



Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

October 5, 2025
Seventeenth 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.

Nursery Care is available for younger children downstairs in the room across from the Coffee Corner.

THIS WEEK AT JERUSALEM

Sunday, October 5	9:30 AM	Single worship service with live stream
	10:45 AM	Christian Education
	6:00 PM	Mustard Seed Puppeteers Rehearsal
Monday, October 6	1:00 PM	Worship & Music Meeting (OP)
	7:00 PM	JLNSDC Board Meeting (SH)
Tuesday, October 7	7:00 PM	Finance Meeting (SH)
Wednesday, October 8	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study (OP)
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, October 9	6:30 PM	Steepleringers Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Asaph Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 11	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, October 12	<i>Healing Service</i>	
	9:30 AM	Single worship service with live stream
	10:45 AM	Christian Education

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UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES...



Morning of Hope: Cancelled

Unfortunately due to low interested on our upcoming Morning of Hope event it has been decided to cancelled the event. Our guest Lynn Eib needed a certain amount of guests enrolled in other to plan accordingly, and with the low numbers of current enrollment it was decided to be cancelled.

Thank you for your understanding.



Puppets Rehearsal Sunday Evenings 6PM-7PM

Contact Norma Grosick with any inquiries.



Healing Service Sunday, October 12th

Join us during our 9:30 AM service for a special prayer and laying of hands for those in need of healing.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, October 18th from 9AM to 2PM in the Social Hall. Scan the QR code to register or visit: Redcrossblood.org/give. Enter zip code 19473 and enter date 10/18/25 in the search box or scroll down list for Jerusalem Church from list of donors.



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

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 12:30 PM So Much to Give Restaurant

3401 W. Skippack Pike (next to Bustard Rd)

Please contact Dan Slemmer *by October 24th* to reserve your place and request carpooling if needed.



Halloween Parade Thursday, October 30th

Registration starts at 6PM at Heidelberg UCC Church
Parade starts at 7 PM down Second St onto the old Univest Parking lot.

We will have a table outside the church with candies and goodies! Stop by to say hello.



ASP Breakfast

Sunday, November 9th from 7:30 AM-9:00 AM in the Social Hall.

(Before the worship service)

Join us for the first fundraiser of the ASP season.



Annual Congregational Meeting: November 9, 2025

in the Sanctuary following Worship Service at 9:30 AM

There will be No Christian Education.

Please plan to attend. You are important to this process.

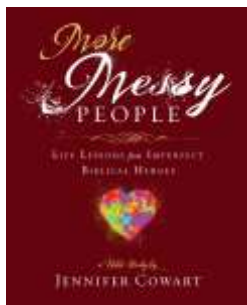
Committees, please have your reports submitted to the church office no later than November 3rd.



Harvest Home Sunday: Sunday, November 16th

We will once again be collecting non perishable food items to be donated to local food banks. We will have baskets in the Coffee Corner for donation items to be placed. We will take some items to the altar for a special blessing before distributing the donations.

Donations can be dropped off no later than November 16th.



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

Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM in the Office Parlor

In this six-week study we will learn about biblical heroes, who like us, made mistakes, but found God was able to use them in powerful ways. Although their lives were far from perfect, they still played a significant role in the biblical narrative. If interested, please contact Glenda Ortiz in the Church Office.



Nursery Care During Sunday Worship Time

We are rolling out care for children in the Nursery room during the worship service once again. We are in need of volunteers.

Please look for sign-up schedule in email. Child abuse clearances are required to be on file by the church. Please contact the church office for assistance in obtaining them if needed. There is no charge for volunteers requesting child abuse clearances, and they are valid for 5 years.



A "member of the month" spotlight section will be featured in our monthly "Good News" newsletter. We are hoping that it will help the congregation put names to faces and get to know each other.

We are asking that you please send a photo (preferably a headshot) and a 4-5 sentence paragraph about yourself that can be shared in the newsletter.

