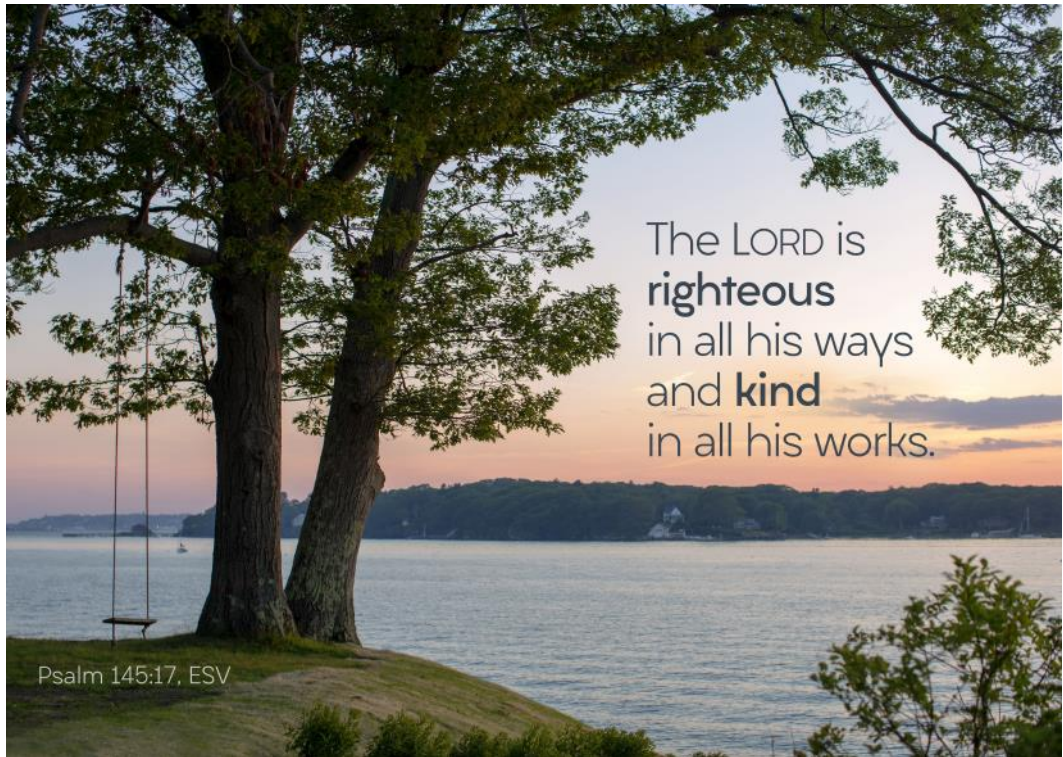




Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

September 20, 2026
Seventeenth 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, September 20	9:15 AM	Sunday School Class Resumes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with Communion and live stream
	11:30 AM	Confirmation Orientation (Sanctuary)
Monday, September 21	<i>October Good News Deadline</i>	
Wednesday, September 23	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study (OP)
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, September 24	12:30 PM	Monthly Luncheon
	6:30 PM	Steepleringers Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Asaph Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, September 26	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, September 27	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream
	11:30 AM	Acolyte Training & Orientation

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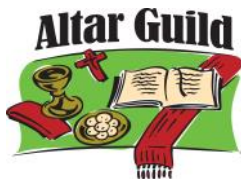
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UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES

Altar Guild Meeting



We will be having an Altar Guild meeting for all volunteers as Altar Guild on ***Sunday, September 20th from 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM (before the worship service.)*** This is meeting is for all current Altar Guild volunteers and or anyone that would like to learn more about Altar Guild responsibilities and duties. We would love to add more



Confirmation Orientation

Sunday, September 20th, after the worship service at 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary. 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.



Monthly Luncheon September 24th at 12:30 PM

Dutch Cottage Tavern

1264 Bridge Road, Skippack (Rt 113 about one block off Rt73)

Please contact Dan Slemmer **BEFORE** September 21st to reserve your place and request carpooling if needed.



