

Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 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 30	<i>Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic</i>
	11:00 AM Outdoor Worship and picnic at Upper Salford Park
Tuesday, September 1	7:00 PM Finance Meeting (OP)
Wednesday, September 2	1:00 PM Worship & Music Meeting (OP)
	7:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)
Saturday, September 5	7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, September 6	10:30 AM Worship service with Communion and live stream.

The People of Jerusalem Congregation, Ministers

Rev. Chris McKinstry, Pastor

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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.



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

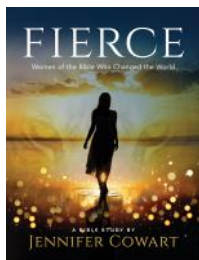
Sunday, September 20th, time to be determined. This orientation is for all 2026-2027 Confirmation students entering middle school, current second year students, and parents. Please make arrangements to attend this very informational meeting.



Acolyte Orientation

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

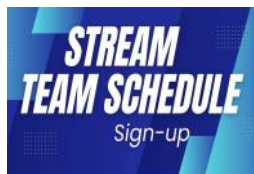
Please join us after the worship service on ***Sunday, September 27th*** at 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary.



Women's Bible Study

We will resume our Women's Bible Study gathering starting ***Wednesday, September 16th 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.

Jerusalem Lutheran Church Community Outreach Meals



5PM-6 PM
open to all daycare
families and
teachers
only

6PM-7PM
Open to
Community

Friday, September 18thth in the Social Hall
Eat in or Take-out

Treat yourself to a healthy free home cooked meal.

Open to all in our community.

Please RSVP your meal by visiting our website or contacting the church office no later than September 14th.

More Info: www.jelc.org or email secretary@jelc.org

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF PRAISE *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow’r,
sun and moon and stars of light:
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

5. For each perfect gift of Thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav’n;
for Thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv’n:
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

“Step By Step”

O God, You are my God,
and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God,
and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your ways,
and step by step You'll lead me,
and I will follow You all of my days.

And I will follow You all of my days,
and I will follow You all of my days,
and step by step You'll lead me,
and I will follow You all of my days.

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REPEAT.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

PSALM Psalm 26:1-8 Spoken responsively

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;

I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

² Test me, O LORD, and try me;

examine my heart and my mind.

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;

I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ I have not sat with the worthless,

nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers;

I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,

that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving

and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ LORD, I love the house in which you dwell

and the place where your glory abides.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 16:21-28

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

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²²

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris McKinstry

HYMN OF THE DAY “Will You Come and Follow Me”

1. “Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,
will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?”

2. “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let Me answer prayer in you and you in Me?”

4. “Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?”

5. Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name.
Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

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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.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all! **And also with you.**

OFFERING MUSIC “On the Wind of Spirit” Hayes

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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**

CLOSING HYMN *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.

2. Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our
aims are one, our comforts
and our cares.

3. We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other
flows the sympathizing tear.

4. From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship
reign through all eternity.

TABLE BLESSING FOR PICNIC

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

11:00 AM

Ushers: Paul Ensminger &
Joan Connolly

Acolyte: N/A

Lector:: Janet Luyben

Nursery Assistant: N/A

Counters: Babs deFrenes & Jack Bowman
Altar Guild: Ardie Musselman & Gail Maser
Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

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,
Savoeun Touch, Rita Weiss, 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,
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