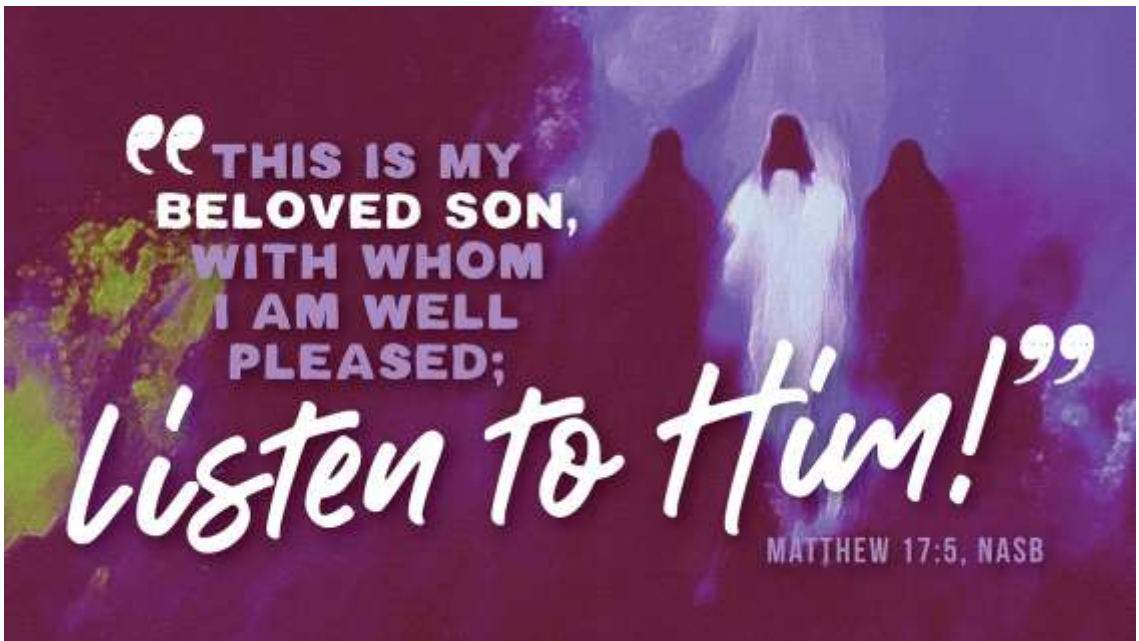


# Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

February 15, 2026  
Transfiguration of Our Lord  
10:30 AM Worship Service



## Mission Statement

S O W. The Gospel of Jesus the Christ to all generations

G R O W. His followers into spiritually mature disciples

G O . 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, February 15		<i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
	10:30 AM	Single worship service with Communion & live stream
	6:00 PM	Mustard Seed Puppets Rehearsal
Monday, February 16	10:00 AM	Book Club Meeting (OP)
Wednesday, February 18	12:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Noon Service - Combined with Heidelberg Church (JELC YC)
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
	7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service - Combined with Heidelberg Church (JELC Sanctuary)
Thursday, February 19	9:30 AM	Care Team Meeting (YC)
	6:30 PM	Steepleringers Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Asaph Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, February 21	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
	9:00 AM	Council Retreat (Meadowwood)
Sunday, February 22	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
	10:30 AM	Single worship service with live stream
	6:00 PM	Mustard Seed Puppets Rehearsal

### The People of Jerusalem Congregation, Ministers

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES...



**Please Note:** We will be pausing our weekly Women's Bible Study during the 5 weeks of Lent to focus on Lenten Devotions and Reflections scheduled for Wednesday evenings. We will resume our current study after Lent & Easter starting Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30 PM. We have three lessons remaining in this study. Our current Women's Bible Study is "*Untangling Faith*" by Amberly Neese.

During this study we will dive into deep questions that will help us reestablish, reinforce, and reclaim our faith. If interested in joining, please contact Glenda Ortiz at: [secretary@jelc.org](mailto:secretary@jelc.org) or call 610-287-7104.



