



# Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

May 10, 2026  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
10:30 AM Worship Service

**FOR IN HIM**  
*We live*  
**AND**  
*move and*  
**HAVE OUR**  
**BEING**



**ACTS 17:28**

### 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, May 10

*Happy Mother's Day*

9:15 AM Confirmation Class (No Sunday School)

10:30 AM Worship Service with live stream

6:00 PM Praising Hands Rehearsal

Monday, May 11

7:00 PM JLNSDC Board Meeting (SH)

Tuesday, May 12

7:00 PM Council Meeting (SH)

Wednesday, May 13

7:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)

Thursday, May 14

6:30 PM Steepleringers Rehearsal

7:30 PM Asaph Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 16

7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC)

Sunday, May 17

*Music Appreciation Sunday*

9:15 AM Christian Education

10:30 AM Worship Service with Communion and live stream

### The People of Jerusalem Congregation, Ministers

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES



### Music Appreciation Sunday

Worship and Music Committee would like to honor our music programs at JELC with a recognition **Sunday on May 17th**. Come and join us during our 10:30 AM worship service and show your appreciation to everyone involved with the wonderful programs at Jerusalem!

*Refreshments following after the service in the Social Hall.*



**Tuesday, May 19th 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



**Monthly Luncheon ~ Last Thursday of the Month ~  
May 28th at 12:30 PM**

**Please Note: Due to change in schedules our Monthly Luncheons are now moved to the Last Thursday of the month.**

Naceville Hotel 215-257-0108

2038 Ridge Road (563) Sellersville, PA, 18960

Please contact Dan Slemmer **BEFORE** May 22nd to reserve your place and request carpooling if needed.



**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**  
**at 11:00 AM**

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** “*When Morning Gilds the Skies*” Bennett

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GATHERING SONGS** “*Great Is the Lord*”

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,  
by His power we trust in His love.  
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,  
by His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory,  
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,  
now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord!  
Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,  
by His power we trust in His love.  
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,  
by His mercy He proves He is love.

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory,  
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.  
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice,  
I lift up my voice: Great are You, Lord!  
Great are You, Lord!

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*“Shout to the North”*

1. Men of faith, rise up and sing  
of the great and glorious King.  
You are strong when you feel weak,  
in your brokenness complete.

**CHORUS:**

Shout to the north and the south;  
sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior to all,  
Lord of heaven and earth.

2. Rise up, women of the truth,  
stand and sing to broken hearts  
who can know the healing pow'r  
of our awesome King of love.

**CHORUS.**

We've been through fire,  
we've been through rain;  
we've been refined  
by the pow'r of His name.  
We've fallen deeper in love with You.  
You've burned the truth on our lips.  
**CHORUS.**

3. Rise up, church with broken wings,  
fill this place with songs again  
of our God who reigns on high.  
By His grace again we'll fly.  
**CHORUS.**

Lord of heaven and earth,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
Lord of heaven and earth.

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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

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In  
your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the  
Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

**PSALM Psalm 66:8-12, 16-20**

*Chanted responsively between Cantor and Congregation*

<sup>8</sup> Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> **Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have | tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> **You brought us in- | to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

<sup>16</sup> **Come and listen, all you | who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.**

<sup>17</sup> I called out to God | with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.

<sup>18</sup> **If I had cherished evil | in my heart,  
the Lord would | not have heard me;**

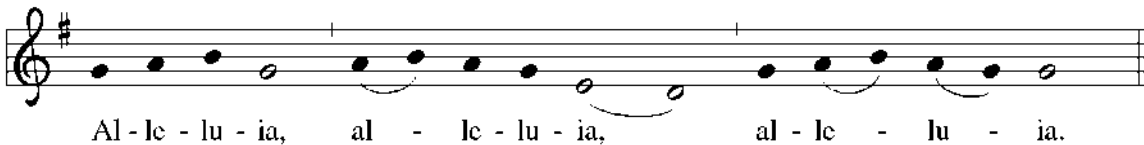
<sup>19</sup> but in truth | God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.

<sup>20</sup> **Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.**

**SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:13-22**

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**CANTOR:** Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them,  
and we will come to them and make our home with them.

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

**\*GOSPEL READING John 14:15-21**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

## SERMON

Pastor Chris McKinstry

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* (#631)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
 Joy of heaven, to earth come down!  
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
 all Thy faithful mercies crown.  
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
 pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
 visit us with Thy salvation,  
 enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh breathe Thy loving Spirit  
 into every troubled breast;  
 let us all in Thee inherit;  
 let us find Thy promised rest.  
 Take away the love of sinning;  
 Alpha and Omega be;  
 end of faith, as its beginning,  
 set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
 let us all Thy life receive;  
 suddenly return, and never,  
 nevermore Thy temples leave.  
 Thee we would be always blessing,  
 serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
 pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,  
 glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish then Thy new creation,  
 pure and spotless let us be;  
 let us see Thy great salvation  
 perfectly restored in Thee!  
 Changed from glory into glory,  
 till in heaven we take our place,  
 till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
 lost in wonder, love, and praise!

**\*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.**

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**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**

**Asaph Choir**

*“Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Again”* German carol

**\*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** *“For All the Faithful Women”* (#419:1, 4, 6, 11)

1. For all the faithful women who served in days of old,  
to You shall thanks be given; to all, their story told,  
They served with strength and gladness in tasks Your wisdom gave.  
To You their lives bore witness, proclaimed Your pow’r to save.

4. To Hannah, praying childless before the throne of grace,  
You gave a son and called him to serve before Your face.  
Grant us her perseverance; Lord, teach us how to pray  
and trust in Your deliv’rance when darkness hides our way.

6. We honor faithful Mary, fair maiden, full of grace.  
She bore the Christ, our brother, who saved our human race.  
May we, with her, surrender ourselves to Your command  
and lay upon Your altar our gifts of heart and hand.

11. For Eunice and for Lois, we sing our thanks and praise.  
Young Timothy they nurtured and led him in Your ways.  
Raise up in ev’ry household true teachers of Your word  
whose lives will bear clear witness to Christ, our risen Lord.

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**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** *“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”* Farlee

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

**10:30 AM**

**Ushers:** Paul Ensminger &  
Joan Connolly

**Acolyte:** Brianna Minkon

**Cantor:** Andy Englehart

**Lector:** Janet Luyben

**Nursery Assistant:** Jen Wolk

**Counters:** Paul Ensminger & Chris Freer  
**Altar Guild:** Renee Bartlett & Tricia Hawks  
**Banners:** Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

*Altar flowers are presented by Glenda Ortiz,  
in honor of Mother's Day.*



## 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, Bill Luyben, 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.

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