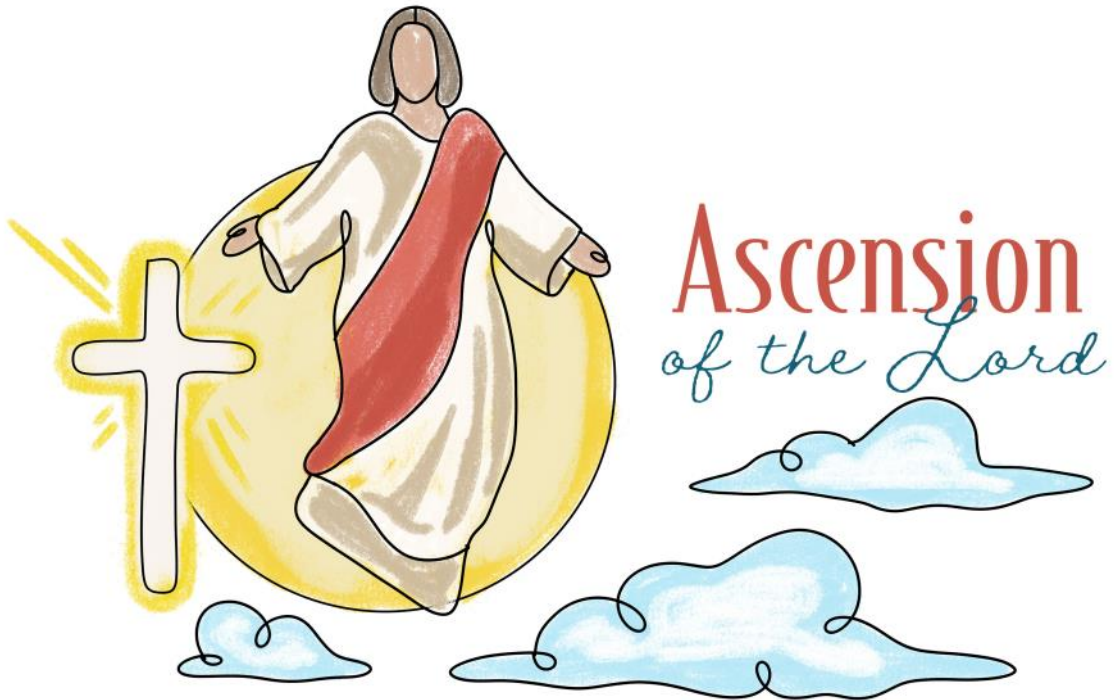




# Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

May 17, 2026  
Ascension Sunday  
Music Appreciation  
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, May 17	<i>Music Appreciation Sunday</i>	
	9:15 AM	Christian Education
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with Communion and live stream
	11:30 AM	Music Appreciation Refreshments in the Social Hall
Monday, May 18	10:00 AM	Book Club Meeting (OP)
Tuesday, May 19	6:30 PM	Teen Time (SH)
Wednesday, May 20	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, May 21	9:30 AM	Care Team Meeting (YC)
Saturday, May 23	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, May 24	<i>Pentecost Sunday (Wear Red)</i>	
	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Worship Service with Communion and live stream

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## **Thank You to Jerusalem's Musicians: 2025-26**

“Thank You” to those who have “Made a Joyful Noise” to enhance our worship during the past year.

