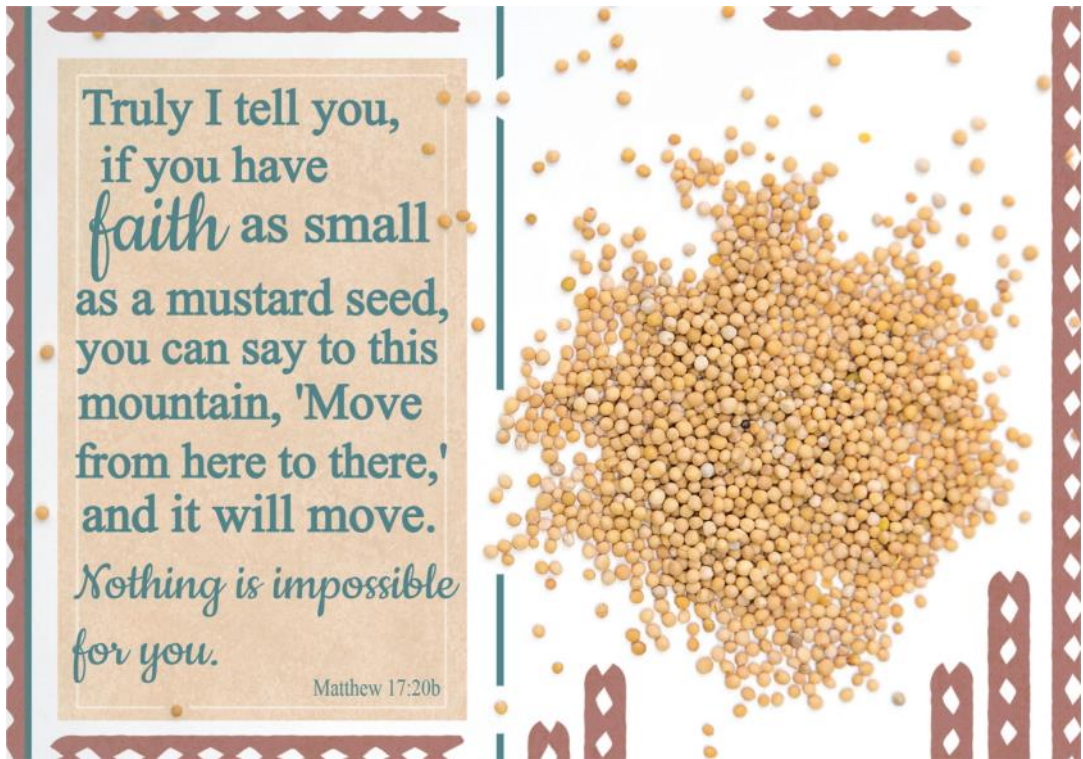




# Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

July 26, 2026  
Ninth 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, July 26

### *ASP Recognition Service*

10:30 AM

Worship Service with live stream

Wednesday, July 29

7:00 PM

AA Meeting (YC)

Saturday, August 1

7:00 AM

AA Meeting (YC)

Sunday, August 2

10:30 AM

Worship Service with communion & live stream

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**TEEN TIME AT  
WALTZ GOLF  
FARM  
TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 18TH  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

To sign-up please visit our website at [jelc.org](http://jelc.org) or Sign-up link shared by email, or by contacting the church office at 610-287-7104 or texting Glenda Ortiz at 215-237-7707

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evening of fun,  
friends &  
fellowship**

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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,*

Welcome back home to our ASP Volunteers!  
ASP Recognition Sunday, July 26th



**There will be no Monthly Luncheon in July.**

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



### 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](http://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.  
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** “Jesus Priceless Treasure” J. S. Bach

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*GATHERING SONGS** “Gather Us In” (#532:1, 2, 4)

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to You in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for Your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away—  
here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us Your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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### *“Lord, Reign in Me”*

1. Over all the earth You reign on high;  
ev'ry mountain stream, ev'ry sunset sky.  
But my one request, Lord, my only aim  
is that You'd reign in me again.

#### **CHORUS:**

Lord, reign in Me. Reign in Your pow'r  
over all my dreams, in my darkest hour,  
'cause You are the Lord of all I am.  
So won't You reign in me again?

2. Over ev'ry thought, over ev'ry word,  
may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord.  
'Cause You mean more to me  
than any earthly thing.  
So won't You reign in me again?

#### **CHORUS.**

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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

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## REPORT FROM ASP TEAM

### FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.”<sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.”<sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.<sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.<sup>9</sup> Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

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

### SECOND READING Romans 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup> The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

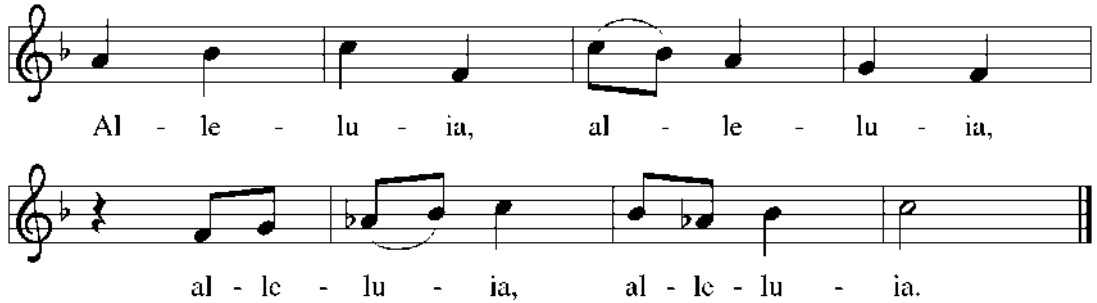
<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



CANTOR: Many will come from east and west and will eat in the kingdom of heaven.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## \*GOSPEL READING **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

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

<sup>31</sup> [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

## SERMON

**Pastor Paula Lebo**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Be Thou My Vision*” (#793)

1. Be Thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me,  
save that Thou art:  
Thou my best thought  
both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my wisdom,  
and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee  
and Thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter  
and Thou my high tow'r,  
raise Thou me heav'nward,  
O Pow'r of my pow'r.

3. Riches I heed not,  
nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance,  
now and always:  
Thou, and Thou only  
the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven,  
my treasure Thou art.

4. Light of my soul,  
after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys,  
O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
still be my vision,  
O Ruler of all.

**\*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** “*Holy Manna*” arr. A. K. Organ

**Chris Freer, alto sax**

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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 “We All Are One in Mission” (#576)**

1. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

2. We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

3. Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE “Toccata in Seven” Rutter**



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

**10:30 AM**

**Ushers:** Paul Ensminger &  
Joan Connolly

**Acolyte:** Sean Ortiz

**Cantor:** Norma Grosick

**Lector:** Glenda Ortiz

**Nursery Assistant:** TBD

**Counters:** Tim & Nancy Arnold

**Altar Guild:** Rose Koehler & Louise Hunsicker

**Banners:** Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

*Special thank you and welcome back to  
Pastor Paula Lebo for being our guest Pastor today.*

## 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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