



The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.

- PLEASE PARK FACING THE CHURCH, and dress warmly so that our cars are not idling throughout the service. Of course, a hot beverage, a lap robe or a lap animal may also help. The service will be brief in cold weather, and become longer and include more music and Holy Communion as the mornings get warmer.
- TUNE your radio to **90.1 FM** (the signal is probably too weak to use your radio's Scan command, because it may skip right over it. The broadcast can be heard for about 100 yards)
- SING AS LOUD AS YOU WANT IN YOUR CAR – pretend that you are doing Carpool Karaoke with James Corden on late night television.
- OFFERINGS will be collected as you enter the parking lot by the ushers in bright green vests.
- TO TALK TO EACH OTHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE SERVICE roll down your windows and wear a mask. Due to traffic *please don't get out of your car to mill around* (in addition to members parking their cars, remember that the south side of the parking lot has a public road cutting through it!).
- BATHROOMS are available through the front and back doors of the building.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Transfiguration of Our Lord – February 14th, 2021

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

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GATHERING

PRELUDES

In Thee Is Gladness

Arr. Theodore Beck

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.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.**

We distrust those who are not like us.

**We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;**

receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew

near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.”

¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”

⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

May God Bestow On Us His Grace

Stephen Valente, solo

Martin Luther/Aaron Miller

A prerecorded anthem is available to view in Sunday’s recorded service on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tanya Cartwright

A prerecorded children's sermon is available to view in Sunday's recorded service on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel.

SERMON

Pastor David Rowe

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

631

The assembly proclaims the word of God in song.

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

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

As a local assembly of believers, we pray for the whole world and church, as well as our local congregation and neighborhood.

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence.*

For the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for communities of faith far and near, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For creation, wounded by the Coronavirus, as researchers and medical teams use the gifts that you have given them, to bring healing to the sick, and vaccinations to the vulnerable, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those responsible for safety and protection: for emergency responders and security guards, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and leaders of governments, prophets and peacemakers, that they may witness to mercy and justice throughout the world, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who suffer this day, that Christ our healer may transform sickness into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For beloved companions on life's journey, for this worshiping community, for loved ones who cannot be with us this day, and for guidance during the struggles we face, that God's glory may be revealed around and among us, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For essential workers, for teachers and students, for parents raising children, for the elderly who live alone or in nursing homes, for the newly unemployed, for

people in poverty, and for all who do not have access to adequate medical care, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our living, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE 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.**

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!

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.
Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Alleluia Songs of Gladness

arr. Robert Farlee

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MINISTRY NEWS

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, Sam Huff, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Donna Evans, Joan Heckrote, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, Kenny Noecker, Nancy Reese, David Huff, Paul Calderone, Nicholas LaScala, Gail Kunkel, Lee Llewellyn, Dennis Heydt, Caroline Eister, Jeanette Stine, Christopher Payonk, Seth Ney, Renee Shade, Cathy Hale, Ben Moyer, Gaylene Ebling, Wally Foose, Craig Heffner, Jane Deibert, Judy Reihman, Tom Cook, Sylvia Edling, Joe Dewald, Ronald Bromwell, Carla Zelinsky, Lisa Weiser, Janest Yost, Anna Mae Berger, Madge Miller, Kathleen Kelleher, Melissa Focht, Jason Brown, Teagan Brown, Brenda Phillips, Family of Keith Ramsey, Cecelia Kacmar, Lois Pavelko, Edith Kriner, Melanie Hart, Janice Moore, Christie O’Dell, John Cooper, Florence Shay, Clarence Zweizig, Jayden Leiby, Melvin Rodriguez & family, Dorothy Moyer, Bruce Stees, JoAnn Baker Copley, Carlene Wenner, Christy Deaton Stocks, Maria Motto, Katharine Macnutt, Peter Spontak, Faye Sausser, Kim O’Donnell, Leslie Wagner, Mateo Thomas, Barry Heffner, Charlotte Moyer, Phyllis Trinca Czech, Ed Sirianni, Stephen Edwards, Lester Aungst III, Christa Miller, David Griffiths, Stanley Daniels

Those with Long-term health issues:

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

	8:30am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers		
Ushers	Joy Heffner	Jim Ziegelbein
		Don Boyer
Cantor(s)	Mary Rowe	The Coverts

Sound Board

Counters

Linda Collins, Deb Reed, & Marie Shay

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:30am

10:30am

Assisting Ministers

Ushers

Don Nettles

Cantor(s)

Sound Board

Counters

Rabekah CdeBaca

Brenda Searle

Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, & Janet Sattizahn

WEEKLY NEWS

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S CANTORS, Mary Rowe, Jim & Linda Covert. Our anthem for the day is performed by Stephen Valente, a former member of the Penn State Glee Club.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are being distributed by ushers during worship and are being mailed out. If you haven't received a devotional and would like one please contact the church office. In addition, Tanya has Lenten Devotionals for the confirmation class students. If anyone would like one of these devotionals, aimed at youth, please, contact her.

