

Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

May 12, 2024
Ascension Sunday
8:30 AM Worship Service



Mission Statement

SOW. The Gospel of Jesus the Christ to all generations
GROW. His followers into spiritually mature disciples
GO. Back into the world to serve others in His name

WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to join with us today as we gather in worship to give thanks to our gracious and loving God. If you have particular needs and/or questions please speak with an usher. Again, thanks for spending a little time with us.

THIS WEEK AT JERUSALEM

Sunday, May 12	<i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	
	8:30 AM	Traditional service with live stream
	9:45 AM	Christian Education
		Adult Forum
	11:00 AM	Contemporary service with live stream
Monday, May 13	6:00 PM	Yoga Class (YC)
	7:00 PM	JLNSDC Board Meeting (SH)
Tuesday, May 14	6:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (YC)
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting (SH)
Wednesday, May 15	7:30 PM	Adoration Rehearsal
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, May 16	9:30 AM	Care Team Meeting (YC)
Saturday, May 18	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, May 19	<i>Trivia Night</i>	
	8:30 AM	Traditional service with live stream
	9:45 AM	Christian Education
		Adult Forum
	11:00 AM	Contemporary service with live stream
	2:00 PM	Trivia Night (SH)

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” Cherwien

EASTER DIALOGUE

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*GREETING

P: 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.

*KYRIE (SUNG)

CANTOR:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*” (#392:2, 3, 4, 5)

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His promise:
“I am with you evermore”?

3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by His blood.”

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were

watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

L: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 93

Chanted responsively between Cantor and Congregation

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 ¹
of 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.

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

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

CANTOR: Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, to the end of the age.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***GOSPEL READING Luke 24:44-53**

The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

***HYMN** “*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*” (#393:1, 2, 4, 5)

1. A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world
shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
and with His faithful foll’wers see
their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. “You see Him now, ascending high
up to the portals of the sky.”
Alleluia! Alleluia!
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see
returning in great majesty.”
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to You let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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***NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
he was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all! **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

Chancel Choir

“All You People, Clap Your Hands (Psalm 47)” Ylvisaker

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

***LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

***BENEDICTION**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**

***HYMN** *“For All the Faithful Women”* (#419:1, 4, 6, 11, Last)

1. For all the faithful women
 who served in days of old,
 to You shall thanks be given;
 to all, their story told,
 They served with strength and gladness
 in tasks Your wisdom gave.
 To You their lives bore witness,
 proclaimed Your pow’r to save.

4. To Hannah, praying childless
 before the throne of grace,
 You gave a son and called him
 to serve before Your face.
 Grant us her perseverance;
 Lord, teach us how to pray
 and trust in Your deliv’rance
 when darkness hides our way.

6. We honor faithful Mary,
 fair maiden, full of grace.
 She bore the Christ, our brother,
 who saved our human race.
 May we, with her, surrender
 ourselves to Your command
 and lay upon Your altar
 our gifts of heart and hand.

11. For Eunice and for Lois,
 we sing our thanks and praise.
 Young Timothy they nurtured
 and led him in Your ways.
 Raise up in ev’ry household
 true teachers of Your word
 whose lives will bear clear witness
 to Christ, our risen Lord.

All praise to God the Father!
 All praise to Christ the Son!
 All praise to God the Spirit,
 Who binds the church as one!
 With saints who went before us,
 with saints who witness still,
 we sing glad alleluias
 and strive to do Your will.

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***DISMISSAL**

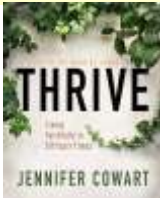
Alleluia! Go in peace.

Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *“Hail Thee, Festival Day”* Burkhardt

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Thrive based on the book of James. *Thrive* focus is to help women develop the habits and attitudes necessary to *thrive*, endure hardships whatever their circumstances, humility and controlling our words.

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM in the Youth Center.

Any questions please reach out to Jen Wolk or Glenda Ortiz.

SMALL GROUP STUDY

Fridays at 3 PM in the Office Parlor



We will spend time going into a deeper understanding of Jesus and who he is for us. Yes, we know of Jesus and his life but do we really realize how much we need him and do we hear his call to each of us. This will be an informal time to share our thoughts to become better acquainted and closer to our Savior - to Jesus.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL DINNER



Confirmands in the 8th grade are getting ready with final preparations before Confirmation Sunday on ***June 2nd at 9:30 AM*** (there will only be one service). All 7th & 8th grade students from our Confirmation class and their families (parents and siblings) are invited and strongly encouraged to join us for a Confirmation Dinner & Rehearsal on:

Wednesday, May 22nd starting at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall.

Look for complete details and sign-up RSVP link in your email.

SUMMER SINGLE WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Last Sunday for our 8:30 & 11 AM worship services will be May 19th. Sunday School and Confirmation Class will also conclude for the summer on May 19th.

Starting Sunday, May 26th we will begin our summer worship schedule of a single service at 9:30 AM with live stream.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: CAROL SOUDER



Final arrangements for Carol Souder's memorial service is scheduled for the evening of ***Wednesday, May 29th*** at Jerusalem Lutheran Church.

Visitation for family and friends starts at 6:00 PM.

Memorial service will be at 7:30 PM

Light refreshments following in the Social Hall.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE



Sunday, June 9th at 10:00 AM
Upper Salford Park in Schwenksville

Worship service will be at 10:00 AM followed by lunch.
Games and activities for kids will be available.

Please join us during this fun time of fellowship. Please see bulletin board on Narthex for sign-up sheet, Sign-up link via email or contact the church to be added to the list.

2024 GRADUATES



Jerusalem is proud of the young men and women who have reached this important milestones in their lives. If you know of, or have in your family, a high school graduate or technical school/trade school/college graduate, please email his/her name along with graduation picture or current picture to the church office at:
secretary@jelc.org.

VBS 2024: CAMP FIRELIGHT

This year VBS is scheduled to take place the week of:
June 24th-June 28th from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Closing program will be June 30th.



As we journey through our week we will learn
"whenever we are afraid we will put our trust in God" Psalm 56:3.

We will learn to:
Trust God to go with us!
Trust God to lead the way!
Trust God to share wisdom!
Trust God to give us peace!
Trust God to spark joy!

We are in need of extra helping hands and teen volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering and help make this ministry happen please reach out to Glenda Ortiz in the church office at secretary@jelc.org

You can sign-up for the entire week or just a few days. We would love to have you!!
The more helping hands the merrier.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

8:30 AM

Ushers: Paul Ensminger &
Joan Connolly

Acolyte: Justin Minkon

Cantor: Audrey Stroman

Lector: Madeline Morris

Counters: Bruce & Sue Fulmer

Altar Guild: Renee Bartlett & Tricia Hawks

Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder



PRAYER CONCERNS....

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Diane Burger, Babs deFrenes, Pat Giarrocco, Marion Herden, Nellie Ann Kodoziejski,
John Markley, Gene Miesse, Linda Petrucelli, Noel Pumphrey, Barbara Rex,
Robert Schirk, Jennifer Sone, & Carol Sprainer.

ONGOING PRAYERS

DiDomenico Family, Susie Barker, Phillip Bertsch, Jeanne Bullard, Bryan Delowery,
Audrey Englehart, Betty Erwin, Anne Fisher, Aaron Hamlin, Morgan (Smith) Jordan,
Leslie Leben, Sharon Morgan, George Miller, Janet Neumann, Bev O'Brien,
Parker Oehler, Ashely Steele, Ed Witte, & Marie Wolfe.

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