

Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 AM Worship Service

Sing praises
to the **LORD,**



O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks
to his holy name.

PSALM 30:4, NRSV

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 5	<i>Music Appreciation</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 6	6:00 PM	Yoga Class (YC)
	7:00 PM	JLNSDC Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 7	6:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (YC)
	7:30 PM	Finance Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, May 8	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Adoration Rehearsal
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Friday, May 10	3:00 PM	Small Group Study with Pastor
Saturday, May 11	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
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

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PRELUDE

Steepleringers Handbell Choir

"Welcome, Happy Morning!" arr. Youngman**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS****EASTER DIALOGUE**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***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** *“When in Our Music God Is Glorified” (#851)*

1. When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!
2. How oft, in making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!
3. So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in ev’ry tongue: Alleluia!
4. And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight: Alleluia!
5. Let ev’ry instrument be tuned for praise;
let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;
and may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for

whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

CANTOR: Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***GOSPEL READING John 15:9-17**

The holy gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you.

¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sunday School Choir
"Sing To The Lord A New Song" (Psalm 98) Ylvisaker

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!" (#369)**

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| <p>1. Christ the Lord is risen today; Alleluia!
 Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
 offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
 at the Paschal Victim's feet. Alleluia!</p> | <p>3. Christ, the Victim undefiled, Alleluia!
 God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
 when contending death and life, Alleluia!
 met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>2. For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
 sinless in the the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
 now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!</p> | <p>4. Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
 all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
 Christ the Lord is risen on high; Alleluia!
 now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!</p> |

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Each portion of the prayer ends: A: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

RECOGNITION OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC *"Praise the Savior"* Weber

Chancel Choir

***OFFERING PRAYER**

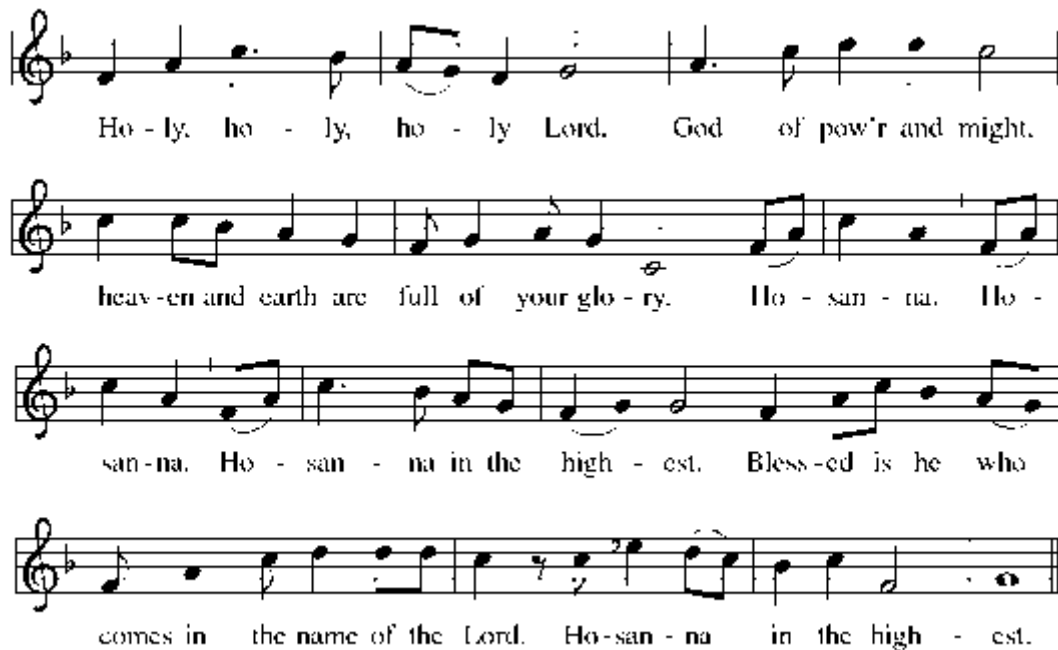
Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

***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 our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
 Come and eat at God's table.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

Please come forward down the center aisle, receive a cup from the usher, and fill the altar rail from the left (pulpit side) to the right (lectern side). Gluten-free wafers are available in the container on the harpsichord. You may take the wafer for yourself. Grape juice is available from the ushers for those who do not take wine..

