this place with the glow of hope.

Amen.

Light Two candles.

SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

257, st. 1- 4

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:

in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*

3 O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

Text: Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. Composite. Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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

Isaiah 40:1-11

The assembly is seated.

¹Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,

their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,

when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The assembly stands for the gospel.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.
- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite

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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
whose forgiveness is sure
and whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Together let us honestly and humbly confess
that we have not lived as God desires.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving and forgiving God,
**we confess that we are held captive by sin.
In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger;
we have not loved our neighbor;
we have not been Christ to one another.
Restore us, O God.
Wake us up and turn us from our sin.
Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**
People of God, hear this glad news:
by God's endless grace
your sins are forgiven, and you are free—
free from all that holds you back
and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.
May you be strengthened in God's love,
† comforted by Christ's peace,
and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.
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.

God of power and might, comfort your people and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need. *A brief silence.*

Faithful God, you teach us to wait for you with faithfulness and patience.

Sustain and support us in our doubts and questions. Nurture our faith as we discern and enact your mission. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, you set the stars in the sky and breathe life into the earth. Renew the face of creation where it is in need of your healing touch, especially in the midst of this pandemic. Mend the wounds of environmental damage and restore

balance to ecosystems so that all creation can declare your praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Steadfast God, you never tire of seeking justice. Where people suffer from discrimination, judgment, and injustice, speak words of truth and comfort. Where political wounds have torn our nation bring reconciliation. Lead us toward a world where faithfulness will sprout underfoot and righteousness rain down from above. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Leading God, you ask us to make uneven ground smooth. Make even the disparities between your people. Sustain and support people with physical and intellectual disabilities. Accompany disability advocates who work for a world accessible to all. Teach us to celebrate the great diversity in our midst. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sustaining God, you give the gifts of care-giving and research. Uphold medical workers who care for the sick, and essential workers who keep the chain of food, clothing, safety, shelter and education from breaking. Give researchers into a Covid vaccine insight into paths for prevention. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Tender God, you know sorrow and joy alike. We pray for those in our families and congregation who are not joyful in this holiday season. Comfort those who grieve, be a companion to all who are lonely, and tend to those who are sick or struggling with depression, especially those whom we now raise in prayer before you... Gather all people in your healing embrace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal God, we give thanks for the saints who have prepared your way in the wilderness and taught us to continue their faithful work. Make their generous lives an example for all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: AUTUMN

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever. **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 and health 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). Then partake of the Sacrament by going to three stations:

1. *At the head of the center aisle, 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 second station.*
2. *At the closest small table, while only touching one glass, take either a pre-filled one of wine from the trays or a pre-filled glass of grape juice from the table. Then still maintaining your distance, go to the third station.*
3. *At the next table, marked with a sign inviting you to take and eat and drink, put your glass on the table for a moment, lower your mask, eat the wafer, pick up your glass and drink, raise your mask, drop the empty glass in the basket, and sanitize your hands.*

Rejoice! Although this way of serving the Lord's Supper is different, by being careful we can still receive the Lord's Supper while keeping one another safe.

ANTHEM

(8:00) Come, Come, Emmanuel

Lou Messina, Soloist

Jay Althouse

(10:30) Celtic Advent Carol

Lloyd Wertz, Soloist

Michael Barrett

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious and abundant God,
you have done great things for us, and we rejoice.
In this bread and cup you give us life forever.
In your boundless mercy, strengthen us
and open our hearts to the world's needs,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated.

BLESSING

The assembly stands. The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.
The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,
✠ now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Blessed Be the God of Israel

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- 1 Blessed be the God of Israel
who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us:
a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared
that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies
and all who wish us harm.
- 2 With promised mercy will God still
the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham,
from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear
and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness
to serve God all our days.
- 3 My child, as prophet of the Lord
you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved
from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high
shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death
and lead us into peace.

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DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Prepare the Royal Highway

Paul Manz

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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Those with Long-term health issues:

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Elizabeth Taylor, Carol Landes, Maureen Moyer, Karen Cockill, Janice Barr, Donna Drenzo, 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 Stefichack, 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

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Mary Rowe	Rob Baessler
Cantor(s)	Lou Messina	Lloyd Wertz
Guides	Bill Shay	Jane Mahoney
	Faith Batz	Frank Mahoney
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Gary Reager
Acolyte	Ellayna Boyer	Jillian Gipe

**Altar Guild
Counters**

**Karen Ochenrider
Linda Collins, Deb Reed, & Marie Shay**

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Karen Ochenrider	Phil Kriner
Cantor(s)	Beverly Kriner	Jim Covert
Guides	Don Nettles	Lloyd Wertz
	Joy Heffner	Don Boyer
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Melissa Boyer
Acolyte	Marla Freiwald	
Altar Guild	Karen Ochenrider	
Counters	Lou Messina & Janet Sattizahn	

WEEKLY NEWS

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Gina & William Covach and Gerry Hale by their family.

THE FLOWERS IN THE FLOOR VASES are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Milford D. Foose by granddaughter, Stephanie, and daughter, Bonnie Jean.

2021 JERUSALEM MINISTRY PLANS can now be picked up on the table by the front door.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 at 9:15 am, with a snow date or COVID date of December 20 (or the closest possible Sunday thereafter). The key items of business... through computer video (Zoom). ALSO, if worship would have to be suspended for the pandemic, please tell the Sunday guides (ushers) if you have Zoom, in case we need to hold an entirely virtual annual meeting.

