



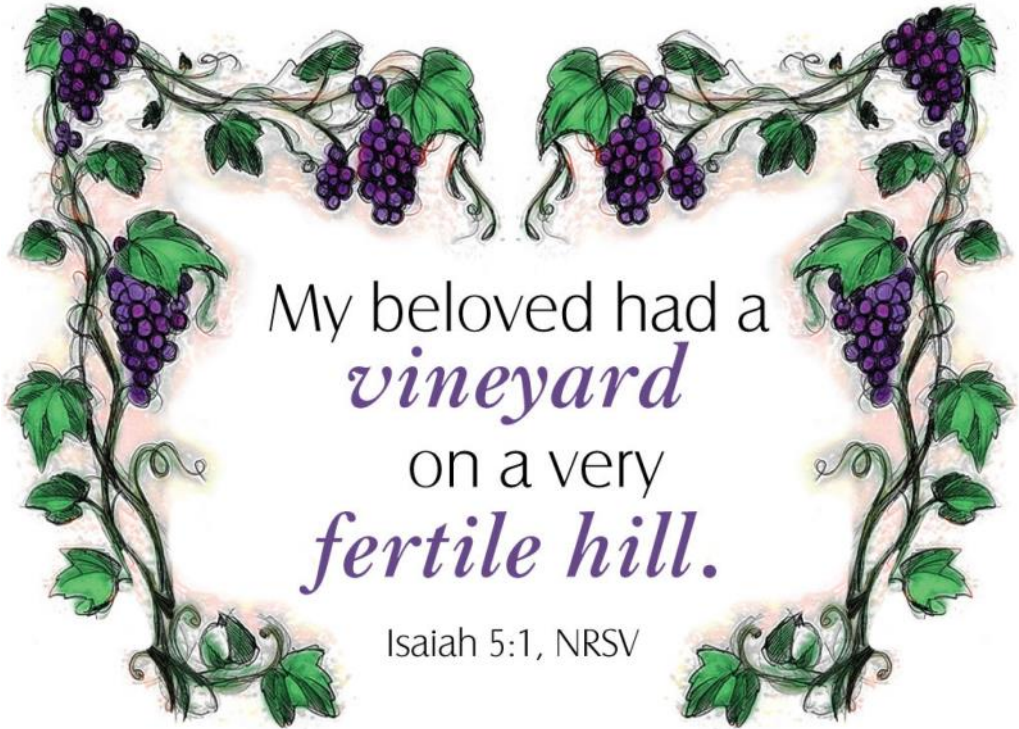
Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

October 4, 2026

Nineteenth 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, October 4	9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation Classes Worship Service with Communion and live stream
Monday, October 5	7:00 PM	JLNSDC Board Meeting (SH)
Tuesday, October 6	7:00 PM	Finance Meeting (OP)
Wednesday, October 7	1:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship & Music Meeting (OP) Women's Bible Study (OP) AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, October 8	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Steepleringers Rehearsal Asaph Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 10	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, October 11	9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation Classes Worship Service with live stream

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

PRELUDE *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”* Davenport

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONGS** *“There Is a Redeemer”*

1. There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Ho - ly One.

REFRAIN:

Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son
and sending Your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
hope for sinners slain. REFRAIN.

3. When I stand in glory,
I will see His face;
there I'll serve my King forever,
in that holy place. REFRAIN.

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“Restore Us”

Lord Jesus, You are my Shepherd,
giving all that I require.
In You and Your love
I have all that I desire.
I look to You in needful times
and feel my soul restored.

REFRAIN: Restore us, O God,
that we may be saved.
Shine on us, O Lord,
that we may be whole.
Lead by Your Light
and grant us Your peace.

Lord Jesus, let me rest in green pastures.
Refresh me in quiet streams.
I hunger for the Bread of Life
and thirst for Living Water.
I reach for You in needful times
and feel my soul restored. REFRAIN.

Restore me, save me.
Heal me, make me to be whole.
Forgive me, transform me.
Renew me to know
Your peace in my soul. REFRAIN, twice.

