



Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

April 5, 2026
Resurrection of Our Lord
11:00 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

WELCOME...to Worship this Day of Resurrection! We hope that you will be both comforted and challenged by the Word of God for us today. If you are new to our community, we hope you will consider making Jerusalem your church home. If you are already a member, be sure to extend a friendly greeting to those around you, starting with someone you don't know ... yet. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Chris before you leave today!

THIS WEEK AT JERUSALEM

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

7:00 AM Easter Community Outdoor Sunrise Service at Ott's
10:45 AM Prelude Music for Easter Worship Service
11:00 AM Easter Worship Service at JELC with Communion & Live Stream

Monday, April 6

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)

Thursday, April 9

6:30 PM Steepleringers Rehearsal

7:30 PM Asaph Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 11

7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC)

9:00 AM Community Blood Drive (SH)

3:45 PM Box City Youth Event

Sunday, April 12

9:15 AM Christian Education

10:30 AM Worship Service with live stream

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UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES...

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

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.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Will resume our current study starting Wednesday, April 15th 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.



Men's Breakfast

Join us during a time of fellowship among other men from our congregation.

Saturday, April 18th at 8:30 AM in the Social Hall

No RSVP Required.



The Property Committee is asking for help for our Spring Cleanup!

We are planning to do the outside cleanup to include leaf blowing, weeding, and bed mulching on *Saturday April 18th following the Men's Breakfast*. If you are willing and able, please plan on helping for a few hours. Not necessary, but if you have gardening tools like blowers, rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows,

please bring them. Refreshments will be supplied. Hope to see you there.

Community Outreach Meal

Treat yourself to a healthy free home cooked meal prepared by our hospitality team. Open to all in our community.

Eat in or take-out

When: Friday, April 24th **Time:** 6 PM-7PM

Where: Jerusalem Lutheran Church - Social Hall

To RSVP your email please visit our website at: www.jelc.org or email secretary@jelc.org



Tuesday, April 21st in the Social Hall 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



Help Cook Meals and Feed the Homeless

Our next Feed the Homeless event will be Saturday, April 25th

We will distribute food to Opportunity House for the homeless. If interested in volunteering either to cook, or help distribute or both, please contact Norma Grosick.



Monthly Luncheon - Last Wednesday of the Month

April 29th at 12:30 PM

The Library Restaurant

217 E. Main Street, Collegeville, PA

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



Ensminger Scholarship Application are now available!

2026 graduates continuing their education, you are welcome to fill out an application! Applications are available in the Good News, Usher's stand in the Narthex, or by emailing the church office.

Deadline for application submission is ***Sunday, April 26th.***

Scholarship will be awarded on Sunday, June 7th!



Wonderful Women's Brunch

Please join us for a fun time of fellowship with all the Wonderful Women in Jerusalem Church! We want to celebrate you with a delicious brunch!

Sunday, May 3rd at 11:30 AM (following the worship service) in the Social Hall. We will have sandwiches, scones, mini muffins, and salad. If you would like to bring your favorite dish to share it is welcomed but not necessary. Please RSVP by visiting our website, responding to Evite link sent by email or by contacting the church office. RSVP By April 30th.



Vacation Bible School 2026

June 22nd - June 26th ~ 9AM-12PM

Emerald Crossing: An Irish Adventure through Psalm 23

Registration forms are available on the ushers stand in the Narthex, upcoming monthly newsletter, website or by emailing the church office at: Secretary@jelc.org

We are in need of volunteers!

If able to help, please contact the church office.

PRELUDE

“*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*” Powell

“*Praise and Adoration*” Rheinberger

“*Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won!*” Cherwien

“*Thine Be the Glory*” Händel

Brass Ensemble

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*EASTER PROCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*HYMN “*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*” (#365)

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*GREETING

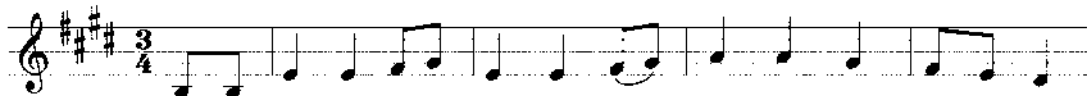
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*KYRIE (SUNG)



***HYMN OF PRAISE** *“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”*

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his Name.

