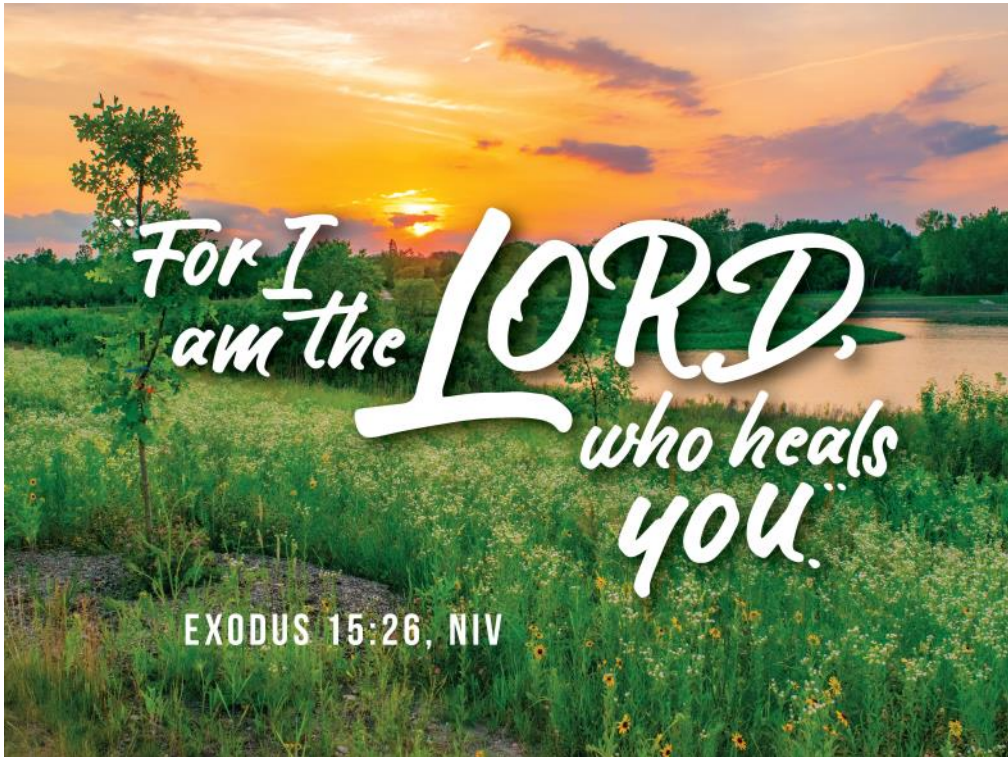




Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church
October 18, 2026
St. Luke, Evangelist
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, 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
Monday, October 19	November Good News Deadline
	10:00 AM Book Club (OP)
	7:00 PM Adult Bible Study with Pastor Chris (SH)
Tuesday, October 20	6:30 PM Teen Time (SH)
Wednesday, October 21	6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (OP)
	7:00 PM JLNSDC Parent Meeting (SH)
	7:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, October 22	6:30 PM Steepleringers Rehearsal
	7:30 PM Asaph Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 23	6:00 PM Free Food Friday Community Meal (SH)
Saturday, October 24	7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, October 25	<i>Reformation Sunday</i>
	9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
	10:30 AM Worship Service with communion & live stream
	4:00 PM Fall Fest at Olszanowski Farm

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CONFIRMATION, AGAIN

What We Missed
(and What Matters Now)

“How Do We Actually Read The Bible?”

Thursday, October 8th at 7pm - St. James

Monday, October 19th at 7pm - Jerusalem

Many of us went through confirmation... and barely remember it. Others never finished, or never started. Still, the big questions remain: What is Christian faith really about? How do Scripture, church history, worship, and theology connect with real life—suffering, aging, purpose, meaning, identity?

This year Pastor Chris is planning an adult formation class called:

“Confirmation, Again: What We Missed (and What Matters Now).”

The class will introduce the basics and then go deeper into the questions we actually carry as adults. Here are some of the topics we will cover:

What is Christian Faith For?

How to actually read the Bible

Where is God when it hurts - Faith and Suffering

Church History: From Jesus to Luther and Beyond

Lutheran Theology 101

Worship and Sacraments

How to Pray

Vocation, Aging, and Lifelong Faith

How Do We Actually Read the Bible?

The topic for our first gathering will be “How Do We Actually Read The Bible?” where we will dive into the bible starting with the basics and build our way up. We will discuss among other things: origins of scripture, genres, organization, reoccurring themes, and look at some specific passages.

There will be two classes:

Thursday October 8th at 7:00pm at St. James, Limerick

Monday, October 19th at 7:00pm at Jerusalem, Schwenksville

Anyone is welcome to attend either class at either congregation depending on what works best for your schedule. If you are planning to attend please email Pastor Chris at pastor@jelc.org and tell him which class you would like to attend so he can have an idea of how many people might be there.

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

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



Homeless Meals Volunteers Needed

Saturday, October 24th

Volunteers needed to help prepare meals to feed the homeless on Saturday, October 24th. Please visit www.jelc.org to view sign-up schedule, contact the church office or Norma Grosick.



ASP Christmas Cards Fundraising

ASP is currently selling Christmas cards as part of their fundraising efforts for their upcoming mission trip in July of 2027. Christmas cards are available in the Coffee corner. They are \$10 for a pack of 10. Cash payments can be placed in the envelope provided by the cards. Payments made by checks can be placed in the offering plate. Please mark: **"ASP Christmas Cards"** in the memo line.





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



Support JLNSDC Fundraising see insert flyer for order forms

Please place order forms in basket in the Coffee Corner no later than **Friday, October 30th.**

If paying cash, please place payment in envelope with name on it. Dinners may be picked up directly at the restaurant on November 5th or 6th.



