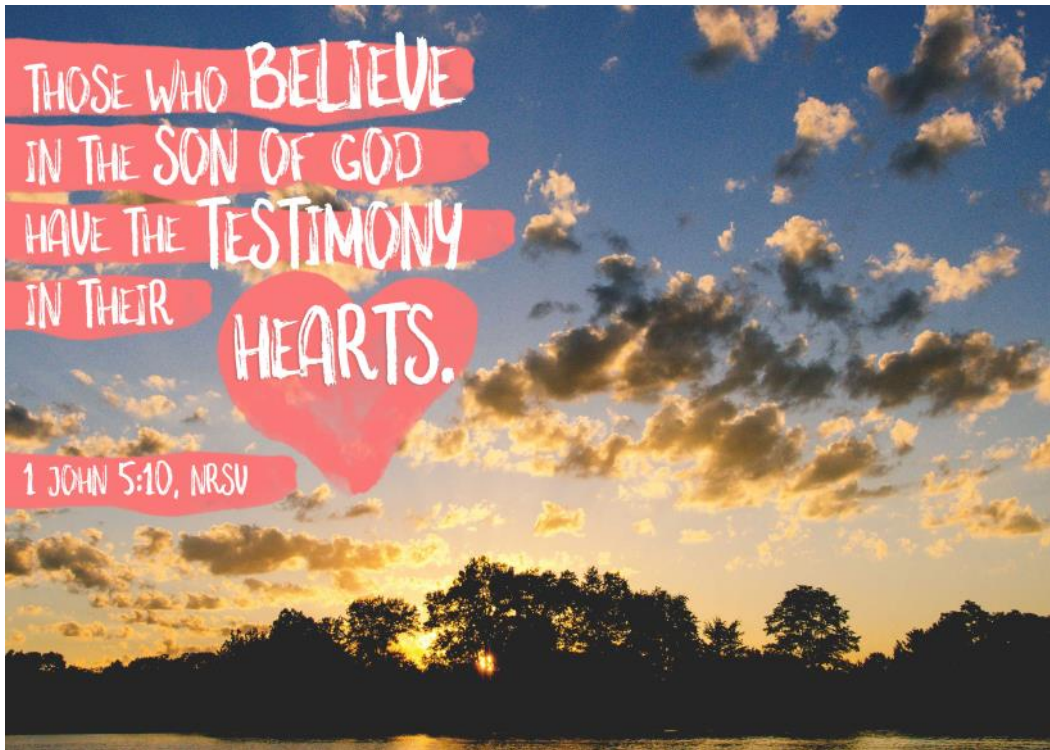




Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

August 23, 2026
Thirteenth 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, August 23	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream
Wednesday, August 26	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Saturday, August 29	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, August 30	<i>Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic</i>	
	11:00 AM	Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic at Upper Salford Park

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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.



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.



Kitchen Clean-up

We are planning a Kitchen Clean-up for the kitchen in our Social Hall on ***Saturday, September 12th starting at 10:00 AM***

We can use all the helping hands we can get.

If able and willing to help, please join us at ***10:00 AM*** in the Social Hall.

Extra hands always makes the load lighter!



Sunday School Rally Day

Please join us as we kick start our 2026-2027 Sunday School & Confirmation season with Rally Day on ***Sunday, September 13th at 9:15 AM*** in the Social Hall.

We will have games, crafts and lots of fun.



Confirmation Orientation

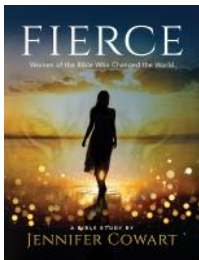
Sunday, September 20th. Time to be determined. This orientation is for all 2026-2027 Confirmation students entering middle school, current second year students, and parents. Please make arrangements to attend this very informational meeting.



Acolyte Orientation

As we do every year, we will have an acolyte training/orientation and refresher for all acolytes: new and existing.

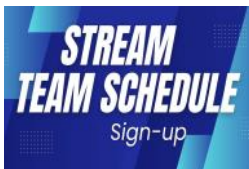
Please join us after the worship service on ***Sunday, September 27th at 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary.***



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.

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

PRELUDE “Prelude in Classic Style” Young

Paul Schweitzer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONGS** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (#596)

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in Him be found,
clothed in His righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

“Seek Ye First”

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

3. We do not live by bread alone,
but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

*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**

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

PSALM Psalm 138 Spoken responsively

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
 because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
- ³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
 your right hand shall save me.**
- ⁸ You will make good your purpose for me;
**O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
 do not abandon the works of your hands.**

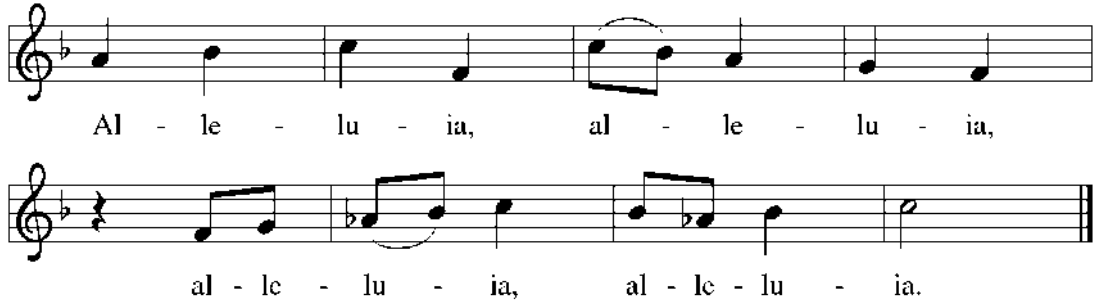
SECOND READING Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



CANTOR: You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

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

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris McKinstry

*HYMN OF THE DAY “The Church’s One Foundation” (#654)

1. The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is His new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her,
and for her life He died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

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3. Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heavenly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see You face to face.

***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

Daniel Schweitzer, clarinet and Paul

Schweitzer, piano

"Amazing Grace (two arrangements)" Newton / arr. Shaw & Marohnic

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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 “Take My Life, That I May Be” (#583)**

REFRAIN: Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

1. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee. REFRAIN.

2. Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose. REFRAIN.

3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from Thee. REFRAIN.

4. Take my will and make it Thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne. REFRAIN.

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE “*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*” Purcell / arr. Kimball

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM

Ushers: Chas & Gina Weygand

Acolyte: Eli Johnni

Cantor: Jack Bowman

Lector: Glenda Ortiz

Nursery Assistant: Sarah Englehart

Counters: Tim & Nancy Arnold

Altar Guild: Ardie Musselman & Gail Maser

Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

*Altar flowers are presented today by Caesar Gorski,
in memory of Alison Murphy.*

*Special welcome and thank you to Paul Schweitzer for being our
Guest Organist today and leading our worship with his music.*

PRAYER CONCERNS....

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Martin Conte, Debbie Feichthaler, Anne Fisher,
Jay Kapila, Greg Kealey, Leslie Leben, Gene & Pat Miesse,
Bev O'Brien, Daniela Rivera, Don Peters, Robin Schlichter, Joseph Schmitt,
Frankie Stankus, 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,
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