



Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

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). Recommendations from the CDC and ecumenical church worship guidelines, have been prayerfully considered by our leaders for our worship practices. Therefore at this time in the Covid pandemic we are worshipping in this way:

WELCOME

- **IN-PERSON WORSHIPERS**, please leave the first few spaces in the front parking lot for parking lot worshipers. Further information on page 2.
- **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

Transfiguration of Our Lord – February 27th, 2022

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

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CURRENT WORSHIP PRACTICES

- We have resumed congregational speaking and singing in the building.
 - Hymnals are available in the pew racks, and distributed to and collected from people worshipping in the parking lot.
 - Large print worship binders are available inside. 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. Please space yourselves as you come forward.
 - The offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary by the door until we can safely pass the plates through many hands.
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PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Beautiful Saviour

arr. Gregory Hamilton

The bell rings calling us to worship.

GATHERING

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,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word

when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:
In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Beautiful Savior

Red Hymnal # 838

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It starts with a quarter rest, followed by a sequence of notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics "This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God." are aligned with these notes. The second staff continues with a treble clef, key signature of one sharp, and common time. It begins with a dotted quarter note G4, followed by an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are aligned with these notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.



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

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

The assembly inside is seated.

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 99

¹The LORD is king; let the ^l people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ^l the earth shake.

**²The LORD, ^l great in Zion,
is high a- ^lbove all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is ^l great and awesome;
God is the ^l Holy One.

**⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- ^ltablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- ^lness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- ^lfore God's footstool;
God is the ^l Holy One.

**⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call
upon your ^l name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you ^l answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- ^llar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree ^l that you gave them.

**⁸O LORD our God, you answered ^l them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their ^l evil
deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's ^l holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the ^l Holy One.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is,

there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

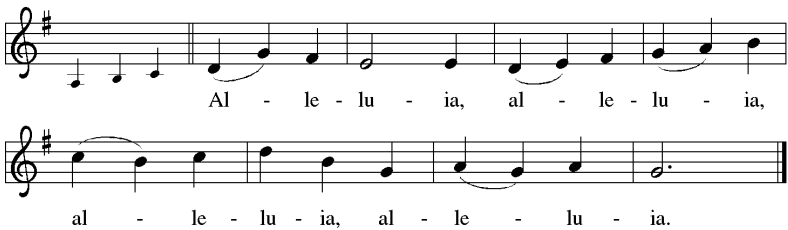
^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly inside stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-43a

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much

longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.”⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.
^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Audrey Christ

SERMON

Pastor Kathleen Ash-Flashner

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Red Hymnal # 671

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

APOSTLES CREED

We confess our faith with the whole church using the ancient baptismal creed that summarizes the teaching of the scripture and the apostles.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Heal those who are in distress. Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; 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