### **Asaph Choir:**

Nancy Arnold, Jack Bowman, Babs de Frenes, Andy Englehart, Chris Freer, Donnie Grosick, Norma Grosick, Michael Mancini, Carol Sprainer

**Cantors:** Jack Bowman, Dylan Dice, Andy Englehart, Norma Grosick

### **Stream Team** (Live streaming):

Tim Arnold, Tony Damiani, Dylan Dice, Andy Englehart, Michael Mancini

### **Steepleringers Handbell Choir:**

Renee Bartlett, Jack Bowman, Logan Dice, Norma Grosick, Rose Koehler, Gail Maser, Ardie Musselman, Robin Schlichter, Kelly Szczesny

### **Sunday School Choir:**

Ryan Bullard, Adelina Freer, Isaac Freer, Addy Johnni, Luna Petrucelli

### **Praising Hands Ministry**

(leaders: Norma Grosick, Glenda Ortiz, Ashley Petrucelli, Jeanne Mae Rhoads, Heather Johnson):

Reagan Bullard, Ryan Bullard, Adriana Cusumano, Ariella Cusumano, Adelina Freer, Isaac Freer, Addi Johnni, Camryn Johnson, Audri King, Luna Petrucelli

### **Mustard Seed Puppeteers** (leader: Norma Grosick):

Reagan Bullard, Ryan Bullard, Adelina Freer, Isaac Freer, Audri King

### **Christmas Pageant**

(leaders: Kate Bullard, David Crist, Sarah Englehart, Glenda Ortiz, Gina Weygand):

Reagan Bullard, Ryan Bullard, Emily Englehart, Ryan Engelhart, Izzy Finocchio, Vinny Finocchio, Adelina Freer, Isaac Freer, Rio Fullen, Sonny Fullen, Addy Johnni, Eli Johnni, Sean Ortiz, Noelle Troutman

### **Special Music**, vocal/instrumental: Dylan Dice, Logan Dice,

Chris Freer, Zaidy Ortiz, Christopher Rittich, Nicholas Rittich, Robert Rittich, Roland Rittich, Paul Schweitzer, Bruce Tonkin, Garvey Wolk, Matthew Wolk

**Thank you also to all in the congregation** who join with us and “come into His presence with singing!” We would love to add more members to these groups! Please make time to join us in September. Call/text (610-489-3320) or e-mail (da1crist@protonmail.com) me with any questions you may have. Thanks again for another uplifting year of music to worship our Lord!

~ David Crist, Director of Music

**PRELUDE****Steepleringers Handbell Choir**

*“Fanfare and Alleluia”* Wagner      *“How Great Thou Art”* arr. McChesney

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS****\*GATHERING SONGS** *“He Is Exalted”*

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and

I will praise His name!

Jesus is Lord.

Forever His truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

He is exalted,

the King is exalted on high!

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*“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”* (#857)

Lord, I lift Your name on high,

Lord, I love to sing Your praises;

I'm so glad You're in my life,

I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky,

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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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 God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence  
 intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring  
 everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and  
 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “*Dusty Bibles*” Josiah Queen

**Praising Hands Ministry**

**FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11**

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup> In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do  
 and teach <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions  
 through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering he  
 presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during  
 forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Sunday School Choir

“Seek Ye First” Lafferty “Hebrews 3:14”

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CANTOR: Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;  
I am with you always, to the end of the age.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## \*GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:44-53

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

<sup>44</sup> [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

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<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.  
<sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.  
<sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Chris McKinstry

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” (#392:1, 2, 3, 4)

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
 His the scepter, His the throne;  
 Alleluia! His the triumph,  
 His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
 thunder like a mighty flood:  
 “Jesus out of ev’ry nation  
 has redeemed us by His blood.”

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans  
 are we left in sorrow now;  
 Alleluia! He is near us;  
 faith believes, nor questions how.  
 Though the cloud from sight received Him  
 when the forty days were o’er,  
 shall our hearts forget His promise:  
 “I am with you evermore”?

3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
 here on earth our food, our stay;  
 Alleluia! here the sinful  
 flee to You from day to day.  
 Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
 earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea  
 where the songs of all the sinless  
 sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,  
 Lord omnipotent we own;  
 Alleluia! born of Mary,  
 earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.  
 As within the veil You entered,  
 robed in flesh, our great high priest,  
 here on earth both priest and victim  
 in the eucharistic feast.