Verses



1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4. God has pro - claimed his gra - cious gift:
5. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,



He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for ev - er.
Life c - ter - nal for all who be - lieve.
Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

Text: Donald Fishel, b. 1950

Tune: ALLELUIA NO. 1, # 8 with refrain: Donald Fishel, b. 1950

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!” (#377:1)**

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

***GOSPEL READING Matthew 28:1-10**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding

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

***GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!” (#377:4)**

4. Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:

death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!

Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

EASTER MESSAGE

Pastor Chris McKinstry

***HYMN “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!” (#382)**

1. Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing His praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead.
Gratefully our hearts adore Him
as His light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before Him,
rising up from griefs and tears.

REFRAIN: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing His praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!

2. Christ is risen! All the sadness
of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
He returns to life once more;
death and hell before Him bending
see Him rise, the victor now,
angels on His steps attending,
glory found His wounded brow.
REFRAIN.

***NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
he was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

3. Christ is risen! All the sorrow
that last evening round Him lay
now has found a glorious morrow
in the rising of today.
See the grave its first fruits giving,
springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living;
He was lost, but He is found. REFRAIN.

4. Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in Him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast. REFRAIN.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

If desired to make an online offering donation or to set-up automatic recurring payments, please scan the attached QR code on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING MUSIC

Asaph Choir

“Alleluia! For Christ the Lord Is Risen” J. S. Bach / arr. Leavitt

***OFFERING PRAYER (UNISON)**

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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.

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*EUCHARISTIC 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 of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

LAMB OF GOD

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; . .

The musical notation is written on a single staff in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody features a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.



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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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

Come forward down the center aisle, receive a wafer from the Pastor, take a cup from the usher and then receive wine from the Communion Assistant. Grape juice is also available from the usher. Gluten-free wafers are available in the container on the stand. Persons who are not partaking may come forward to receive a blessing; do not pick up a communion cup and simply keep your hands at your sides or crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMNS #474, #364, #367

***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**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

***EASTER BENEDICTION**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**

***HYMN** *"The Strife Is O'er; the Battle Done"* (#366)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst;
Jesus their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

3. The three sad days have quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!

4. Christ closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluia!

5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded you,
from death's sting free your servants too,
that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *"Victory"* Eliot

EASTER 2026

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Babs deFrenes, in memory of my husband Richard deFrenes, and in honor of beloved family.

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and in honor of children and grandchildren.

Jen, Garvey, & Matthew Wolk, in memory of Christopher Wolk.

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Babs deFrenes, in memory of my beloved Richard, and in honor of my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

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**Please join us next Sunday and every Sunday for worship
at Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**9:15 AM Christian Education
10:30 Worship Service**



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

11:00 AM

Ushers: Paul Ensminger, Mike Kehs,
Linda Kehs & Tricia Hawks,

Acolytes: Sean Ortiz, Eli Johnni,
Emily Englehart, & Reagan Bullard

Cantor: Norma Grosick

Lector & Worship Assistant:

Robin Schlichter & Gina Weygand

Nursery Assistant: Linda Boorse

Altar Guild: Gail Maser, Diane Martin,
Ardie Musselman

Counters: Chas & Gina Weygand

Banners: Louise Hunsicker, &
John Souder

Trumpets: Christopher Rittich, Nicholas Rittich, Garvey Wolk, and Matthew Wolk

Baritone Horn: Robert Rittich

Tuba: Roland Rittich

*The Spray of Flowers on the Cross is presented by the
Worship & Music Committee*

*Special thank you to everyone involved in making our Easter Service so special -
The Altar Guild, Choirs & Musicians, and all the assisting ministers and staff.*



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