And grant us Your peace.

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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

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



CANTOR: Jesus says, I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will last.

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING*Matthew 21:33-46**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

SERMON**Pastor Chris McKinstry**

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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4. All ye who are of tender heart,
 forgiving others, take your part,
 sing His praises, Alleluia!
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
 praise God and on Him cast your care,
 O praise Him, O praise Him,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

5. Let all things their Creator bless,
 and worship Him in humbleness,
 O praise Him, Alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father,
 praise the Son, and praise
 the Spirit, Three in One,
 O praise Him, O praise Him,
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Each portion of the prayer ends: A: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *Patrick and Lisa Morris*, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new *members* into the life and ministry of this congregation.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sister and brother in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God,

do you promise to support and pray for *Patrick and Lisa* in *their* life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

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Those being welcomed face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us welcome *our brother and sister* in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

We give you thanks for our new members, *Patrick and Lisa* whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

OFFERING MUSIC “*The Prayer of St. Francis*” arr. Ellingboe **Asaph Choir**

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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)**

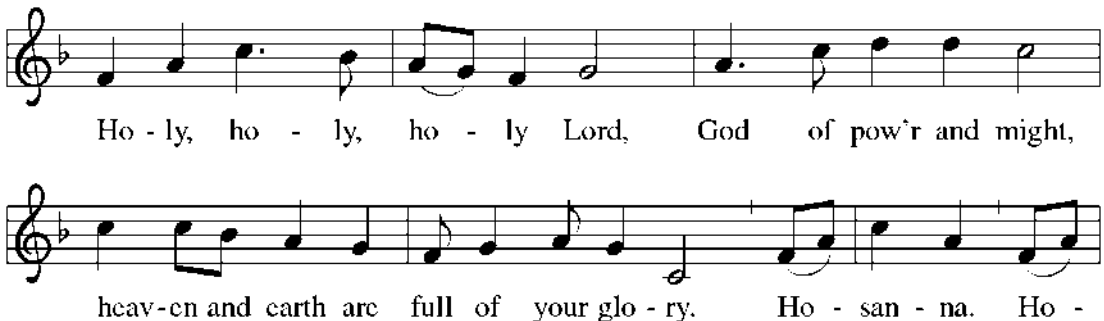
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

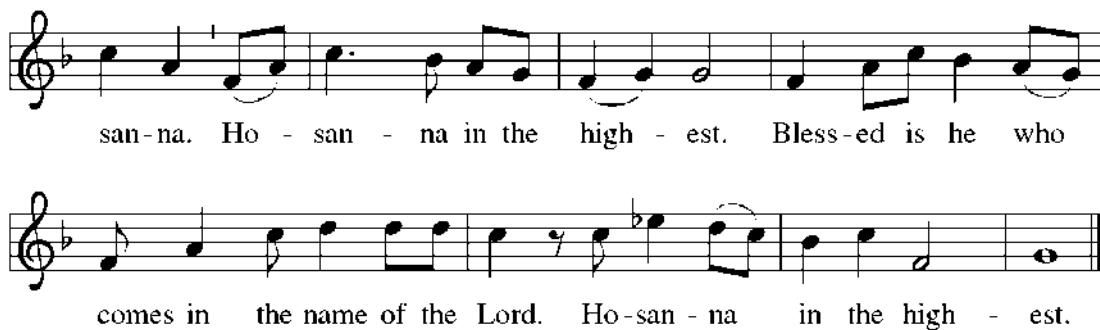
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***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 -



