



Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

September 6, 2026
Fifteenth 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 6	10:30 AM	Worship Service with communion and live stream
Monday, September 7		<i>Happy Labor Day</i>
Tuesday, September 8	7:00 PM	Finance Meeting (SH)
Wednesday, September 9	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, September 10	6:30 PM	Steepleringers Rehearsal Resumes
	7:30 PM	Asaph Choir Rehearsal Resumes
Saturday, September 12	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
	10:00 AM	Social Hall Kitchen Clean-up
Sunday, September 13	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation
		Rally Day (SH)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream

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UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES



Kitchen Clean-up

Please note: Kitchen Clean-up scheduled for September 12th as been postponed until further notice.
Stay tuned for rescheduled date.



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

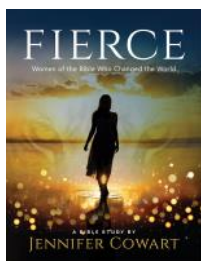
Sunday, September 20th, time to be determined. This orientation is for all 2026-2027 Confirmation students entering middle school, current second year students, and parents. Please make arrangements to attend this very informational meeting.



Acolyte Orientation

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

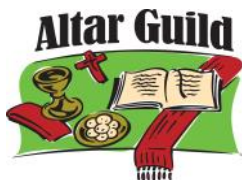
Please join us after the worship service on ***Sunday, September 27th*** at 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary.



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.



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 members to our group!

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
Take-out only

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

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

PRELUDE “Just As I Am, without One Plea” Miller

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONGS** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (#836)

1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

“Bind Us Together”

REFRAIN:

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord; bind us together in love.

1. There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one Body; that is why we can sing: REFRAIN.

2. You are the family of God. You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine. REFRAIN.

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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.

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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**

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



CANTOR: In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,
entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:15-20

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

SERMON**Pastor Chris McKinstry*****HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Where Charity and Love Prevail”* **(#359)**

1. Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ’s love,
by love we thus are bound.

2. With grateful joy and holy fear,
God’s charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.

3. Let us recall that in our midst
dwells Christ, God’s holy Son;
as members of each body joined,
in Him we are made one.

4. Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease.
Be God’s the glory that we seek;
be His our only peace.

5. Let us forgive each other’s faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness.

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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 *“Trumpet Tune in Bb”* Albinoni **Garvey Wolk, trumpet**

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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)**

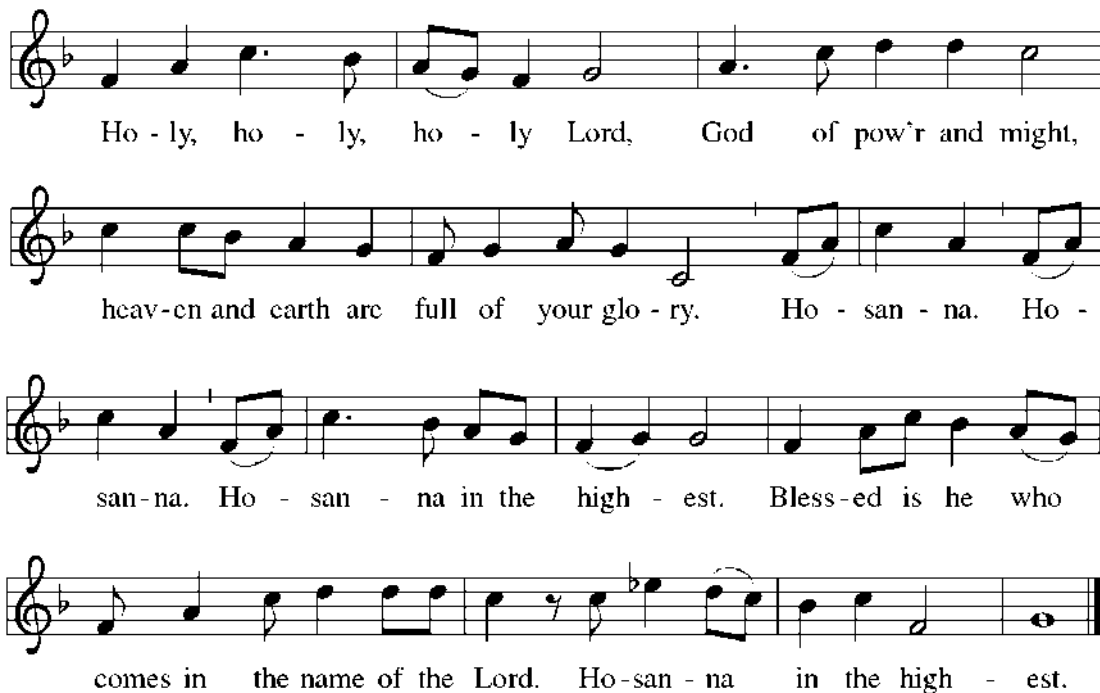
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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**



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 -
 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!

DISTRIBUTION - AT THE RAIL

Please come forward down the center aisle, receive a cup from the usher, and fill the altar rail from the left (pulpit side) to the right (lectern side). 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 #462, #615***COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Lay Communion ministers come to the rail during Canticle

***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.

BLESSING OF LAY COMMUNION MINISTERS**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 “Earth and All Stars!” (#731)**

1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!

2. Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!

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3. Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 God has done marvelous things.
 I too sing praises with a new song!

4. Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 God has done marvelous things.
 I too sing praises with a new song!

5. Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 God has done marvelous things.
 I too sing praises with a new song!

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***DISMISSAL**

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”* Cherwien

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM

Ushers: Paul Ensminger &
Joan Connolly

Acolyte: Emily Englehart

Cantor: David Crist

Worship Assistant: Sarah Englehart

Nursery Assistant: Glenda Ortiz

Counters: Chas & Gina Weygand

Altar Guild: Diane Martin & Tricia Hawks

Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

PRAYER CONCERNS....

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Barbara Blanchard, 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, 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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