



Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

September 22, 2024
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 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, September 22	<i>Special Congregational Meeting</i>	
	9:30 AM	Single Worship Service w/live stream
	10:30 AM	Congregational Meeting
Monday, September 23	5:00 PM	Yoga Class (YC)
Wednesday, September 25	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Adoration Rehearsal
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, September 26	6:30 PM	Steepleringers Rehearsal
Saturday, September 27	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, September 29	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service with live stream
	9:45 AM	Christian Education
	11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service with live stream

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”* Miller

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

*HYMN “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” (#843)

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris’ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev’ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

2. Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert’s burning sand;
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev’ry land.

3. Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

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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)*Responses:**

Lord, have mer - cy.



A - men.

***HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God"**

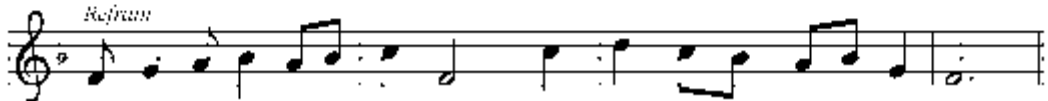
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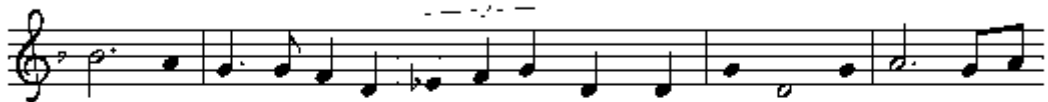
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



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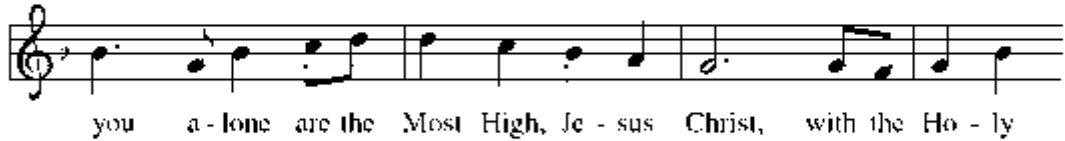
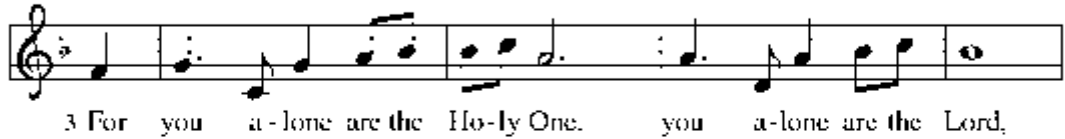
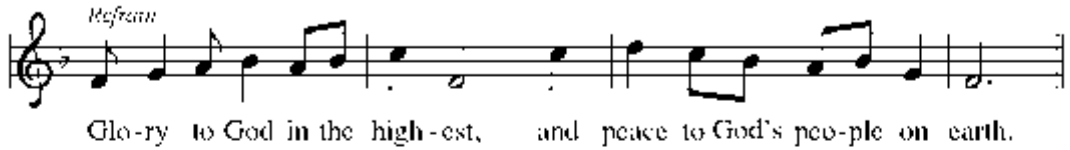


2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

PSALM Psalm 54

Chanted responsively between Cantor and Congregation

¹Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²**Hear my | prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.

⁴**Behold, God | is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from | every trouble,
and my eye looks down | on my enemies.

God | is my helper;
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.

SECOND READING James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full

of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ⁴

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

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CANTOR: God has called us through the proclamation of the good news, that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

***GOSPEL READING Mark 9:30-37**

The holy gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,

³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

SERMON**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE*****HYMN** "*Children of the Heavenly Father*" (#781)

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| <p>1. Children of the heavenly Father
safely in His bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.</p> <p>2. God His own doth tend and nourish,
in His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them,
in His mighty arms He bears them.</p> | <p>3. Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord His children sever;
unto them His grace He showeth,
and their sorrows all He knoweth.</p> <p>4. Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.</p> |
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***APOSTLES' CREED**

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 THE CHURCH**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