ASH WEDNESDAY (Feb. 17!) WORSHIP will be held at noon and 6:30 as drive-in services. Instead of marking foreheads with ashes, we will be distributing ash crosses with part of Psalm 51 print on the back ("Create in me a clean heart, O God...") that can be carried in a wallet or purse throughout Lent. **COMMUNION WAFERS** will be distributed in sealed plastic bags when people enter the lot, and then during the service, they will be consecrated and we will receive the Body of Christ given for us for the first time in many weeks. Please remember to bring a cellphone or flashlight to read the bulletin in the dark.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER will be held on the Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday but before Holy Week (Feb 24 – March 24) at 6:30 at least initially in the parking lot. Instead of sermon series, each week we will lift up a "20th Century Witness" who through their lives and writings, point us toward scripture, neighbor, and faithfulness even in severe and difficult times like these days. In addition to the small, battery -operated tea light that we will give to everyone to place on his/her dashboard for Evening Prayer (The light of Christ,! Thanks be to God!), please remember to bring a cellphone or flashlight to read by.

OUR CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE (Deb Reed, Jane Mahoney, Don Boyer, and Pastor) continues to meet and make recommendations to our Church Council about the shape of Jerusalem's ministry in this time of pandemic.

- It continues to monitor the Covid-positivity rate in Schuylkill County (it has come down a good bit since its peak, but is still as high as it was in mid-December, and Schuylkill has had the highest rate in the eight-county Philadelphia area of southeastern Pennsylvania). We will also be keeping an eye on that rate in the aftermath of the Super Bowl when undoubtedly there will be many social gatherings.
- While we had several small public funerals and viewings several months ago, most recently with the much higher rate of infection, our church funerals have either been restricted to the family, or a small family graveside service that has been held with the intention of holding a later, larger memorial service at Jerusalem when it is safer. Hopefully you will not need to plan a funeral during this time, but we recognize both the need of the Rites of the Church when grieving, as well as the fact that funerals can be "super-spreader" events.
- We encourage everyone to get a vaccine when they become available for you. And you can help us, by sharing with us when you have been vaccinated so that we can use this as one factor as prayerfully seek to discern when it may be safe enough to offer in-person worship. When you are fully vaccinated (two doses), please fill out the tear-off on the last page and drop it in the offering basket when you leave the parking lot.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS are needed to be ushers, assisting ministers, sound board managers, and video recorders (a smartphone is needed; iPhones preferred because we are familiar with them). Training will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering contact Melissa Boyer or the church office. THANK YOU to everyone, especially Barry Bedford, who made our first drive-in worship service successful!

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). Because we have a covered walkway or the service can be led entirely from inside, there will be no need to cancel for ordinary bad weather. Worship will be cancelled only when the weather is too bad to travel.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY	8:30am Worship 9:15am Confirmation Class 10:30am Worship
TUESDAY	1:00pm Coronavirus Task Force Meeting (Via Zoom) 6:00pm Child Care Committee Meeting (Via Zoom)
WEDNESDAY	12:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship
FRIDAY	1:00pm Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry Distribution

BELOW IS A LIST OF COVID-19 VACCINE SITES IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

Site	Address	City	Contact Info.
St. Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital	360 West Ruddle St.	Coaldale, PA 18218	Phone: 1-866-785-8537
Geisinger St. Luke's Hospital	100 Paramount Blvd.	Orwigsburg, PA 17961	Website: https://www.slnh.org/covid-19/protect-yourself/covid-19-vaccine Phone: 1-866-StLukes(opt. 7)
Surgery Center of Pottsville	1544 Route 61 Suite 6192	Pottsville, PA 17901	Phone: 570-385-7000
Lehigh Valley Hospital Schuylkill	700 E. Norwegian St.	Pottsville, PA 17901	Website: https://www.LVHN.org/vaccines Contact name: Luis Puentes Phone: 833-584-6283
Schuylkill Community Health Center	210 Sunbury St.	Minersville, PA 17954	Website: https://primary-health.net/covid-vaccine-clinic.aspx Contact Name: Ashlee Montgomery Phone: 724-699-9211
Family Practice Center	105 W. Main Street	Valley View, PA 17983	Phone: 570-682-8026
Redner's Pharmacy	22 Forest Drive	Hegins PA 17938	Call store phone currently for scheduling; Updating website



I/we _____ (name(s))
have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.