



Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

July 19, 2026
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 AM Worship Service



Wheat and the Weeds

"Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Matthew 13:30

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, July 19	10:30 AM	Worship Service with communion and live stream
Monday, July 20	10:00 AM	Book Club Meeting (OP)
Wednesday, July 22	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Saturday, July 25	<i>ASP Volunteers Return Home</i>	
	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, July 26	<i>ASP Recognition Service</i>	
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream

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UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES



ASP Trip to North Carolina
~ July 18th - 25th ~

This year's ASP participants are:
*Dylan Dice, Andy & Ryan Englehart, Caesar Gorski,
Norma Grosick, Rylee Gollie, Caden Troutman,
& Garvey Wolk,*

Prayers and God's blessing be upon our ASP Team and the families they minister to during their trip.



There will be no Monthly Luncheon in July.

Please stay tuned for luncheon selection in August. Location yet to be determined.



Teen Time
Tuesday, August 18th from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
at Waltz Golf Farm

Join us for Teen Time in the **Social Hall**
Bring a snack to share and invite a friend!
Email the church office at: secretary@jelc.org or
text Glenda Ortiz at: 215-237-7707



Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday, August 22nd from 9AM to 2PM in the
Social Hall. Scan the QR code to register or visit:
Redcrossblood.org/give. Enter zip code 19473 and
enter date 8/22/26 in the search box or scroll down list
for Jerusalem Church from list of donors.



Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic
Sunday, August 30th 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.



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.

PRELUDE “Glorious Things of You Are Spoken” Miller

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING SONGS “Be Unto Your Name”

1. We are a moment, You are forever;
Lord of the ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

CHORUS:

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty,
worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Highest praises honor and glory
be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

2. We are the broken, You are the healer;
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
bowing before You, blessing Your name.

CHORUS, 3 times.

Be unto Your name. Be unto Your name.

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“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

1. LEADER: You are salt for the earth,
O people:

ALL: Salt for the Kingdom of God!

Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

REFRAIN:

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

2. You are a light on the hill, O people:

Light for the City of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:

Shine for the Kingdom of God!

REFRAIN.

3. You are a seed of the Word, O people:

Bring forth the Kingdom of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,

Grow in the Kingdom of God!

REFRAIN.

4. We are a blest and a pilgrim people:

Bound for the Kingdom of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland:

Love is the Kingdom of God!

REFRAIN.

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*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **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)

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.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.



A - men.

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

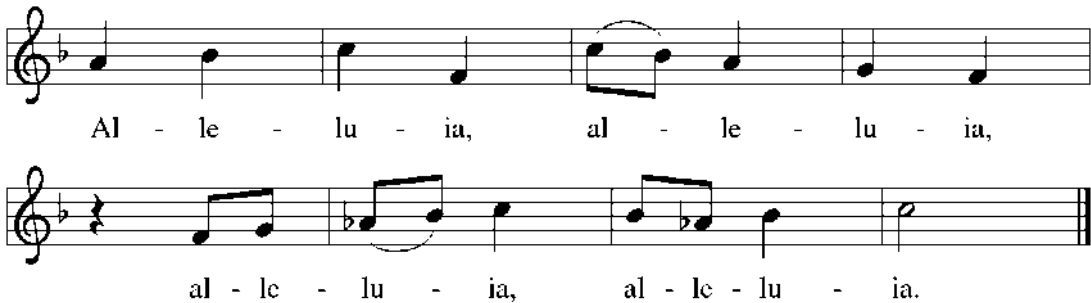
Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

CANTOR: My word shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING*Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

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

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris McKinstry

***HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Almighty God, Your Word is Cast*” (tune: ST. PETER)

1. Almighty God, Your word is cast
like seed into the ground;
now let the dew of heav’n descend
and righteous fruits abound.

2. Let not the sly satanic foe
this holy seed remove,
but give it root in ev’ry heart
to bring forth fruits of love.

3. Let not the world’s deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy,
but let it yield a hundred-fold
the fruits of peace and joy.

4. So when the precious seed is sown
life-giving grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive
its saving pow’r may know.

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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. 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 MUSIC "Give Me Jesus" Cherwien

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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.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING (SPOKEN)

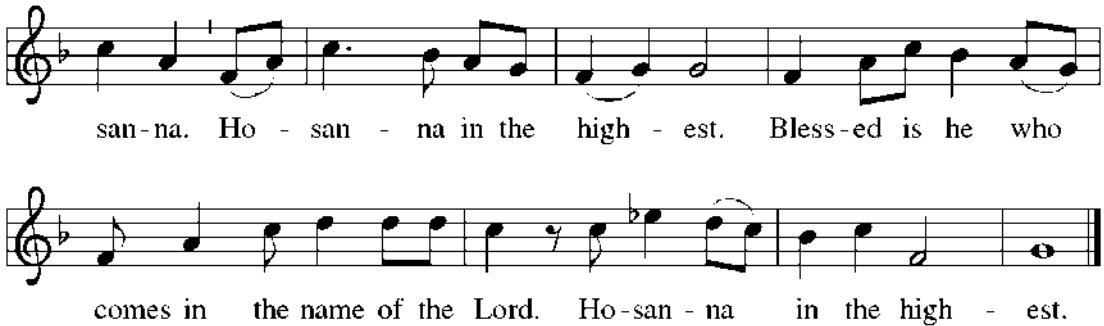
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



***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**

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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 #465, #679, #469

***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**

Compassionate God,
 through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
 Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have
 shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now
 and forever. **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 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” (#551)**

1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus’ name
 to bring glad tidings to the poor, God’s favor to proclaim.
2. We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
 where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
 and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.

God’s Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus’ name.

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***DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Postlude Triumphal” Sergisson



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM

Ushers: Janet Luyben &
Joan Connolly

Acolyte: Eli Johnni

Cantor: Jack Bowman

Worship Assistant: Gina Weygand

Nursery Assistant:

Counters: Chas & Gina Weygand

Altar Guild: Rose Koehler & Louise Hunsicker

Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder



Altar flowers are presented in memory of John Markley.



PRAYER CONCERNS....

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Tanner Antlilosky, Martin Conte, Debbie Feitchthaler, Anne Fisher, Amelia Hawks,
Jay Kapila, Greg Kealey, Leslie Leben, Gene & Pat Miesse,
Bev O'Brien, Daniela Rivera, Don Peters, Robin Schlichter, Joseph Schmitt,
Savoeun Touch, Gail Wetzell, & Bobbie Willis.

ONGOING PRAYERS

Susie Barker, Jeanne Bullard, Audrey Englehart, Margaret Fisher,
Effa Hunt, Derek Kirby, Nellie Ann Kodoziejski, Bill Luyben
Janet Neumann, Linda Petruccelli, Noel Pumphrey, Joseph Russella,
Robert Schirk, Mary Ann Schofield, Shawn Schlichter, Jennifer Sone, Carol Sprainer,
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