



# Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

April 19, 2026  
Third 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 19	9:15 AM	Christian Education
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with Communion & live stream
	6:00 PM	Praising Hands Rehearsal
Monday, April 20	10:00 AM	Book Club Meeting (OP)
Tuesday, April 21	6:30 PM	Teen Time (SH)
Wednesday, April 22	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, April 23	6:30 PM	Steepleringers Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Asaph Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 24	6:00 PM	Community Meal (SH)
Saturday, April 25	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, April 26	9:15 AM	Christian Education
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream
	6:00 PM	Praising Hands Rehearsal

### The People of Jerusalem Congregation, Ministers Rev. Chris McKinstry, Pastor

David A. Crist, Director of Music    Glenda Ortiz, Secretary

311 Second Street Schwenksville, PA 19473

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Phone: 610-287-7104

Glenda Ortiz Cell: 215-237-7707    Email - secretary@jelc.org    Website: www.jelc.org

Facebook: facebook.com/jelcville/    Instagram: jelc\_schwenksville

**For pastoral care please contact Pastor Chris McKinstry at: 484-300-6674  
or the church office at 610-287-7104**

David Crist: 610 489-3320    Email: dalcrist@protonmail.com  
Jerusalem Lutheran Nursery School and Day Care 610-287-6360

**PRELUDE** “*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*” Ferko

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GATHERING SONGS** “*Mighty to Save*”

1. Everyone needs compassion,  
love that's never failing.  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness,  
the kindness of a Saviour,  
The Hope of nations.

CHORUS: Saviour,  
He can move the mountains.  
My God is mighty to save.  
He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of Salvation.  
He rose and conquered the grave.  
Jesus conquered the grave.

2. So take me as You find me,  
all my fears and failures.  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow,  
everything I believe in.  
Now I surrender.

CHORUS, 2x.

Shine your light, and  
let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory  
of the risen King. Jesus.  
(REPEAT.)

CHORUS, 2x.

Shine your light, and  
let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory  
of the risen King. Jesus.  
(REPEAT.)

Shine your light, and  
let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory  
of the risen King.

Words and Music: Reuben Morgan &  
Ben Fielding. ©2006 Reuben Morgan  
& Ben Fielding/Hillsong Publishing.

*“You Are My All in All”*

CHORUS:  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name;  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

1. You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the treasure that I seek,  
You are my all in all;  
Seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool,  
You are my all in all. CHORUS.

2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
rising again, I bless Your name,  
You are my all in all;  
When I fall down, You pick me up,  
when I am dry, You fill my cup,  
You are my all in all. CHORUS.

Words and music: Dennis Jernigan,  
©1991 Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc.

**\*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)**

Lord, have mer - cy.



A - men.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.

Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 1:17-23**

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

CANTOR: Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures.

ALL: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**\*GOSPEL READING Luke 24:13-35**

The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."

*continue next page*

<sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Chris McKinstry

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY “*Day of Arising*” (#374)

1. Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,  
unknown companion walks with His own.  
When they invite Him, as fades the first day,  
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

2. When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,  
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,  
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting  
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

3. Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.  
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign;  
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

4. Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,  
bread of compassion, open our eyes.  
Grant us Your vision, set all hearts burning  
that all creation with You may rise.

Words: Susan Palo Chervien, ©1996 Susan Palo Chervien, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

**\*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** “*There Is a Hope*” Townend & Edwards **Asaph Choir**

**\*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.

**\*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 of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

**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, 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; . .*



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

**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 #484, #492****\*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.**

**\*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 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (#674)**

1. Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy;  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

**REFRAIN:**

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2. Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table He sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. REFRAIN.

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! REFRAIN.  
Words: Fred Kaan, ©1975 Hope Publishing Co.

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** “*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*” Held

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

**10:30 AM**

**Ushers:** Tricia Hawks &  
Robin Schlichter

**Acolyte:** Brianna Minkon

**Cantor:** Jack Bowman

**Worship Assistant:** Sarah Englehart

**Nursery Assistant:** Janet Luyben

**Counters:** Linda Kehs & Ardie Musselman

**Altar Guild:** Gail Maser, Diane Martin, Ardie Musselman

**Banners:** Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

*Altar flowers are presented by Sandor Varga,  
in thanks to all who provide music for our services.*



## PRAYER CONCERNS....

### PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Tanner Antlilosky, Martin Conte, Dice Family, Debbie Feitchthaler,  
Margaret Fisher, Anne Fisher, Greg Kealey, Derek Kirby, 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 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.

**Online Giving:** Please scan the attached QR code for  
online giving or to set-up automatic recurring payments if desired.