COMMUNION HYMNS #878, #742***COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Lay Communion ministers come to the rail during Canticle

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
for I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:
a light to lead the nations unto your holy hill,
the glory of your people, your chosen Israel.

BLESSING OF LAY COMMUNION MINISTERS**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *“I Am Free”* Newsboys **Praising Hands Ministry**

***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.**

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace.

Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”* Powell

Thank You to Jerusalem's Musicians: 2023-24

“Thank You” to those who have “Made a Joyful Noise” to enhance our worship during the past year.

Chancel Choir (adults and high school youth):

Nancy Arnold, Jack Bowman, Babs de Frenes, Andy Englehart, Audrey Stroman

Cantors: Jack Bowman, Andy Englehart, Norma Grosick, John Markley, Carol Sprainer, Audrey Stroman

Adoration Worship Team (adults and high school youth): Jack Bowman, Donnie Grosick, Norma Grosick, Michael Mancini, Carol Sprainer

Stream & Tech Team (Live streaming and PowerPoint projection): Tim Arnold, Renee Bartlett, Jack Bowman, Tony Damiani, Mike DiDomenico, Nico DiDomenico, Andy Englehart, John Fry, Michael Mancini, Fred Poust, Christopher Rittich, Nicholas Rittich

Steepleringers Handbell Choir (adults and high school youth):

Nancy Arnold, Tim Arnold, Renee Bartlett, Jack Bowman, Rose Koehler, Gail Maser, Robin Schlichter, Audrey Stroman, Kelly Szczesny, Garvey Wolk

Sunday School Choir (pre-K through grade 6): Reagan Bullard, Ryan Bullard, Ariella Cusumano, Alyssa Davis, Emily Engelhart, Adelina Freer, Isaac Freer, Zoey Gosch, Thalia Hernandez, Addy Johnni, Eli Johnni, Audri King, Ryan Kulp, Noelle Troutman

Praising Hands Ministry (leaders: Norma Grosick, Ashley Petrucelli, Heather and Charlie Johnson, Robin Schlichter):

Reagan Bullard, Ryan Bullard, Adriana Cusumano, Ariella Cusumano, Alyssa Davis, Emily Englehart, Adelina Freer, Isaac Freer, Zoey Gosch, Addy Johnni, Camryn Johnson, Audri King, Ashley Petrucelli, Luna Petrucelli

Mustard Seed Puppeteers (leaders: Norma Grosick, Robin Schlichter): Ryan Bullard, Isaac Freer

Christmas Pageant (leaders: Glenda Ortiz, Gina Weygand):

Reagan Bullard, Ryan Bullard, Alyssa Davis, Emily Englehart, Ryan Engelhart, Adelina Freer, Isaac Freer, Addy Johnni, Eli Johnni, Sean Ortiz, Caden Troutman, Noelle Troutman

Special Music, vocal/instrumental: Jack Bowman, Dylan Dice, Logan Dice, Nina DiDomenico, Chris Freer, Christopher Rittich, Nicholas Rittich, Robert Rittich, Roland Rittich, Audrey Stroman, Kelly Szczesny, Garvey Wolk, Matthew Wolk

Thank you also to all in the congregation who join with us and “come into His presence with singing!” We would love to add more members to these groups! Please make time to join us in September. Call/text (610-489-3320) or e-mail

(dalcris@protonmail.com) me with any questions you may have. Thanks again for another uplifting year of music to worship our Lord!

~ David Crist, Director of Music



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SUNDAY

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

8:30 AM

Ushers: Paul Ensminger &
Joan Connolly

Acolyte: Brianna Minkon

Cantor: Andy Englehart

Worship Assistant: Tim Arnold

Counters: Tony & Anna Marie Damiani
Altar Guild: Renee Bartlett & Tricia Hawks
Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

Praising Hands Ministry

Performers: Reagan and Ryan Bullard, Adelina and Isaac Freer,
Addy Johnni, & Camryn Johnson

Leaders: Heather and Charlie Johnson, Norma Grosick

PRAYER CONCERNS....

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Diane Burger, Pat Giarrocco, Marion Herden, 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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