### \*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.**

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**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.**

#### **RECOGNITION OF MUSIC MINISTRIES**

##### **OFFERING MUSIC**

**Asaph Choir**

*“Holy Forever”* Tomlin, Ingram, Wickham, B. Johnson & J. Johnson / arr. Galbraith

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##### **\*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)**

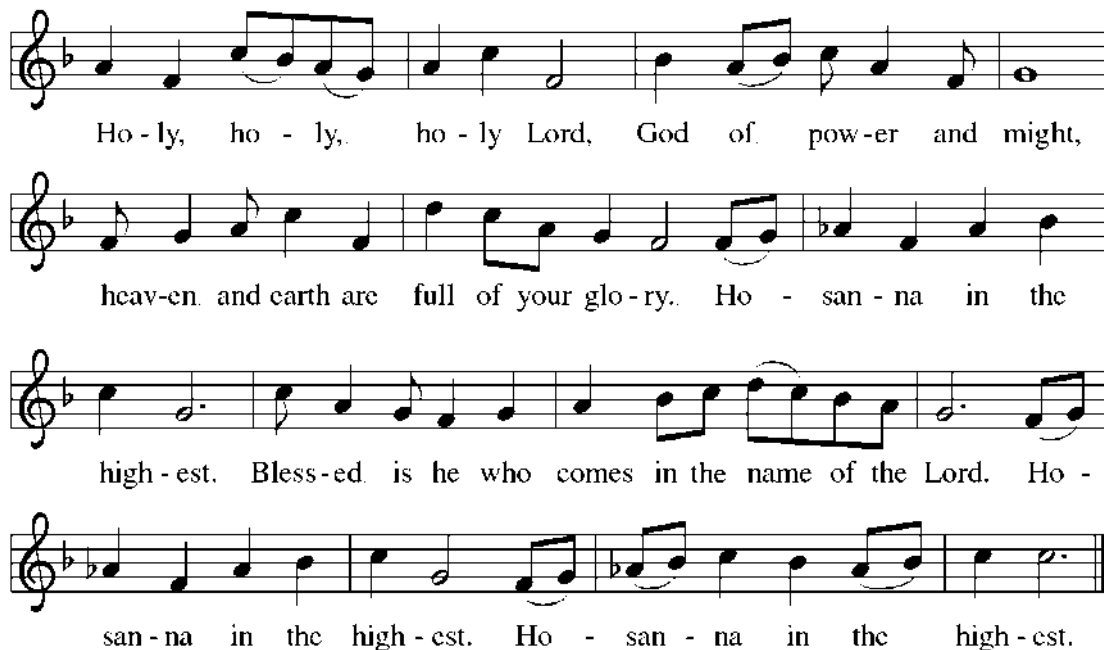
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

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

**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; . .

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

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Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do:  
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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,  
grant us your peace,

da - nos tu paz.  
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 #393, #855

#### \*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 “Beautiful Savior” (#838)**

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
 Son of God and Son of Man!  
 Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
 Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
 Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
 He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
 bright the sparkling stars on high;  
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
 than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
 Son of God and Son of Man!  
 Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
 Now and forevermore be thine!

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** “*When In Our Music God Is Glorified: Fugue*” Cherwien

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

**10:30 AM**

**Ushers:** Janet Luyben & Joan Connolly

**Acolyte:** Eli Johnni

**Cantor:** Jack Bowman

**Worship Assistant:** Gina Weygand

**Nursery Assistant:** TBD

**Counters:** Linda Kehs & Ardie Musselman

**Altar Guild:** Renee Bartlett & Tricia Hawks

**Banners:** Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

**Praising Hands Ministry:** Adriana Cusumano, Ariella Cusumano,  
Camryn Johnson, Addy Johnni, Luna Petrucelli

**Sunday School Choir:** Adelina Freer, Isaac Freer, Luna Petrucelli



## 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 Petrucelli, Joseph Russella, Mary Ann Schofield, Joseph Schmitt, Jennifer Sone, Savoewn 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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