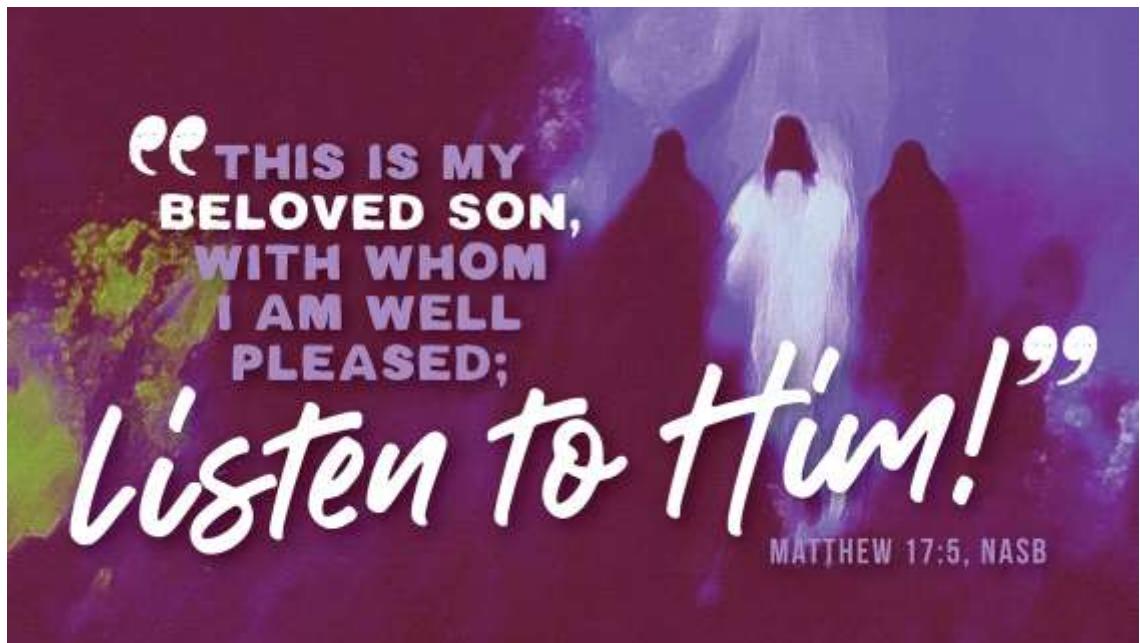




Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

February 15, 2026
Transfiguration of Our Lord
10:30 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, February 15		Transfiguration of Our Lord
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		Book Club Meeting (OP)
Wednesday, February 18		Ash Wednesday Noon Service - Combined with Heidelberg Church (JELC YC)
12:00 PM		AA Meeting (YC)
7:00 PM		Ash Wednesday Service - Combined with Heidelberg Church (JELC Sanctuary)
7:30 PM		Care Team Meeting (YC)
Thursday, February 19		Steeplingerers Rehearsal
9:30 AM		Asaph Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM		AA Meeting (YC)
7:30 PM		Council Retreat (Meadowwood)
Saturday, February 21		Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
7:00 AM		Single worship service with live stream
Sunday, February 22		Mustard Seed Puppets Rehearsal
9:15 AM		
10:30 AM		
6:00 PM		

The People of Jerusalem Congregation, Ministers

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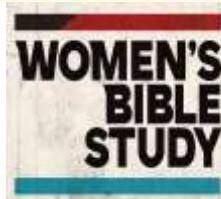
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or the church office at 610-287-7104

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Jerusalem Lutheran Nursery School and Day Care 610-287-6360

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 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: secretay@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.

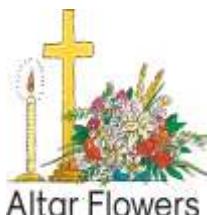


Please be aware that in the **event of cancellations** for worship service or other events due to inclement weather, we will notify the congregation via: Email, Social media announcements, website update, church office voicemail greeting, and phone calls to those that attend that don't have email or 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, 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.

***CONFESSİON 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)

Lord, have mercy.

Amen.

*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

¹² 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." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ 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."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ 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

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

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.**

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ 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.” ⁵ 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!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ 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.

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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

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

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 - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCARISTIC 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.

Cor de ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do;
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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,

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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'ly 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 Antilosky, 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 Wetzel, 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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