



Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent
10:30 AM Worship Service



Second

SUNDAY

IN

LENT

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, March 1	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Sunday School & Confirmation Classes Single worship service with live stream Mustard Seed Puppets Rehearsal JLNSDC Board Meeting (SH)
Wednesday, March 4	1:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship & Music Meeting (OP) Lenten Soup Suppers & Devotions AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, March 5	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Steepleringers Rehearsal Asaph Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 7	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, March 8	<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	
	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM	Confirmation Class First Communion Instruction (SH) Single worship service with live stream Mustard Seed Puppets Rehearsal

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UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES...



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.



Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday, March 8th!

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour (Spring forward) on Saturday, March 7th before you go to bed!



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 during the Sunday School hour in the Social Hall



Tuesday, March 17th in the Youth Center at 6:30 PM

Bring a friend and a snack to share

Email the church office at: secretary@jelc.org or text
Glenda Ortiz at: 215-237-7707



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

Italian Delight and Pizzeria Restaurant

734 W. Main Street, Trappe, PA

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



Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, April 11th 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 4/11/26 in the search box or scroll down list for Jerusalem Church from list of donors.



PRELUDE *“The God of Abraham Praise”* Koch

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONGS** *“God of All”*

1. God of all, we come to praise You.
We lift Your name on high in all the earth.
God of all, we come to praise You.
We lift Your name on high in all the earth.
God of glory, God of majesty,
God of mercy, we lift Your name on high.
God of all, God of all.

2. God of all, we come to praise You.
We lift Your name on high in all the earth.
God of all, we come to praise You.
We lift Your name on high in all the earth.
God of holiness, God of righteousness,
God of heaven, we lift Your name on high;
God of all, God of all.

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“Step By Step”

O God, You are my God,
and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God,
and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your ways,
and step by step You'll lead me,
and I will follow You all of my days.

And I will follow You all of my days,
and I will follow You all of my days,
and step by step You'll lead me,
and I will follow You all of my days.

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Publishing.

REPEAT.

***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 before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love
into your hearts, and gives you life and 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 mer - cy. A - - - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 12:1-4a

¹ The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

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

SECOND READING Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?

² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

CANTOR: The Son of Man must be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

ALL: Repeat acclamation above.

***GOSPEL John 3:1-17**

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

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.”

³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’

⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

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⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris McKinstry

*HYMN OF THE DAY “*We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus*” (#451)

1. We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in His death;
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like His,
we will all be reunited, for He lives.

2. In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus Who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

3. Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. Amen.

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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

Norma and Donnie Grosick

"Praise You in This Storm" Hall and Herms

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***OFFERING PRAYER (UNISON)**

Let us pray...

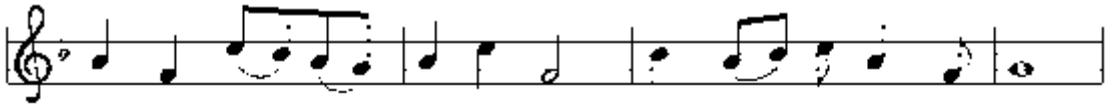
God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

***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. Bless - 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.

***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**

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

LAMB OF GOD - English



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



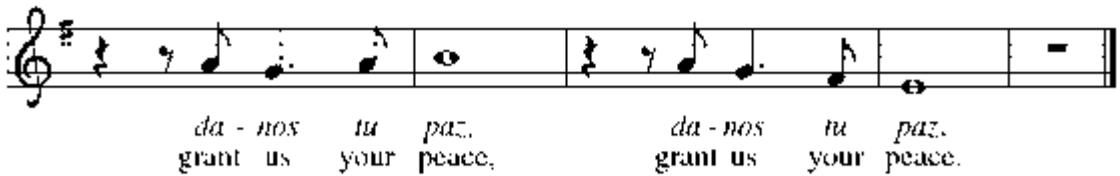
Cor de ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



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



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 #759, #321

***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**

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**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN** *“Lift High the Cross”* (#660)

REFRAIN: Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. REFRAIN.

2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. REFRAIN.

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. REFRAIN.

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! REFRAIN.

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace.

Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *“Give Thanks Unto God”* Ashford

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM

Ushers: Paul Ensminger &
Joan Connolly

Acolyte: Emily Englehart

Cantor: Andy Englehart

Worship Assistant: Sarah Englehart

Nursery Assistant: Glenda Ortiz

Counters: Chas & Gina Weygand

Altar Guild: Rose Koehler & Louise Hunsicker

Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

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

PRAYER CONCERNS....

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

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

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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