

Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

June 28, 2026
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
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, June 28	<i>VBS Closing Program Confirmation</i>	
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream
	11:30 AM	Refreshments in the Coffee Corner & Visit from Kona Ice Truck in Parking Lot
Wednesday, July 1	1:00 PM	Worship & Music Committee Meeting (OP)
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Saturday, July 4		<i>Happy Independence Day</i>
	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, July 5	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream

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UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES



VBS Closing Program

As part of our closing celebration on Sunday, June 28th we will have the Kona Ice Truck after the service as a complimentary treat to close our VBS program. Please join us! all are welcomed.



Confirmation Sunday

This year Confirmation will be on **Sunday, June 28th during our 10:30 AM worship service.** Confirmands and parents please report by 10:00 AM for pictures. Congratulations to our confirmands!



Jack Bowman has secured tickets for “Joshua” at the Sight and Sound Theater for **July 14th, 2026**. Price of tickets is \$99. Please contact Jack if you are interested. ***There are still two tickets available for the “Joshua” show. If interested in purchasing a ticket please contact Jack Bowman.***



Sunday Nursery

We are in need of volunteers. Please look for sign-up schedule link shared via email. Please contact the church office for clearance link. We will need to have clearances on file.

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2026

Today we celebrate our confirmands' faith journey as they make affirmation of their baptism before God and His witnesses.

Instructors

Nancy Arnold
Jack Bowman, Jr.
Bob Rhoads

Confirmands

Ariella Elaina Cusumano
Emily Ann Englehart
Eli Gray Johnni

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."

John 20:29

**Boutonnieres are provided by
Christian Education in honor of the Confirmation Class.**

**The small red, white and gold Confirmation Banners are presented
by the Congregation and were made by Nancy Arnold.**

**A gift of a cross from John Kochel and Thrivent Financial is
presented to each confirmand. We join you in this celebration of your
faith, and offer our prayers for God's richest Blessings in your life today
and years to come.**

**The Confirmation Banner in white and gold was made by
Anne Fisher in honor of her grandson Gregory Maser's
confirmation in 2008.**

PRELUDE “*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*” Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG** “*Baptized and Set Free*” (#453)

1. We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
2. We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
3. We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may Your presence be known:
precious river, ever flowing, now carry us home.
4. Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

***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)**

CANTOR:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the church of
God, and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

VBS PRESENTATION

Due to copyright, songs will not be heard on the live stream

FIRST READING Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.” who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

SECOND READING Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

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¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

CANTOR: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called you
out of darkness into his marvelous light.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***GOSPEL READING** **Matthew 10:40-42**

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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)**

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| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM / CONFIRMATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *Ella, Emily & Eli*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

We present the following students who have completed the Confirmation Program and now desire to make public affirmation of their faith.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *Ella, Emily & Eli*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each confirmand responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support *Ella, Emily & Eli*, and pray for *them* in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The blessing may be repeated for each person. The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

Stir up in *Ella, Emily & Eli*, the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and these brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

***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 MUSIC “*Be Thou My Vision*” Wood

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***OFFERING PRAYER (UNISON)**

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen**

***SENDING HYMN** “*Here I Am, Lord*” (#574)

1. “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.”

“I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?”

REFRAIN: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.”

“I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?” REFRAIN.

3. “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?” REFRAIN.

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***DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*” Bennett



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD,
I LACK NOTHING

Psalm
23:1

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM

Ushers: Chas & Gina Weygand

Acolyte: Adriana Cusumano

Cantor: Andy Englehart

Lector: Maddie Morris

Nursery Assistant: TBD

Counters: Tim & Nancy Arnold
Altar Guild: Janet Luyben & Dalilah Freer
Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

*Altar flowers are presented today in honor and celebration
of our 2026 Confirmands.*

*Thank you to all our volunteers, parents, teen helpers, and our
congregation for helping making this year's
Vacation Bible School program possible.*

*Special thank-you also to Karen Pyle for creating and
painting all the wonderful props for our VBS program!
Everyone absolutely loved it!*



PRAYER CONCERNS....

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Tanner Antlilosky, Martin Conte, Dice Family, Abigail Emannual,
Debbie Feitchthaler, Anne Fisher, Amelia Hawks, Jay Kapila,
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, Savoecu Touch,
Gail Wetzel, Bobbie Willis, & Wolk Family.

ONGOING PRAYERS

Susie Barker, Jeanne Bullard, Babs deFrenes, Audrey Englehart, Margaret Fisher,
Effa Hunt, Donnie Grosick, Nellie Ann Kodoziejski, Leslie Leben,
Sharon Morgan, George Miller, Janet Neumann, Noel Pumphrey,
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