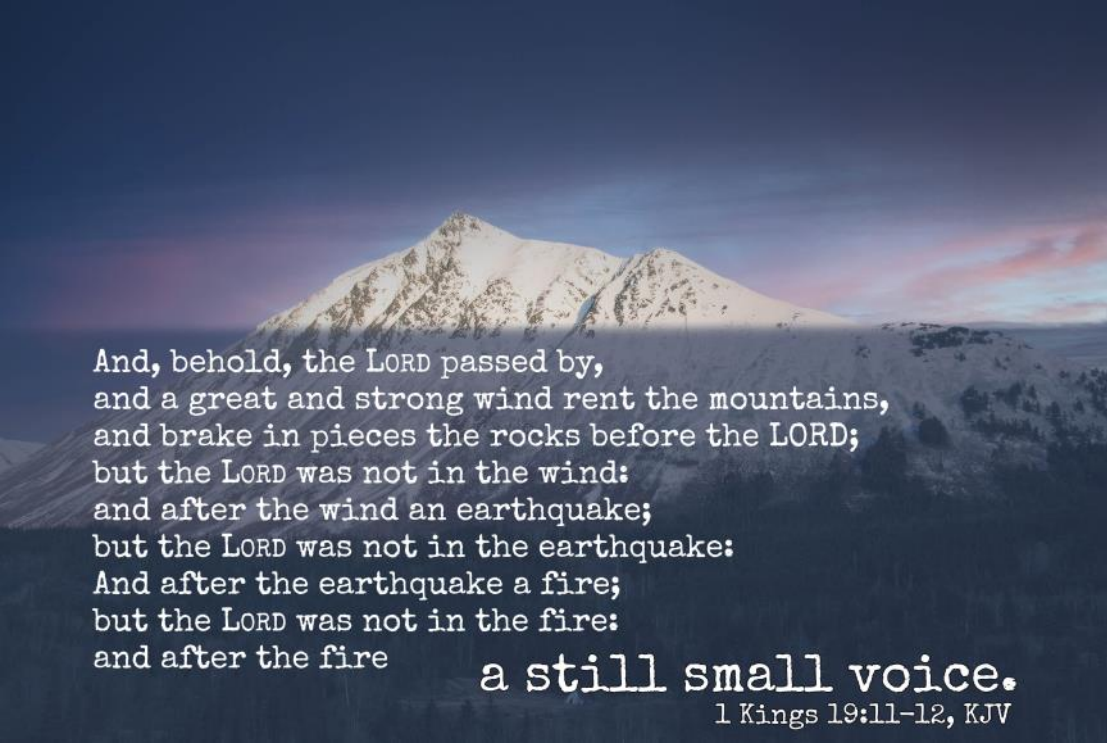




Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

August 9, 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 AM Worship Service



And, behold, the LORD passed by,
and a great and strong wind rent the mountains,
and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD;
but the LORD was not in the wind:
and after the wind an earthquake;
but the LORD was not in the earthquake:
And after the earthquake a fire;
but the LORD was not in the fire:
and after the fire
a still small voice.
1 Kings 19:11-12, KJV

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 9	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream
Wednesday, August 12	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Saturday, August 15	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, August 16	10:30 AM	Worship Service with communion and 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

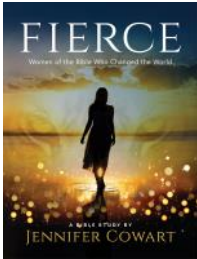
We invite all students to bring their school backpacks to our outside worship service on ***Sunday, August 30th for a special Blessing of Backpacks*** from Pastor Chris in preparation for a successful school year.



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

Paul Schweitzer

“Allein, Gott in der Höhe’ sei Ehr” (Alone God in the High Be Honorable) Telemann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONGS** *“Shout to the Lord” (#821)* Sing 2 times

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship You.

Mountains bow down
and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands;
forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the
promise I have in You.

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Shout to the Lord,
all the earth; let us sing
power and majesty,
praise to the King.

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” (#774)

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

REFRAIN:

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

REFRAIN.

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

REFRAIN.

*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 our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

PSALM Psalm 85:8-13 Spoken responsively

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.

SECOND READING **Romans 10:5-15**

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

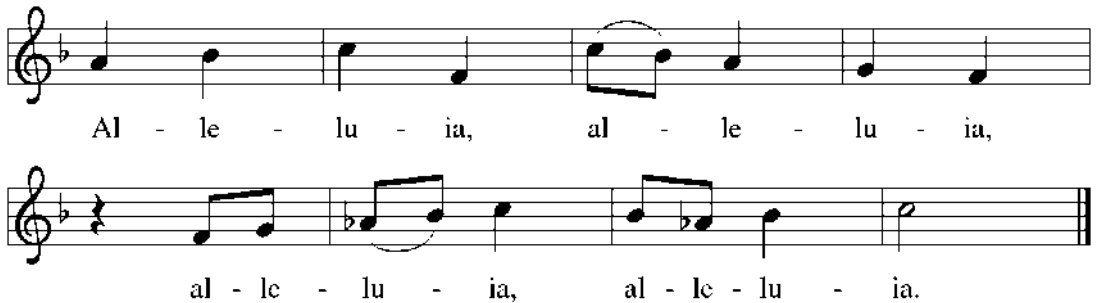
“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



CANTOR: I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*GOSPEL READING **Matthew 14:22-33**

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

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but

by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris McKinstry

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* (#756)

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.

2. O Savior, Whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.

3. O Holy Spirit, Who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to Thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

***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 “*Adore and Be Still*” Gounod / arr. Smith

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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** *“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” (#860)*

1. I’m so glad Jesus lifted me.

I’m so glad Jesus lifted me.

I’m so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah!

Jesus lifted me.

2. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
singing glory, hallelujah!

Jesus lifted me.

3. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
singing glory, hallelujah!

Jesus lifted me.

***DISMISSAL**

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *“Voluntary VI”* Stanley

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM

Ushers: Matthew Wolk &
Linda Kehs

Acolyte: Ella Cusumano

Cantor: Dylan Dice

Lector: Janet Luyben

Nursery Assistant: Jen Wolk

Counters: Paul Ensminger & Chris Freer

Altar Guild: Ardie Musselman & Gail Maser

Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

*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

Family & friends of Tanner Antaloski, 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 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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