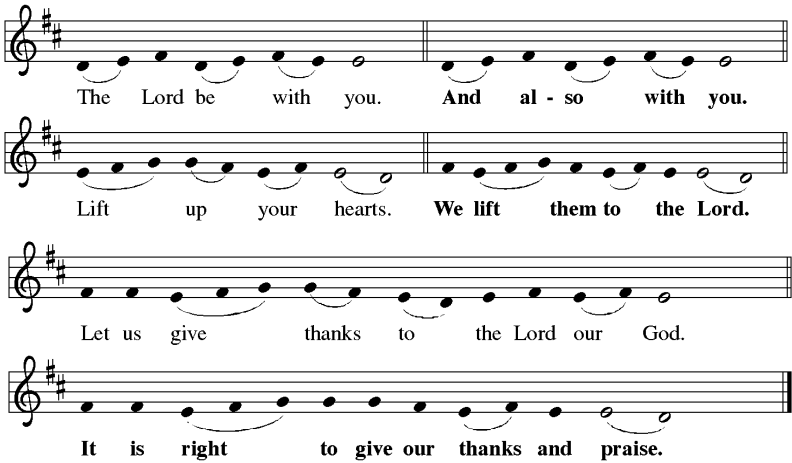
Transfiguration

Joel Martinson

MEAL

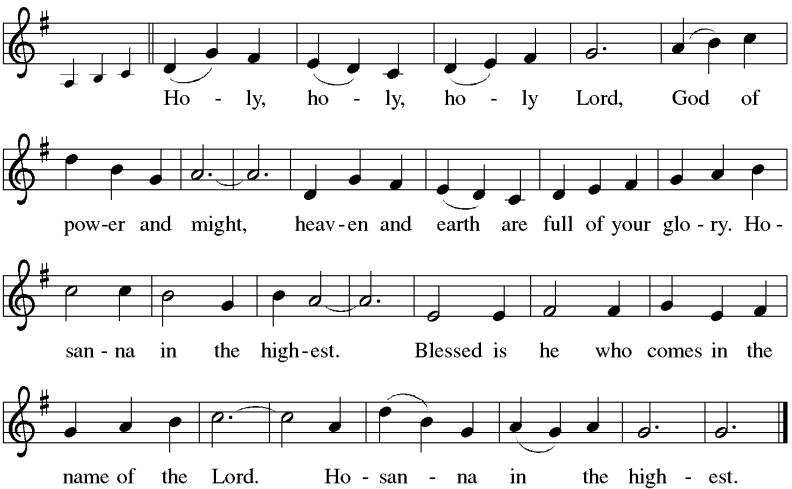
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The assembly stands. 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 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER # 3

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your word
dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth
in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God,
we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, 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

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

INSIDE WORSHIPERS: Ushers will dismiss you by pew, then please allow a six-foot distance from other households as you approach the altar by the center aisle (tape marks in the center aisle are a helpful guide). 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

Gift Of Finest Wheat

arr. Jeffrey Honoré

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated.

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.
God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Red Hymnal # 318

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.
Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Festivity

Douglas Wagner

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PRAYER LIST

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Those with Long-term health issues:

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Carol Landes, Donna Dizenzo, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Anna Heffner, David Wise, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Pat Thomas, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Harold & Fay Sausser, Ruth Brown

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	Karen Ochenrider	Rebekah CdeBaca
Lectors	Deborah Reed	Rob Baessler
Communion Assistants	Julie Coleman	Linda Covert
Ushers	Bill Shay Donald Nettles	Noah & Luke Mike Sausser
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Rachel Kramer
Counters	Lou Messina, Rob Baessler, and Janet Sattizahn	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

	6:30pm
Assisting Ministers	Rebekah CdeBaca
Lectors	James Covert
Communion Assistant	Jean Loose
Ushers	Bill Shay Faith Batz
Sound Board	Gary Reager

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Ministers	Ellayna Boyer	Lloyd Wertz
Lectors	Conner Roeder	Jill McCloy
Communion Assistants	Karen Ochenrider	Rob Baessler
Ushers	John Macnutt Faith Batz	Tom Gohsler Amy Gohsler
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rick Heckrote
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed, and Marie Shay	

THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Leroy Conville, on the 15th anniversary of his death, by son Mark and Family.

TODAY WE WELCOME Pastor Kathleen Ash-Flashner to our pulpit. She is our Associate of the Bishop that relates to us here in the Schuylkill Mission District. Take time to say hello and get to know her.

DUE TO THE FALLING NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES, the Coronavirus task force and Jerusalem's Church Council have decided to make masks optional in worship. Jerusalem's leaders continue to monitor the severity of COVID-19 cases and will announce worship changes in the Sunday bulletins.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND, will be observed with worship at 6:30PM. In addition to offering ashes as a remembrance of our mortality, the services will include Ash Wednesday confession and absolution, as well scripture, sermon, and the Lord's Supper as we begin our Lenten journey.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER will once again be our Wednesday, Mid-week Lenten Services, from March 9 – April 6 at 6:30 PM. Our theme will be 'Praying With Others' in which a story concerning prayer will be told and then time taken to pray as a group. Join us for these Wednesday evening worships, which have become a meaningful part of our Lenten journey.

LENTEN SCHEDULE! This year things are a little different due to not having a 'Called' pastor at Jerusalem. **March 2nd** begins the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. There will be one service at 6:30 P.M. with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Every Wednesday in Lent at 6:30 PM we will gather for Holden Evening Prayer. During Holy Week there will be a Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion at 6:30 PM. Good Friday service will also be at 6:30 having a Tenebrae service or Service of Shadows. As you can tell all worship services that are during the week take place at 6:30 PM. But note, there will be no parking lot worship available. Please mark your calendars so you don't miss out on these opportunities!

MINISTRY CELEBRATION FOR 2022, will be held on March 20th at 9:15 AM! There will be no Sunday School on that day. Please join us in the social hall to view displays from Jerusalem's different committees and ministries. Annual Reports will be distributed that morning as well!

UPCOMING SPRING CONCERTS. SAVE THE DATES!

