



Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

August 16, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 AM Worship Service



*“Lord, Son of David,
have mercy on me!”*

Matthew 15:22, NIV

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, August 16	10:30 AM	Worship Service with communion and live stream
Monday, August 17	<i>September Good News Deadline</i>	
	6:00 PM	Maple Hill Assc. Meeting (YC)
Tuesday, August 18	6:30 PM	Teen Time at Waltz Golf Farm
Wednesday, August 19	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, August 20	9:30 AM	Care Team Meeting (YC)
Saturday, August 22	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
	9:00 AM	Blood Drive)SH)
Sunday, August 23	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream

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UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES



EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

The Church Council would like to financially assist Lutheran Disaster Relief in support of Venezuela amidst the destruction from recent earthquakes. We approved a donation of \$1000 + a matching of any donations made by the congregation during the month of August. Special envelopes are included in the August bulletins and Newsletter for all who would like to offer support by donating. Please use enclosed envelopes for your donations towards this relief project. Envelopes can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate during worship services. Checks can be made payable to Jerusalem Lutheran Church with “*Lutheran Relief Donation*” on the memo line.



Teen Time

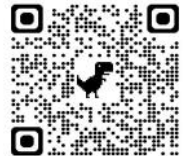
***Tuesday, August 18th from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
at Waltz Golf Farm***

Email the church office at: secretary@jelc.org or
text Glenda Ortiz at: 215-237-7707 to RSVP



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.



***Monthly Luncheon ~ Last Thursday of the Month ~
August 27th at 12:30 PM***

Sumneytown Hotel
Main Street, Sumneytown, PA

Please contact Dan Slemmer **BEFORE** August 20th to reserve your
place and request carpooling if needed.



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.



Blessings of Backpacks

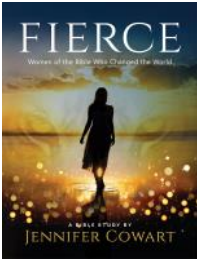
We invite all students to bring their school backpacks to our outside worship service on ***Sunday, August 30th for a special Blessing of Backpacks*** from Pastor Chris in preparation for a successful school year.



JLNSDC School Supply Drive

Teachers from our JLNDSC are getting ready to start a new school year. They are collecting school items supplies for their classrooms and students.

Copies of school supplies needed are available in the Coffee Corner. Feel free to take a list home. Donations can be placed in the box in the Coffee Corner. Thank you all so much for your generosity.



Women's Bible Study

We will resume our Women's Bible Study gathering starting ***Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 PM in the upper room of the Church Office.***

This new 6 week study is called "Fierce." We will be learning about lesser known females character in the Bible whose fear and faithfulness to God played important roles in God's purpose and plans. If interested in joining this study, please contact Glenda Ortiz in the church office.



Sign-up for Stream Team Available

We are working on getting a schedule organized for our Stream Team. We are in need of volunteers to help run our live stream during the worship services each Sunday. Please sign-up via evite link shared by email to help run the live stream each week.



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.

Please prepare your hearts for worship as we meditate during the Prelude sitting in silence or softly whispering upon entering the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE

Norma Grosick & David Crist

"Praise the Father, Praise the Son" Cash & Tomlin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING SONGS *"Trading My Sorrows"*

VERSE:

I'm trading my sorrows,
I'm trading my shame;
I'm laying them down
for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness,
I'm trading my pain;
I'm laying them down
for the joy of the Lord.

I am pressed but not crushed;
persecuted, not abandoned;
struck down but not destroyed.
I am blessed beyond the curse,
for His promise will endure,
that His joy is gonna be my strength.
Though the sorrow may last for the night,
His joy comes with the morning.

VERSE.

CHORUS:

We say yes, Lord, yes, Lord,
yes, yes, Lord,
yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord,
yes, Lord, yes, Lord,
yes, yes, Lord, Amen.

CHORUS.

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"Power of Your Love"

1. Lord, I come to You,
let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace
that I've found in You;
And Lord, I've come to know
the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away
by the pow'r of Your love.

CHORUS: Hold me close,
let Your love surround me,
bring me near, draw me to Your side;
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle,
and I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
in the pow'r of Your love.