**Ash Wednesday Services:** Will be on **February 18th**. There will be two services scheduled at Jerusalem Church. Both services will be combined with Heidelberg Church. The first service will be at 12 PM in the Youth Center and second service at 7:30 PM in the JELC Sanctuary. We will have light refreshments and a time of fellowship in the Social Hall after the 7:30 PM service. If

transportation is needed for members wanting to attend service at 12 PM but unable to drive please call the church office for transportation arrangements.



**Thursday, February 19th in the Youth Center at 6:30 PM**

Bring a friend and a snack to share

Email the church office at: [secretary@jelc.org](mailto:secretary@jelc.org) or text

Glenda Ortiz at: 215-237-7707



**Lenten Soup Suppers:** Bread and soup suppers followed by a devotion will be held during the 5 Wednesdays during Lent: **Feb. 25th, March 4th, March 11th, March 18th & 25th**. We will gather in the **Social Hall from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**. Everyone is invited to attend. We are asking 2 volunteers to bring a favorite soup to share with the group at each Wednesday supper. Look for sign-up sheets on the Bulletin Board & Evite link by email soon



**Monthly Luncheon - Last Wednesday of the Month  
February 25th at 12:30 PM**

Grace's Cafe

273 Schuylkill Road, Phoenixville, PA

Please contact Dan Slemmer **before February 20th** to reserve your place and request carpooling if needed.



**Youth and Families! Join us for Winter Jam Concert:**  
**Thursday, February 26th at Santander Arena in Reading PA.**  
 Winter Jam is an incredible night of Christian concert, plus worship and ministry to encourage believers of all ages and share the Gospel. **There are no tickets required. \$15 donation at the door.**  
 We will meet at the church parking lot at 4PM to car pool.

Doors open at 6PM. Concert starts at 7 PM. Feel free to invite a friend. If interested please contact the church office to be added to our list.



**First Communion: Sunday, March 15th (note updated date)**  
 This year First Communion will be ***Sunday, March 15th***. This date will enable the congregation and families of participating children to celebrate this important milestone together.

***Instruction class for First Communion will be held on Sunday, March 8th. Time to be determined. Stay tuned.***



Please be aware that in the **event of cancellations** for worship service or other events due to inclement weather, we will notify the congregation via: Email, Social media announcements, website update, church office voicemail greeting, and phone calls to those that attend that don't have email or access to any electronic notifications. Also, feel free to contact Andy Englehart or Glenda Ortiz for cancellation confirmation.



### **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.



**Sign up for Altar Flowers New Pricing: Altar or Chancel \$25**  
 Order forms are located inside red file folder on the Bulletin Board. Write your name and message desired for dedication on the schedule, fill out an order form, place order form with payment in the offering plate or mail it into the church office. Any questions feel free to contact the church office.

**PRELUDE** “*In Thee Is Gladness*” A. K. Organ

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*GATHERING SONGS** “*Open the Eyes of My Heart*”

CHORUS:

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see You,  
I want to see You. REPEAT.

To see You high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of Your glory;  
Pour out Your pow'r and love;  
As we sing, “holy, holy, holy,”

CHORUS, 2x

To see You high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of Your glory;  
Pour out Your pow'r and love;  
As we sing, “holy, holy, holy,”

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy;  
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.  
REPEAT.

CHORUS, 2x.

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Hosanna! Music c/o Integrity Music, Inc.

“*Beautiful One*”

1. Wonderful, so wonderful  
is Your unfailing love,  
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.  
No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no heart could fully know  
how glorious, how beautiful You are.

CHORUS: Beautiful One I love,  
beautiful One I adore,  
beautiful One my soul must sing.

2. Powerful, so powerful,  
Your glory fills the skies,  
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.

The beauty of Your majesty  
awakes my heart to sing:  
How marvelous, how wonderful You are.  
CHORUS, twice.

You opened my eyes  
to Your wonders anew,  
You captured my heart  
with this love  
'cause nothing on earth  
is as beautiful as You.  
(REPEAT)

CHORUS, twice.