- ❖ March 20, 2022 at 3:00pm, Organ Recital featuring Randall D. Perry on Organ.
- ❖ April 24, 2022 at 3:00pm, Clarinet and Piano concert featuring Dr. Steven Christ on Clarinet with Caleb Flick on Piano and Dr. Annie Rose Tindall-Gibson on Piano.

WE INVITE YOU TO PRAY...

Please pray for Jerusalem's Call Committee Members as we continue to navigate our way through our Pastoral Transition. Thank you to Bill Shay, Beverly Kriner, Greg Gross, Joy Heffner, Mark Conville, and Deborah Reed.

ALTAR VASE FLOWER SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE. Would you like to have the altar flowers in memory of or in honor of a special loved one? Sunday, March 13th is an open date. You would call Forget-Me-Not Florist at 570-366-2619 to order the flowers and then contact the church office at 570-385-2657 to let the administrator know what you would like to say in the bulletin for that Sunday. Thanks!

DID YOU KNOW that Jerusalem has a calendar that has all events that take place at Jerusalem on it? This includes all ministry meetings, day care and preschool staff meetings and events, concerts, worship services, education events, social ministry activities, community ministries, Schuylkill Mission District Council meetings and activities, and any other special events that take place in our building. **YOU** can access this calendar! Just go to www.jerusalem.lutheran.com and click on 'events' (the top right side). When you see the drop down box click on 'calendar'. The whole month will come up on your screen. This is especially important if you want to schedule a meeting so there are no conflicts. Once your committee sets the meeting date and time, let our parish administrator, Rachel, know as soon as possible so she can put it on the calendar. Of course, this works in reverse if you need to cancel something that is on the calendar, let Rachel know that too! Only Rachel can add and remove items on the calendar! It is important to keep the calendar current as we grow in ministries and the number of people participating!

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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY 8:00am Worship
9:15am Sunday school
10:30am Worship
3:00pm Gabriel Chamber Ensemble Concert
TUESDAY 6:30pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting
WEDNESDAY 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

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INTRODUCING PASTOR LARRY LAINE

“Ministry”

Below are Pastor Laine’s thoughts on ministry. He will join us for worship next Sunday, March 6th, 2022!

My approach to ministry begins with relationships. We need to talk to each other. We need to engage each other. We need to understand each other. We need to laugh together and enjoy one another. We need to have healthy disagreements together. We all come from different life experiences. We should share that experience together. Most importantly, we all share a common focus as we worship together and share our faith together. What a wonderful experience to engage the diversity and differences among us and worship together. (It would be a bore if we were all the same!)

You know that Jesus was accused of being a socialite, a person who enjoyed the presence of others, a person who sat down with people, who instructed people and who welcomed anyone and everyone to engage. Jesus loved and enjoyed the company of others. All this is a way of saying that at the core of ministry is the creation of community. I call this creating a “culture of care” for one another.

In addition to being a profoundly interesting and charismatic person, Jesus was genuinely concerned about how people understood the Jewish faith and how they practiced that faith in their daily lives. The world in which Jesus lived was more intricately connected regarding religion, economics, social and political realities. The elite people, many being Sadducees and Pharisees who ran the country, were landowners and lived in opulent dwellings. They were closely aligned with the Roman government, collected taxes, and paid the tithe to the Roman government. The Roman government was very oppressive and cruel. Religion and power went hand in hand. Jesus did not hesitate to speak truth to power. All this is a way of saying that at times the gospel will confront our political, social, and economic life. As one who is called to be a spokesperson, an advocate for Jesus, the Christ, there are times when I will share with you the gospel that confronts our values and lifestyles and challenges us to be ‘more like Jesus.’

I turn now to another important and significant reality that Jesus came to share. The core of this understanding is at heart of the Beatitudes. If we read between the lines, the message of the beatitudes is a message of hope. Blessed are those who are poor – because they understand their dependence upon God. Blessed are those who hunger – because they understand what it means for people to be fed. Blessed are those who mourn because they understand empathy and compassion for others. They know how to cry with those who cry. They know how to feel with those who hurt. And they know how to comfort the grieving, the hurting, the lonely and estranged. The heart of the gospel is hope – hope unto eternal life.

My ministry is a ministry of enhancing and enjoying relationships, creating a culture of care for people, bringing the gospel to bear on our values and lifestyles, and to bring God’s hope and promise to all people.

Peace and blessings ~ Pastor Larry Laine