OFFERING**OFFERING MUSIC**

Chancel Choir

"Bless, O Lord, Us Thy Servants" How

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen**

***HYMN “We All Are One in Mission” (#576)**

1. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

2. We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

3. Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Congregational Council is calling a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Sept 22nd at 10:30 AM to approve use of the Foundation Fund to support the deficit between 2024 expenses and income. The meeting will be immediately after a single 9:30 AM service. The Congregation has previously approved up to \$80k from the Foundation Fund, but the deficit in 2024 has exceeded that amount and additional use of the fund is required. Additionally, the council requests discussion from the congregation to address

the significant gap between income and expenses. No motions and votes will be taken at this meeting except for the council recommendation on use of the foundation fund. The meeting will be held for a maximum of 1 hour.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON GATHERINGS

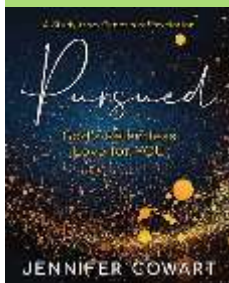
Join us for lunch: Last Wednesdays of the month at 12:30 PM



This month will be meeting at Copperfield Inn, (The former Lakeside) 594 W. Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA 19468 on **Wednesday Sept. 25th at 12:30 pm.**

Reservations must be made through Dan Slemmer!
Everyone is always welcome to email or call the church office for more information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: *PURSUED*



We are falling back into our regular routine and with that comes a new Women's Bible Study! Hope you can join us!

Starting Thursday, September 26th at 7:30 PM in the Youth Center

In this six week Bible study we will discover through the books of Genesis to Revelation how God is pursuing us as we explore His relentless love for us. Through this study we will see the big picture of God's love for us, discover that God wants a personal relationship with us, and realize that God never stops pursuing us.

Please sign-up or contact the church office so we can order sufficient number of workbooks for each participant. Sample copy of the material is available on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.

ADULT FORUM



Adult Forum will resume next Sunday, September 28th in the Social Hall starting at 9:45 AM and led by Pastor Stan. Please join us!

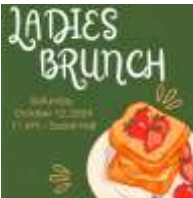
UPCOMING: MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Blessing of Animals: Bring your beloved furry friends for a special blessing on **Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 AM** by the Youth Center parking area.



Men's Breakfast: Please join for Breakfast on **October 5th at 7:30 AM** at the Country Chef at 1446 Gravel Pike, Perkiomenville, followed by a volunteering session through Perkiomen Watershed where we will help plant trees at the Leidig Property in Perkiomenville. RSVP by October 1st with Glenda or Andy Englehart.



Ladies Brunch: Saturday, October 12th at 11 AM in the Social Hall. See Bulletin Board to sign-up, or contact the church office at: secretary@jelc.org or 610-287-7104



Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child (Shoe Boxes)

We will be once again participating in this incredible project! This year we are inviting our congregation, JLNSDS, and community to take part in this ministry. Stay tuned for complete details and deadlines!



Red Cross Blood Donation at JELC:

Save the date! JELC will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Social Hall on **Saturday, December 7th from 9AM to 2PM.**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

9:30 AM

Ushers: Chas & Gina Weygand

Acolyte: Ryan Englehart &
Emily Englehart

Cantor: Jack Bowman

Lector: Glenda Ortiz

Counters: Tim & Nancy Arnold

Altar Guild: Janet Luyben, Diane Martin, and Dalilah Freer

Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

PRAYER CONCERNS....

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Diane Burger, Christopher DiDomenico, Barbara Delp, Babs deFrenes, Thomas Freed, Skylar Gerhardt. Pat Giarocco, Donnie Grosick, Joe Hallman, Marion Herden, Effa Hunt, Nellie Ann Kodoziejski, Linda Kuiken, Greg Landis, John Markley, Gene Miesse, Linda Petrucelli, Noel Pumphrey, Robert Schirk, Robin Schlichter, Jennifer Sone, Carol Sprainer, Gail Wetzel, & Ed Witte.

ONGOING PRAYERS

DiDomenico Family, Susie Barker, 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, Ashley Steele, & Marie Wolfe.

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