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Music, admin. by worshiptogether.com Songs.

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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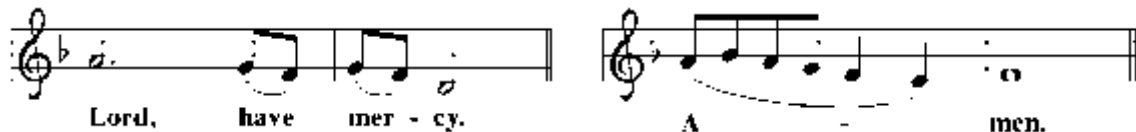
Mighty God, lover of justice,  
 you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense  
 of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right  
 words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together  
 and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly  
 with you, our God. **Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of  
 water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your  
 sin in ✠ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
 and bless you with the gift of peace. **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 (SUNG)



### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the  
 witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your  
 beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ  
 of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### FIRST READING Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give  
 you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for  
 their instruction.” <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto  
 the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back  
 to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The  
 glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the  
 seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the  
 LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites.

<sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for  
 forty days and forty nights.

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

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



CANTOR: This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## \*GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

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

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

## SERMON

**Pastor Karen Sease**

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (#671)

REFRAIN: Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me: REFRAIN.

2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me: REFRAIN.



## \*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 MUSIC

*"The Gift of Love"* arr. Hopson

**Asaph Choir**

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## \*OFFERING PRAYER (UNISON)

Let us pray...

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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







### \*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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

### LAMB OF GOD - *Spanish*

Glenda Ortiz

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .  
ten pie - dad de no - so - tros, have . . mer - cy up - on us, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros,  
have . . mer - cy up - on us, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros, have . . mer - cy up - on us,  
Cor de ro de Dios, tú que qui tas el pe ca do del mun do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

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ten pie-dad de no-so-tros, have . . mer-cy up-on us, ten pie-dad de no-so-tros, have . . mer-cy up-on us.

Cor-de-ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do; O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da-nos tu paz, grant us your peace, da-nos tu paz, grant us your peace.

### **DISTRIBUTION - CONTINUOUS LINE DOWN THE AISLE**

*Please come forward down the center aisle, receive a cup from the usher, receive communion bread from the Pastor, and then receive wine from the Communion Assistant. 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 #838, #631**

#### **\*COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

#### **\*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.

#### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* (#834:1, 4)

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most Blessed, most Glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise!

4. Thou reignest in glory; Thou dwellest in light;  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *“Voluntary VIII in C”* Boyce

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

**9:30 AM**

**Ushers:** Tricia Hawks &  
Robin Schlichter

**Acolyte:** Eli Johnni

**Cantor:** Dylan Dice

**Worship Assistant:** Gina Weygand

**Nursery Assistant:** Sarah Englehart

**Counters:** Linda Kehs & Ardie Musselman

**Altar Guild:** Janet Luyben & Daliliah Freer

**Banners:** Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

*Altar flowers are presented by Sandor Varga,  
in appreciation of our Church Council.*

*Special thank you to Pastor Karen Sease for being our guest pastor today.*

## PRAYER CONCERNS....

### PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Tanner Antlilosky, Marty Conte, Debbie Feitchthaler, Anne Fisher, Margaret Fisher, Gene & Pat Miesse, Paula Murphy, Margaret Nicholas, Bev O'Brien, Daniela Rivera, Don Peters, Linda Petruccelli, Joseph Russella, Mary Ann Schofield, Joseph Schmitt, Jennifer Sone, Savoeun Touch, Gail Wetzels, Bobbie Willis, & Jean Whitko.

### ONGOING PRAYERS

Susie Barker, Jeanne Bullard, Babs deFrenes, Audrey Englehart, Betty Erwin, Effa Hunt, Donnie Grosick, Nellie Ann Kodoziejski, Leslie Leben, John Markley, Sharon Morgan, George Miller, Janet Neumann, Noel Pumphrey, Robert Schirk, Shawn Schlichter, Carol Sprainer, & Marie Wolfe.

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