2. Lord, unveil my eyes,
let me see You, face to face,
the knowledge of Your love,
as You live in me;
And Lord, renew my mind,
as Your will unfolds in my life,
in living ev'ry day
by the pow'r of Your love. 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.

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

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

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: Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom
and cured every sickness among the people.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING*Matthew 15:10-28**

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

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris McKinstry

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* (#886:1, 3, 4, 6)

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of His grace!

3. The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.

4. He speaks, and listening to
His voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

6. To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

*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 “*Valses Poeticos*” Granados **Christopher Rittich, piano**

If desired to make an online offering donation or to set-up automatic recurring payments, please scan the attached QR code on the back of the bulletin.

*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)

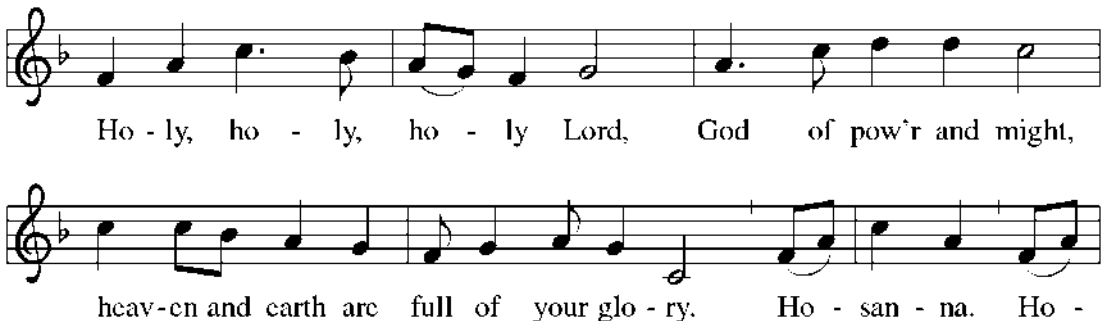
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

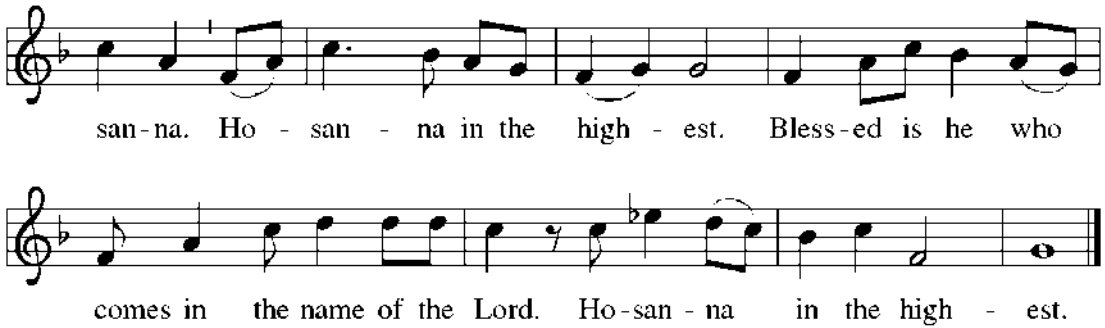
*PREFACE

*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 #612, #496, #759

***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 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (#543)**

1. “Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing, you are My own.”

2. “Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story, here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

3. “Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you, here My tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

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***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE “*Grand Triumphal March*” Guilmant / arr. Williams

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM

Ushers: Tricia Hawks &
Robin Schlichter

Acolyte: Sean Ortiz

Cantor: Norma Grosick

Worship Assistant: Norma Grosick

Nursery Assistant: Glenda Ortiz

Counters: Linda Kehs & Ardie Musselman

Altar Guild: Ardie Musselman & Gail Maser

Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder



Our Christian sympathy is extended to family and friends of ***Elaine McDaniel***, brother of Carol Sprainer, who entered into Eternal Life on August 8, 2026.



PRAYER CONCERNS....

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Family & Friends of Tanner Antalosky, Martin Conte, Debbie Feitchthaler, Anne Fisher, Jay Kapila, Greg Kealey, Leslie Leben, Gene & Pat Miesse, Bev O'Brien, Daniela Rivera, Don Peters, Robin Schlichter, Joseph Schmitt, Savoeun Touch, Rita Weiss, Gail Wetzel, & 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, & Marie Wolfe.

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