PRELUDE *“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”* Porter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONGS** *“My Life Is in You, Lord”*

CHORUS:

My life is in You, Lord,
my strength is in You, Lord,
my hope is in You, Lord,
in You, it's in You;
My life is in You, Lord,
my strength is in You, Lord,
my hope is in You, Lord,
in You, it's in You.

REPEAT CHORUS.

VERSE:

I will praise You with all of my life,
I will praise You with all of my strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You.

CHORUS.

VERSE.

My life is in You, Lord,
my strength is in You, Lord,
my hope is in You, Lord,
in You, it's in You;
My life is in You, Lord,
my strength is in You, Lord,
my hope is in You, Lord,
in You, it's in You, in You.

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“In Christ Alone”

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease,
my Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This Gift of Love and Righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Songs.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*GREETING

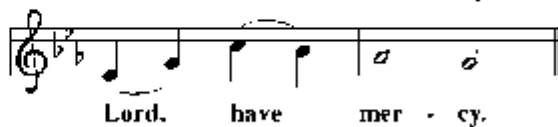
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*KYRIE RESPONSES (SUNG)

CANTOR: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



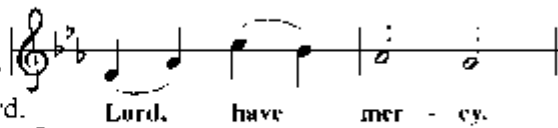
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



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



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



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



CANTOR: The word of the Lord endures forever.

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***GOSPEL READING Luke 17:5-10**

The holy gospel according to Luke, the seventeenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

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

SERMON

Pastor Thomas Kochenderfer

***HYMN OF THE DAY “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (#759)**

1. My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly Thine!

3. While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

2. May Thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as Thou has died for me,
oh, may my love to Thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

4. When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

***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**

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.**

OFFERING

Steepleringers Handbell Choir

"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" Cruger / arr. Wissinger

"This Is My Father's World" Sheppard / arr. Wissinger

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*OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING (SPOKEN)

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-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

***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**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION - AT THE RAIL

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 small table. You may take the wafer for yourself. Grape juice is available from the ushers for those who do not take wine..

COMMUNION HYMNS #810, #818***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**

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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**

***SENDING HYMN “How Firm a Foundation” (#796)**

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2. “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

3. “When through fi'ry trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

4. “Throughout all their lifetime My people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.”

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” Paxton

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

9:30 AM

Ushers: Linda Kehs &
Maddie Morris

Acolyte: Ryan Englehart

Cantor: Dylan Dice

Worship Assistant: Sarah Englehart

Nursery: Glenda Ortiz

Counters: Chas & Gina Weygand

Altar Guild: Janet Luyben & Tricia Hawks

Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

*Special Thank –you to Pastor Thomas Kochenderfer
for being our guest pastor today.*

PRAYER CONCERNS....

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Bill Boorse, Marty Conte, Rose Mary Crowley, Becky Dice, Audrey Englehart,
Anne Fisher, Effa Hunt, Mary Jane Kehs, Lloyd Johnson, John Markley,
Gene & Pat Miesse, Margaret Nicholas, Bev O'Brien, Don Peters, Linda Petrucci,
Amy Prater, Joseph Russella, Mary Ann Schofield, Joseph Schmitt, Paula Slemmer,
Jennifer Sone, Gail Wetzels, Bobbie Willis, & Jean Whitko.

ONGOING PRAYERS

Susie Barker, Jeanne Bullard, Babs deFrenes, Bryan Delowery, Betty Erwin,
Donnie Grosick, Aaron Hamlin, Morgan (Smith) Jordan,
Nellie Ann Kodoziejski, Leslie Leben, Sharon Morgan, George Miller,
Janet Neumann, Noel Pumphrey, Robert Schirk, Robin Schlichter,
Shawn Schlichter, Carol Sprainer, Brian Wheatcroft, & Marie Wolfe.

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