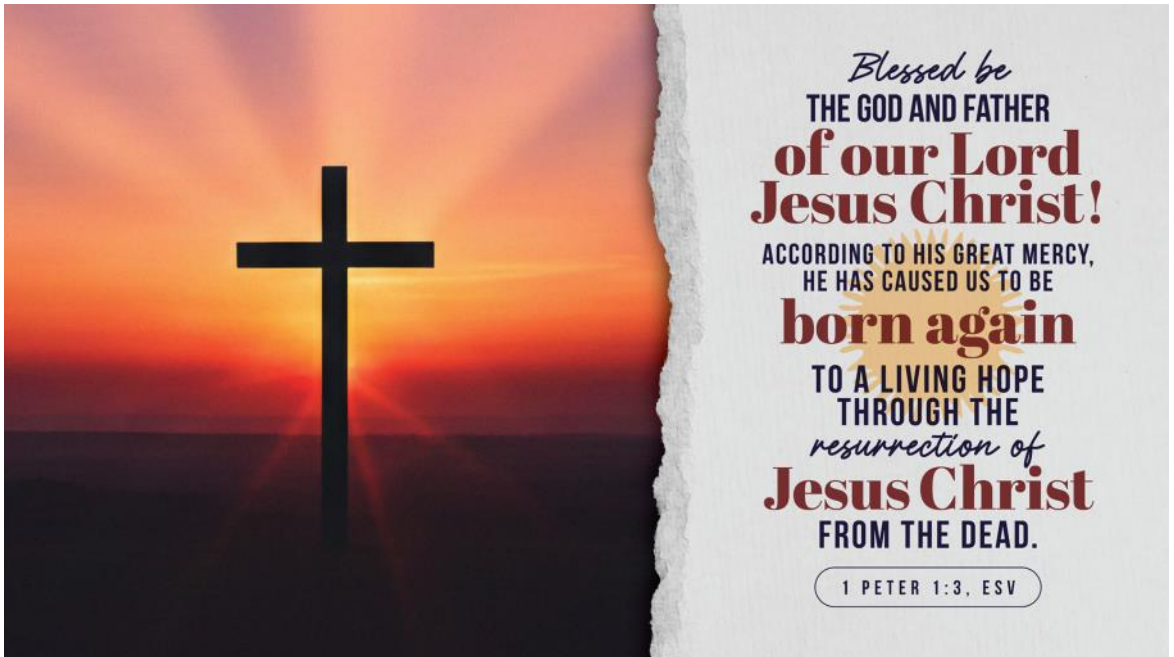




Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter
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, April 12	9:15 AM	Christian Education
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream
	6:00 PM	Praising Hands Rehearsal
Monday, April 13	7:00 PM	JLNSDC Board Meeting (SH)
Tuesday, April 14	7:00 PM	Council Meeting (SH)
Wednesday, April 15	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, April 16	9:30 AM	Care Team Meeting (YC)
	6:30 PM	Steepleringers Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Asaph Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, April 18	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast (SH)
	9:30 AM	Spring Clean-up
Sunday, April 19	9:15 AM	Christian Education
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with Communion & live stream
	6:00 PM	Praising Hands Rehearsal

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UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES...

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.



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

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

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. or email the church office at: secretary@jelc.org





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.



Saturday, May 30th from 2 PM-4PM in the Social Hall.

Teams of up-to 8 people will answer intergenerational trivia questions and compete for great prizes, while enjoying complimentary refreshments. A donation of \$50 dollars per table is requested to enter your team and reserve your table.

Gather your kids, friends, parents and grandparents, reserve your table by calling the church office or emailing the church office, visiting www.JELC.org and then join us for a fun afternoon of trivia.



Vacation Bible School 2026

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

Emerald Crossing: An Irish Adventure through Psalm 23

Registration forms will be 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 *“I Danced in the Morning”* Kerr

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONGS** *“Majesty”*

Majesty, worship His majesty;
unto Jesus be all glory power and praise;
Majesty, kingdom authority flows
from His throne,
unto His own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;
Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus,
the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.

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“What a Beautiful Name”

You were the Word at the beginning,
one with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation,
now revealed in You our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is,
what a beautiful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a beautiful Name it is,
nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven
without us so Jesus,
You brought heaven down.

My sin was great,
Your love was greater,
what could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is,
what a wonderful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a wonderful Name it is,
nothing compares to this.

What a wonderful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus.

What a wonderful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You,
the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast
of sin and grave. The heavens are
roaring the praise of Your glory
for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal.
Now and forever God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all Names.

What a powerful Name it is,
what a powerful Name it is.
The Name of Jesus Christ,
my King.

What a powerful Name it is,
nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus.

What a powerful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus.

What a powerful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus.

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*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for
joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new
creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever. **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.**

*KYRIE (SUNG)



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who
doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's
blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’
³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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

PSALM Psalm 16 *Chanted responsively between Cantor and Congregation*

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names up on my lips.**

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who hold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

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⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-¹ it rejoices;
my body also shall¹ rest in hope.
¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me¹ to the grave,
nor let your holy one¹ see the pit.**
¹¹ You will show me the¹ path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for-¹ evermore.
**In¹ your presence
there is full-¹ ness of joy.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



CANTOR: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31

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

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

Pastor Marcia Bell

*HYMN “*Thine Is the Glory*” (#376)

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!

2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!

3. No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life,
life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!

***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.
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

Steepleringers Handbell Choir

“Easter Triumph” arr. Edwards

***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.

***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.

***BENEDICTION**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!” (#369)**

1. Christ the Lord is risen today; Alleluia!

Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!

offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!

at the Paschal Victim's feet. Alleluia!

2. For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!

sinless in the the sinner's stead. Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!

now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

3. Christ, the Victim undefiled, Alleluia!

God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!

when contending death and life, Alleluia!

met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

4. Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!

all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is risen on high; Alleluia!

now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE “Hail Thee, Festival Day” Burkhardt

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM

Ushers: Matthew Wolk &
Linda Kehs

Acolyte: Ella Cusumano

Cantor: Andy Englehart

Lector: Maddie Morris

Nursery Assistant: Jen Wolk

Counters: Paul Ensminger & Chris Freer

Altar Guild: Gail Maser, Diane Martin, Ardie Musselman

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, Savoeyun Touch,
Gail Wetzel, 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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