



# Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

April 2, 2026  
Maundy Thursday  
7:45 PM 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.

## THIS WEEK AT JERUSALEM

Friday, April 3

### *Good Friday*

5:00 PM Teen Drama Reenactment Rehearsal  
7:45 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 4

7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC)

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](http://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](mailto: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 Meals



#### 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](http://www.jelc.org) or email [secretary@jelc.org](mailto: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: [secretay@jelc.org](mailto:secretay@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** “*It Happened on That Fateful Night*” Held

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**\*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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, 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 LESSON****Exodus 12:1-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup> This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup> If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup> You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup> They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup> They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup> You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup> This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup> This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

**PSALM****Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19**

*Chanted responsively between Cantor and Congregation*

- <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,  
<sup>2</sup> **for the Lord has given | ear to me**  
**whenev- | er I called.**  
<sup>12</sup> How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?  
<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup | of salvation**  
**and call on the name | of the LORD.**  
<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.  
<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your | sight, O LORD,**  
**is the death | of your servants.**  
<sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me | from my bonds.

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**<sup>17</sup> I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

**<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,**

**<sup>19</sup> in the courts of | the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

### **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for<sup>[a]</sup> you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## **\*GOSPEL**

### **John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

<sup>1</sup>Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and

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as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’<sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.<sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

## SERMON

Pastor Chris McKinstry

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*” (#708)

REFRAIN: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them. REFRAIN.
2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,  
neighbors are nearby and far away. REFRAIN.
3. These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. REFRAIN.
4. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you. REFRAIN.

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## \*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

**OFFERING ANTHEM** “*As We Gather at Your Table*” Scott Asaph Choir

## \*OFFERING PRAYER (UNISON)

O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
**your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name. 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.

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



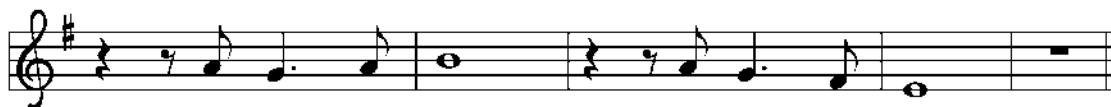
Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do:  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



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; . .



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

## DISTRIBUTION

*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 #712, #802

### \*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**

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (#347)**

1. Go to dark Gethsemane,  
all who feel the tempter’s pow’r;  
your Redeemer’s conflict see.  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
turn not from His griefs away;  
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2. Follow to the judgment hall,  
view the Lord of life arraigned;  
oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss;  
learn from Him to bear the cross.

3. Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb;  
there adoring at His feet,  
mark that miracle of time,  
God’s own sacrifice complete.  
“It is finished!” hear Him cry;  
learn from Jesus Christ to die.

4. Early hasten to the tomb  
where they laid His breathless clay;  
all is solitude and gloom.  
Who has taken Him away?  
Christ is ris’n! He meets our eyes.  
Savior, teach us so to rise.

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR** Renee Bartlett & Rose Koehler

*Psalm 22 is chanted by Cantor*

PLEASE LEAVE THE CHURCH IN SILENCE.

*There is no Benediction tonight.*

*The service continues tomorrow with Good Friday service  
at 7:45 PM .*

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE. 7:45 PM**

We remember the death of Jesus as we hear the Passion story;  
candles and lights are gradually extinguished.  
Then we leave in darkness and silence until Easter.

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES + April 5**

**7:00 AM Sunrise Worship Service**

at Ott’s Exotic Plants for the whole community.

**11:00 AM Worship Service**

at Jerusalem Lutheran Church with prelude music starting at 10:45 AM.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

**7:45 PM**

**Ushers:** Paul Ensminger, Mike Kehs , & Robin Schlichter

**Acolyte:** Ryan Englehart

**Lector & Worship Assistant:** Glenda Ortiz

**Cantor:** David Crist

**Counters:** Babs deFrenes & Jack Bowman  
**Altar Guild:** Rose Koehler & Louise Hunsicker  
**Banners:** Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

## PRAYER CONCERNS....

### PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

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

### ONGOING PRAYERS

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

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