



Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church
October 11, 2026
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 AM Worship Service

ISAIAH 25:9

— ◆ —
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.



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, October 11	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream
Tuesday, October 13	7:00 PM	Council Meeting (SH)
Wednesday, October 14	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study (OP)
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, October 15	9:30 AM	Care Team Meeting (YC)
		<i>No Choir Rehearsals</i>
Saturday, October 17	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, October 18		<i>St. Luke, Evangelist - Healing Service</i>
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with Communion & live stream

The People of Jerusalem Congregation, Ministers

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UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES



Healing Service

Sunday, October 18th

Join us during our 10:30 AM service for a special prayer and laying of hands for those in need of healing.



Teen Time

Tuesday, October 20th from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

JELC Social Hall

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



Free Food Friday

Treat yourself to a healthy free home cooked meal prepared by our volunteers Open to all in our community.

When: Friday, October 23rd **Time:** 6 PM-7PM
(please do not arrive prior to 6 PM until daycare is closed)

Where: Jerusalem Lutheran Church - Social Hall
To RSVP visit our website at: www.jelc.org or call 610-287-7104.



2026 Fall Fest

Fall Fest at Olszanowski Farm!

Sunday, October 25th from 4PM - 7 PM

Hay ride \$10 ~ Corn Maze \$10

Hay ride starts promptly at 4PM Please plan to arrive by 3:45 PM

RSVP: www.jelc.org, QR Code, or contact Glenda Ortiz



Monthly Luncheon ~ Thursday, October 29th at 12:30 PM

Giovanni's 724 Restaurant

1492 E. Schuylkill Road, Pottstown PA 19465

we are limited to twenty spots for this reservation. Please contact Dan Slemmer **BEFORE** October 22nd to reserve your place and request carpooling if needed.

Schwenksville Halloween Parade

Thursday, October 29, 2026

Registration starts at 6 PM at Heidelberg Church

Parade starts at 7 PM





Trunk or Treat
Willow Ridge Senior Living invites you to join
them on Thursday, October 29
 5:00 PM-6:30 PM (right before the parade)
 300 Perkiomen Avenue



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.



Daylight Saving Time Ends
 ~ **November 1, 2026** ~
 Turn Clocks back (fall back) one hour on
 Saturday, October 31st.



All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 1, 2026.

The first Sunday in November is the day to remember our sisters & brothers in Christ who have died during the preceding year. We will have a table for members to share photos of loved ones that have passed. We will acknowledge those loved ones in the service. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in this way please drop the picture with the name of the person off to the church office.



Annual Congregational Meeting
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026 in the Sanctuary
 at 11:30 AM (Following Worship Service)
 There will be No Christian Education. Committee leaders submit a
 summary of 2026 activities for the meeting by Oct. 18th.
 Please send to Glenda secretary@jelc.org and
andrew.inglehart@gmail.com.

You are important to this process. Hope to see you all there!

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

PRELUDE *“Praeludium und Fuge in G-Dur”* J. S. Bach

Paul Schweitzer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONGS** *“Give Thanks”*

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say,
“I am strong,” let the poor say,
“I am rich,” because of what
the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say,
“I am strong,” let the poor say,
“I am rich,” because of what
the Lord has done for us.

REPEAT ALL.

Give thanks!

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“Now the Feast and Celebration” (#167)

REFRAIN:

Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God.

REFRAIN.

2. Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever.
REFRAIN.

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new.

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.

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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.



A - men.

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:1-9

¹ O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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

PSALM HYMN “*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*” (#502)

1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
and He is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul He leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love He sought me,
and on His shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death’s dark vale I fear no ill,
with Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still;
Thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from Thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so, through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
within Thy house forever.

SECOND READING **Philippians 4:1-9**

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



CANTOR: This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*GOSPEL READING **Matthew 22:1-14**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris McKinstry

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***HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Just As I Am, without One Plea*” (#592)

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt;
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am: thou wilt receive;
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

***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

“Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table” Troeger & Corzine

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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.

***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**

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

***SENDING HYMN** “*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*” (#873:1, 2, 3, 6)

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing;
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your king.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2. With voice as full and strong
as ocean’s surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
the psalms of ancient days.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

3. With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints on earth
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

6. Praise God Who reigns on high,
the Lord Whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

***DISMISSAL**

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “*Praeludium und Fuge in F-Dur*” J. S. Bach

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM

Ushers: Mike Kehs &

Dylan Dice

Acolyte: Ella Cusumano &

Adelina Freer

Cantor: Jack Bowman

Lector:

Nursery Assistant: Jen Wolk

Counters: Paul Ensminger & Chris Freer
Altar Guild: Renee Bartlett & Janet Luyben
Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

*Altar flowers are presented by Paul Ensminger in memory of
 John Markley's birthday.*

*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

Barbara Blanchard, Mike Blinebury, Martin Conte, Debbie Feichthaler, Anne Fisher,
 Pat Giarrocco, Greg Kealey, Gene & Pat Miesse, Bev O'Brien, Daniela Rivera,
 Don Peters, Linda Petruccelli, Lorie Sarnocinski,
 Joseph Schmitt, Frankie Stankus, Rita Weiss, Gail Wetzel, Bobbie Willis
 & Carol Withers.

ONGOING PRAYERS

Damian Aguilera, Coral Aubert, Susie Barker, Jeanne Bullard, Audrey Englehart,
 Margaret Fisher, Madison Hills, Effa Hunt, Jay Kapila, Derek Kirby,
 Nellie Ann Kodoziejski, Leslie Leben, Bill Luyben, Janet Neumann, Noel Pumphrey,
 Joseph Russella, Robin Schlichter, Robert Schirk, Mary Ann Schofield, Shawn
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