



# Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

April 26, 2026  
Fourth 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

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| Sunday, April 26    | 9:15 AM  | Christian Education                          |
|                     | 10:30 AM | Worship Service with live stream             |
| Tuesday, April 28   | 6:00 PM  | Praising Hands Rehearsal                     |
|                     | 6:00 PM  | Maple Hill Assc. Meeting (YC)                |
| Wednesday, April 29 | 12:30 PM | Monthly Luncheon                             |
|                     | 7:00 PM  | AA Meeting (YC)                              |
| Thursday, April 30  | 6:30 PM  | Steepleringers Rehearsal                     |
|                     | 7:30 PM  | Asaph Choir Rehearsal                        |
| Saturday, May 2     | 7:00 AM  | AA Meeting (YC)                              |
| Sunday, May 3       | 9:15 AM  | Christian Education                          |
|                     | 10:30 AM | Worship Service with communion & live stream |
|                     | 11:30 AM | Wonderful Women's Brunch                     |
|                     | 6:00 PM  | Praising Hands Rehearsal                     |

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES...



**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.***



### ***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.



### **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](http://www.JELC.org) and then join us for a fun afternoon of trivia.



## ENSMINGER SCHOLARSHIP - 2026

Awards are scheduled to be presented on Sunday, June 7th during our 10:30 AM worship services with refreshments following after the service.



**Sunday, June 14th**

***time yet to be determined***

Upper Salford Park in Schwenksville

Worship service will be followed by lunch and time of fellowship.

Games and activities for kids will be available.

Stay tuned for more information and sign-up links.



## 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.***



## 2026 Graduates

As we do every year, a list is being compiled to celebrate our graduates. If you know of, or have in your family, a high school graduate or technical school/trade school/college graduate, please email his/her name along with graduation picture or current picture to the church office at: [secretary@jelc.org](mailto:secretary@jelc.org). Jerusalem is proud of the young men and women who have reached these important milestones in their lives. We congratulate these young people and their families for the hard work and dedication in reaching these goals.

**PRELUDE** “*Sheep May Safely Graze*” J. S. Bach / arr. Taylor

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GATHERING SONGS** “*Restore Us*”

Lord Jesus, You are my Shepherd,  
giving all that I require.  
In You and Your love  
I have all that I desire.  
I look to You in needful times  
and feel my soul restored.

REFRAIN: Restore us, O God,  
that we may be saved.  
Shine on us, O Lord,  
that we may be whole.  
Lead by Your Light  
and grant us Your peace.

Lord Jesus, let me rest in green pastures.  
Refresh me in quiet streams.  
I hunger for the Bread of Life  
and thirst for Living Water.  
I reach for You in needful times  
and feel my soul restored. REFRAIN.

Restore me, save me.  
Heal me, make me to be whole.  
Forgive me, transform me.  
Renew me to know  
Your peace in my soul. REFRAIN, twice.

And grant us Your peace.

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“*Spirit Song*”

1. O let the Son of God enfold you  
with His Spirit and His love,  
let Him fill your heart  
and satisfy your soul.  
O let Him have the things that hold you,  
and His Spirit, like a dove,  
will descend upon your life  
and make you whole.

CHORUS: Jesus, O Jesus,  
come and fill Your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus,  
come and fill Your lambs.

2. O come and sing this song with gladness  
as your hearts are filled with joy,  
lift your hands in sweet  
surrender to His name.  
O give Him all your tears and sadness,  
give Him all your years of pain  
and you'll enter into life  
in Jesus' name. CHORUS.

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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)



Lord, have mer - cy.



A - men.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the  
valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to  
the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup> [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

**PSALM HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (#502)**

1. The King of love my Shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
and He is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul He leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love He sought me,  
and on His shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still;  
Thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from Thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so, through all the length of days,  
Thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
within Thy house forever.

**SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:19-25**

<sup>19</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

CANTOR: Jesus says, I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me.

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

**\*GOSPEL READING                      John 10:1-10**

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

<sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them.

<sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Chris McKinstry**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” (#789)**

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
for our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.

2. We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
be the guardian of our way;  
keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.

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3. You have promised to receive us,  
 poor and sinful though we be;  
 You have mercy to relieve us,  
 grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 early let us turn to You.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 early let us turn to You.

4. Early let us seek Your favor,  
 early let us do Your will;  
 blessed Lord and only Savior,  
 with Your love our spirits fill.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 You have loved us, love us still.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 You have loved us, love us still.

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### **\*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**

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**OFFERING MUSIC** “*On the Third Day*” Maher & Byrd **Asaph Choir**

**\*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 “*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*” (#384)**

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| <p>1. That Easter day with joy was bright;<br/>the sun shone out with fairer light<br/>when, to their longing eyes restored,<br/>the apostles saw their risen Lord!</p> <p>2. O Jesus, King of gentleness,<br/>with constant love our hearts possess;<br/>to You our lips will ever raise<br/>the tribute of our grateful praise.</p> | <p>3. O Christ, You are the Lord of all<br/>in this our Easter festival,<br/>for You will be our strength and shield<br/>from ev’ry weapon death can wield.</p> <p>4. All praise, O risen Lord, we give<br/>to You, once dead, but now alive!<br/>To God the Father equal praise,<br/>and God the Spirit, now we raise!</p> |
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**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** “*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*” Hildebrand



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

**10:30 AM**

**Ushers:** Chas & Gina Weygand

**Acolyte:** Logan Dice

**Cantor:** Dylan Dice

**Lector:** Janet Luyben

**Nursery Assistant:** Glenda Ortiz

**Counters:** Tim & Nancy Arnold

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

**Banners:** Louise Hunsicker & John Souder



Today, we joyfully welcome  
*Devon Christopher Tandoc* into the body of believers through baptism. May God's love continue to guide and strengthen him, and may his walk with Christ be filled with joy.



## PRAYER CONCERNS....

### PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Tanner Antlilosky, Nate Blinebury, 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, Audrey Englehart, Effa Hunt, Donnie Grosick, Nellie Ann Kodoziejcki, Leslie Leben, Sharon Morgan, George Miller, Janet Neumann, Noel Pumphrey, Robert Schirk, Carol Sprainer, & Marie Wolfe.

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