WE WILL DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS ON DECEMBER 13, immediately after the 10:30 service and will be serving pizza for lunch in the social hall. By following the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, we feel we can do this safely. If you are able to join us, please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby. We will also need help on **January 3, 2021 at 11:30 am** to remove the decorations.

GOD'S BARNYARD SALE STARTING NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020. There are two ways to be involved in God's Barnyard this year.

- First, you can make an online donation to fulfill Jerusalem's goal to "purchase" a Family Farm. Together as a congregation, we can support the start of a family farm with animals, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training for a family living in poverty. You can find the link to our donation page at jerusalem.lutheran.com. Look for upcoming events and click on God's Barnyard. That will lead you to a spot to CLICK which will take you directly to our secure donation page. You

can even track our progress on that page!

- The second way to be involved in God's Barnyard is to utilize the God's Barnyard Order Form that can be found in the Winter Newsletter. (You can also take a look at the order form at our website.) Make your selection on the order form and mail it, along with a check made out to Jerusalem Lutheran Church, to 252 Dock St., Schuylkill Haven PA 17972. Or just drop it off at the church office. We have some ornaments and cards to match your order that can be obtained at your request. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Covert.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS AND A SERVICE PROJECT are available in the back of the sanctuary to enrich your Advent journey. In addition to advent calendars given in Sunday School geared toward households with children, in the back we have ADVENT CALENDARS with a door for each day that when opened offers a thought or scripture, a STAR DEVOTIONAL with advent scripture and prayers from the United Lutheran Seminary, and a REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR that encourages you to set aside one food item each day so that you can then give the that food to either the ecumenical food pantry or our Little Free Pantry (If you give to our little pantry, please substitute ready-to-eat foods for those that the calendar suggests).

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES will be held at 4:00, 6:30, AND 8:30 PM (unless as a result of the pandemic we prayerfully decide to close). By adding a third service this year, we anticipate that with fewer people coming to worship than on a normal Christmas Eve, that we will be able to spread those who do attend across the sanctuary at a safe distance. Pews will be sanitized between services, masks will be worn during worship, and we will continue not to sing together (regrettably). However the most important part of Christmas Eve worship will still take place – the gospel of Jesus' birth will still be heard, and the risen Christ will still come to us in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In addition, if the weather permits, we plan to go outside as a whole congregation from the church toward the end of each service to light candles and sing the last hymn together! Since it may be breezy outside and difficult to keep real candles lit, those with cell phones may want to consider downloading "Virtual Candle" to their cell phones.

WE ARE LOOKING for a volunteer with basic Facebook skills who would be able to LIVE STREAM ONE OF OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES for people who cannot gather with us during this pandemic. Please see Tanya or Pastor if you would be interested in doing this!

SERVICES WILL BE CANCELLED ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, the first Sunday in the Christmas season. Because many people will either push the boundaries or break the guidelines for gathering on Christmas during this pandemic, suspending worship for that Sunday will allow nine days to pass, and symptoms to develop for anyone who may become infected and then staying

home, before we gather again for worship on Sunday, January 3 (the Second Sunday in the Christmas Church year).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXTRA GIVING TO MISSION SUPPORT during the month of November. In addition to your year-round giving, these "second mile" gifts provided \$826 extra toward our partnership goal for ministry through our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for the mission work that can only be done through the wider church!

YOUR SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND END-OF-YEAR GIVING helps us to end 2020, and begin 2021 in a stronger position. Because we will NOT be having services the last Sunday of the year, please give your Christmas and year-end giving either on Christmas Eve, or through the mail so that it arrives in the office not later than December 31. Thank you for your generosity!

CANCELLATION OF SERVICES DUE TO THE PANDEMIC OR WEATHER. If circumstances arise that worship and Sunday school need to be cancelled, the news will be announced on Facebook, the church website (www.jerusalem.lutheran.com), and on the office answering machine (570-385-2657). If area schools cancel some or all of in-person classes, please check regularly for updates and cancellations (NOTE: we have refined our considerations for closing, so that our decisions are no longer absolutely linked to in-person school closures). And please help us pass the word to the others!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY 8:00am Worship
10:30am Worship
TUESDAY 6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting Via Zoom
7:00pm Church Council Meeting Via Zoom

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GOD'S BARNYARD ORDER FORM

Wondering what to give to friends and family this Christmas? Give a Christmas gift that makes a difference! Choose from the following options and mail your check made out to Jerusalem Lutheran Church to 252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972.

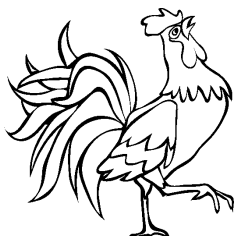
If you want a card or ornament to give your gift recipient, please check the box.



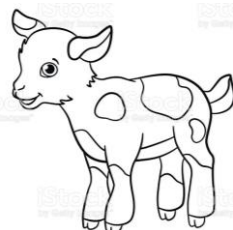
Chicks \$10.00



Pig \$30.00



Rooster \$15.00



Goat \$50.00



Honeybees \$20.00

A Gift to God's Global Barnyard will be used where it is needed most to support our livestock, agriculture, and other sustainable development projects, which help farmers and families with the resources they need to thrive.

Any Amount \$