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.



Duo Piano Recital ~ St. Luke Lutheran Church in Gilbertsville presented by Bruce Tonkin, Director of Music

Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 PM

2 pianos, 8 hands

John Bednar, Joan Johnson, Amy LaRue, Bruce Tonkin - pianist
a free will offering will be received
35 Wilson Ave, Gilbertsville



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.englehart@gmail.com).

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



Harvest Home Sunday: Sunday, November 15th & 22nd

We will once again be collecting non perishable food items. This year we will donate items to homeless shelters. We will have baskets in the Coffee Corner for donation items to be placed (starting late October/ early November.) We will take some items to the altar for a special blessing before distributing the donations.

Donations can be dropped off no later than November 22nd

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

PRELUDE “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” A. K. Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG** “Everlasting God”

VERSE:

Strength will rise as we
wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we
wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever.
Our Hope, our strong Deliverer.

CHORUS:

You are the everlasting God,
the everlasting God
You do not faint,
You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need.
You lift us up
on wings like eagles.

VERSE.

Our God, You reign forever.
Our Hope, our strong Deliverer.

CHORUS.

(Instrumental interlude)

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Our Hope, our strong Deliverer.

CHORUS.

(Instrumental interlude)

CHORUS.

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Songs.

***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.

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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.

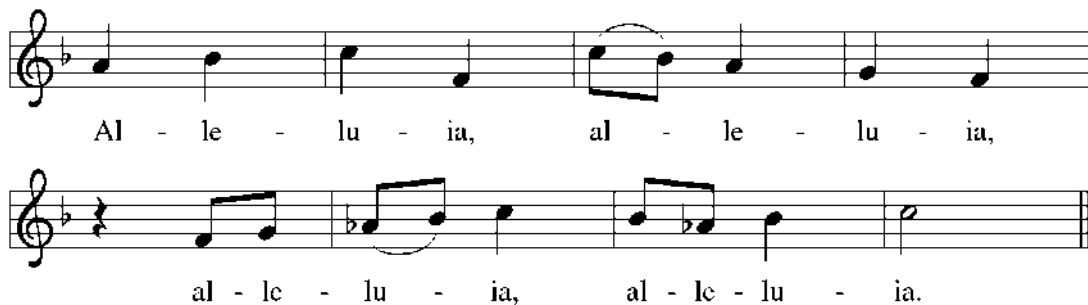
***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 43:8-13

- ⁸ Bring forth the people who are blind yet have eyes,
who are deaf yet have ears!
- ⁹ Let all the nations gather together,
and let the peoples assemble.
Who among them declared this
and foretold to us the former things?
Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,
and let them hear and say, "It is true."
- ¹⁰ You are my witnesses, says the LORD,
and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.
- ¹¹ I, I am the LORD,
and besides me there is no savior.
- ¹² I am the one who declared and saved and proclaimed,
not some strange god among you;
you are my witnesses, says the LORD, and I am God.
- ¹³ Indeed, since that day I am he;
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;
I work, and who can hinder it?

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

CANTOR: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger
who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING*Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53**

The holy gospel according to Luke, the first and twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³ I, too, decided, as one having a grasp of everything from the start, to write a well-ordered account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may have a firm grasp of the words in which you have been instructed.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

SERMON**Pastor Chris McKinstry**

***HYMN OF THE DAY** “*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*” (#617:1, 2, 3, 5)

1. We come to You for healing,
Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by Your Spirit’s
touch we may again be whole.

2. As once You walked through
ancient streets and reached toward
those in pain,
come, risen Christ, among us still
with pow’r to heal again.

3. You touch us through physicians’
skills, through nurses’ gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends
who lift our lives in prayer.

5. We come to You, O loving Lord,
in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and
days Your grace will heal, sustain.

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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.

SERVICE OF HEALING

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands (and anointing) approach the rail and, as conditions permit, they may kneel.

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands, and the presiding minister continues.

Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands [and anointing], grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

OFFERING MUSIC**Asaph Choir***"Holy Forever" Tomlin, Ingram, Wickham, B. Johnson & J. Johnson / arr. Galbraith**If desired to make an online offering donation or to set-up automatic recurring payments, please scan the attached QR code on the back of the bulletin.****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!

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 - 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 #483, #614, #581

***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 “By All Your Saints” (Tune: LANCASHIRE)**

For Luke, belov'd physician, all praise, whose gospel shows
the Healer of the nations, the One who shares our woes.
Your wine and oil, O Savior, upon our spirits pour,
and with true balm of Gilead anoint us evermore.

Give praise to God Almighty, and worship God the Son,
and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone.

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” Paxton



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM

Ushers: Tricia Hawks &
Robin Schlichter
Acolytes: Eli & Addy Johnni

Cantor: Dylan Dice
Worship Assistant: Gina Weygand
Nursery Assistant: Glenda Ortiz

Counters: Chas & Gina Weygand
Altar Guild: Renee Bartlett & Janet Luyben
Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder



Our Christian sympathy is extended to family and
friends of ***Linda Petruccelli***,
mother in law of Ashley Petruccelli,
who entered into Eternal Life on October 12, 2026.



PRAYER CONCERN

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Henry Arnold, Barbara Blanchard, Mike Blinebury, Martin Conte, Debbie Feichthaler,
Anne Fisher, Pat Giarrocco, Greg Kealey, Gene & Pat Miesse, Bev O'Brien,
Daniela Rivera, Don Peters, Lorie Sarnocinski, Joseph Schmitt, Frankie Stankus,
Victor Vazquez, 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
Schlichter, Jennifer Sone, Carol Sprainer, & Marie Wolfe.

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