*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

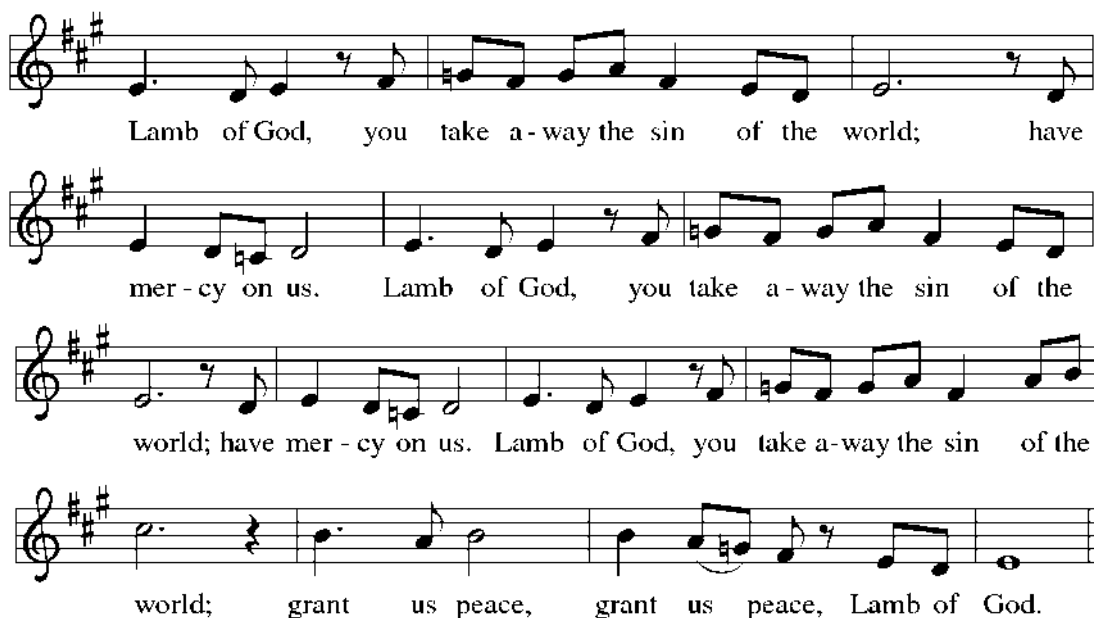
*LORD'S PRAYER

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



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 #471, #826***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 “Glorious Jerusalem” (Worship book, inside back cover)**

1. Glorious Jerusalem and Zion her gem,
Home of beauty, joy and peace and heavenly grace:
Beacon beckoning to all, mindful child and prodigal,
pilgrims on a holiday, chanting psalms along the way:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Lord, Jerusalem,
Praise your God, O Zion!
2. Glorious Jerusalem and Zion her gem,
Home of beauty, joy and peace and heavenly grace:
There the Savior long foretold, there the Savior twelve years old,
there the Savior crucified, there the Savior glorified:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Lord, Jerusalem,
Praise your God, O Zion!

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3. Glorious Jerusalem and Zion her gem,
 Home of beauty, joy and peace and heavenly grace:
 That same glory fills this place with our God's astounding grace,
 lives and hopes and peace restored by the sacraments and Word:
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Lord, Jerusalem,
 Praise your God, O Zion!

4. Glorious Jerusalem and Zion her gem,
 Home of beauty, joy and love come down from above:
 There at last the perfect place, there one great harmonious race,
 like her Bridegroom glorified, sings the Church His glowing Bride:
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Lord, Jerusalem,
 Praise your God, O Zion!

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***DISMISSAL**

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Fantasia in E Minor"* Stainer / arr. Peery



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM

Ushers: Linda Kehs &
Mike Kehs

Acolyte: Ryan Englehart

Cantor: Andy Englehart

Lector: Maddie Morris

Worship Assistant: Robin Schlichter

Nursery Assistant: TBD

Counters: Linda Kehs & Ardie Musselman

Altar Guild: Renee Bartlett & Janet Luyben

Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

*Altar flowers are presented in celebration of our new church members
Patrick and Lisa Morris.*

PRAYER CONCERNS....

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Barbara Blanchard, Martin Conte, Debbie Feichthaler, Anne Fisher,
Pat Giarrocco, 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

Damian Aguilera, Coral Aubert, Susie Barker, Jeanne Bullard, Audrey Englehart,
Margaret Fisher, Madison Hills, Effa Hunt, Jay Kapila, Derek Kirby,
Nellie Ann Kodoziejski, Bill Luyben, Janet Neumann, Linda Petruccelli, Noel Pumphrey,
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