Teen Time

Tuesday, September 29th from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
(note rescheduled date)

JELC Social Hall

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



Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, October 31st 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 10/31/26 in the search box or scroll down list for Jerusalem Church from list of donors.



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

PRELUDE “Sonata No. 1 in E flat” Mozart / arr. Biggs

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONGS** “Great Is the Lord”

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,
by His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,
by His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory,
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,
now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord!
Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,
by His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,
by His mercy He proves He is love.

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory,
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice: Great are You, Lord!
Great are You, Lord!

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“Shout to the North”

1. Men of faith, rise up and sing
of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak,
in your brokenness complete.

CHORUS:

Shout to the north and the south;
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

2. Rise up, women of the truth,
stand and sing to broken hearts
who can know the healing pow'r
of our awesome King of love.

CHORUS.

We've been through fire,
we've been through rain;
we've been refined
by the pow'r of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You.
You've burned the truth on our lips.
CHORUS.

3. Rise up, church with broken wings,
fill this place with songs again
of our God who reigns on high.
By His grace again we'll fly.
CHORUS.

Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.

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***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING **Jonah 3:10—4:11**

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



CANTOR: Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING*Matthew 20:1-16**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris McKinstry

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Lord of Light”* (#688)

1. Lord of light, Your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in Your kingdom
as the servants of Your grace;
use us to fulfill Your purpose
in the gift of Christ Your Son.
Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth Your will be done.

2. By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won:
Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth Your will be done.

3. Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at Your feet may lowly kneel;
with Your grace our triumphs hallow,
with Your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun:
Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth Your will be done.

4. By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all Your children one:
Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth Your will be done.

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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.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING MUSIC

Asaph Choir

"My Song Forever Shall Record Your Mercies" arr. Scott

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*OFFERING PRAYER (UNISON)

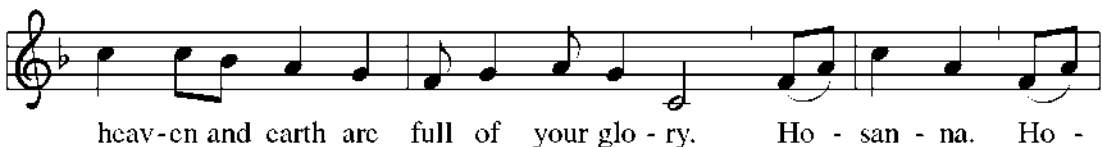
God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in
service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

*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





san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*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

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

LAMB OF GOD



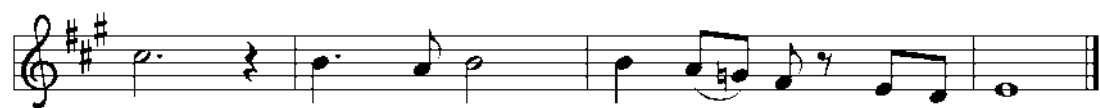
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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 #770, #695***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**

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Skies” (#853:1, 2, 3)**

1. When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

2. When mirth for music longs,
this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer
has none that can compare
with “Jesus Christ be praised!”

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3. No lovelier antiphon
in all high heav'n is known
than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
There to the'ternal Word
the'ternal psalm is heard:
oh, Jesus Christ be praised!

***DISMISSAL**

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "*When Morning Gilds the Skies*" Ashdown

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM

Ushers: Janet Luyben &
Joan Connolly

Acolyte: Eli Johnni

Cantor: Dylan Dice

Worship Assistant: Gina Weygand

Nursery Assistant: TBD

Counters: Linda Kehs & Ardie Musselman

Altar Guild: Diane Martin & Tricia Hawks

Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

Altar flowers are presented in celebration of Pastor Chris's birthday.

PRAYER CONCERNS....

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Barbara Blanchard, Martin Conte, Debbie Feichthaler, Anne Fisher,
Pat Giarrocco, Jay Kapila, Greg Kealey, Leslie Leben, Gene & Pat Miesse,
Bev O'Brien, Daniela Rivera, Don Peters, Robin Schlichter, Joseph Schmitt,
Frankie Stankus, Rita Weiss, Gail Wetzel, Bobbie Willis & Carol Withers.

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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