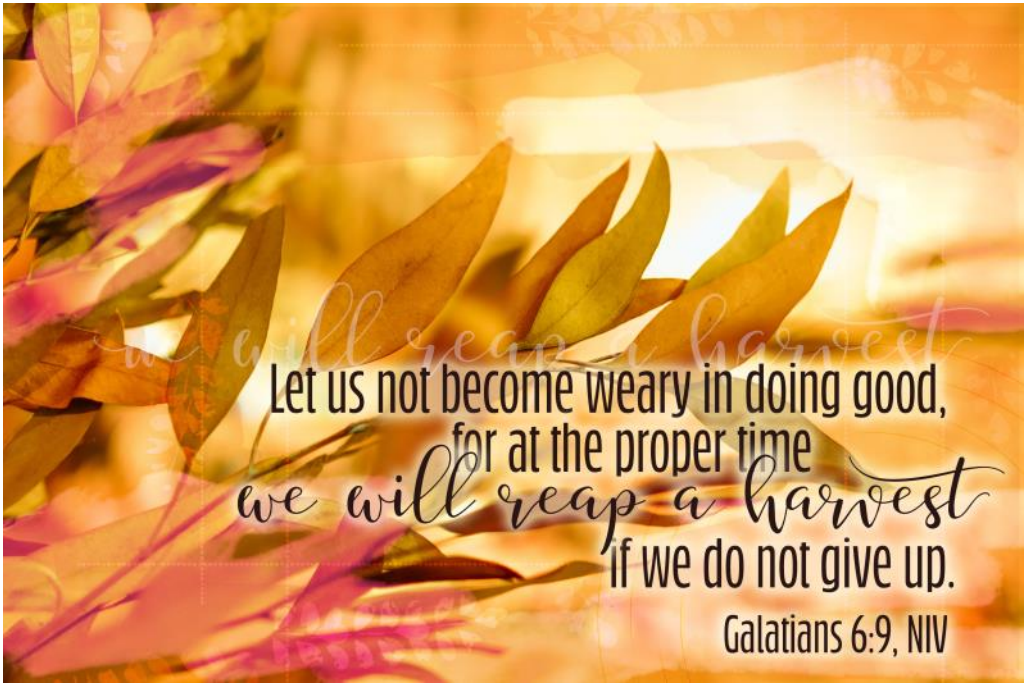
Jerusalem
evangelical lutheran church

November 15, 2026
Twenty-fifth 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, November 15	***Annual Congregational Meeting***	
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with communion & live stream
	11:30 AM	Annual Congregational Meeting
Monday, November 16	***December Good News Deadline***	
	10:00 AM	Book Club Meeting (OP)
	5:30 PM	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 PM	Adult Bible Study with Pastor (SH)
Tuesday, November 17	6:30 PM	Teen Time (SH)
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting (YC)
Wednesday, November 18	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, November 19	9:30 AM	Care Team Meeting (YC)
	6:30 PM	PV Cheer Practice (SH)
	6:30 PM	Steepleringers Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Adoration Rehearsal
Saturday, November 21	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, November 22	***Christ the King Sunday***	
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream

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UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES



Annual Congregational Meeting
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026 in the Sanctuary
at 11:30 AM (Following Worship Service)
There will be No Christian Education.
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. We will take some items to the altar for a special blessing before distributing the donations. Please see list of needed donation items available in the Coffee Corner.
Donations can be dropped off no later than November 22nd



Adult Bible Study
Our next session turns from Scripture to story—from how we read the Bible to how we understand the long, winding story of the church. In other words, we're going to ask: how did we get from the book of Acts to the church as we know it today?
The class will be offered at two times:
Thursday, November 12 at St. James, Limerick at 7:00pm
Monday, November 16 at Jerusalem at 7:00pm.



Teen Time
Tuesday, November 17th *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



Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsals
Monday evenings starting Monday, November 16th
5:30 PM-6:30 PM in the Sanctuary
Pageant will be presented on Christmas Eve during the 4 PM service.
Children from Nursery School through Confirmation
are invited to participate.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

As done traditionally every year, Thanksgiving Eve Services will be hosted by Heidelberg UCC.

The services will be on November 25th at 7:30 PM.

We look forward to celebrating the season with everyone once again.

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.



JLNSDC Christmas Baskets

We are preparing for our upcoming Daycare and Nursery School Christmas Raffle Basket Fundraiser! Would you like to supply a themed basket or donate a gift card? If so please contact Beth Algeo @ 267 733 2135 or ejalgeo@gmail.com. Donations are due by Wednesday, November 25. Thanks for any support you can provide!

Blessing Bags

This year, we would like to support and bless a local shelter with families in need with ***Blessing Bags.*** Essentially we will fill Christmas bags with gifts and small necessities for children in local shelter. We have selected to partner with *Laurel House* and be a blessing to the families they provide services in their shelters. We will hand out reusable Christmas bags along with a supply list for families who wish to fill a bag at home as a family project and return to the church which will then deliver to local shelter. Bags and supply list will be available to take home starting the week of November 22nd.

Filled bags can be turned in no later than **Sunday, December 13th.**

November - NO LUNCHEON due to Thanksgiving holiday

Thursday, December 3rd - due to Christmas Holiday

Naceville Hotel

Ridge Road, Naceville PA

Please contact Dan Slemmer ***before November 27th*** to reserve your place and request carpooling if needed. Start the season with a great Christmas Lunch along side great friends!

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

PRELUDE *"Christ, Be Our Light"* Schmoltze

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONGS** *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* **(#733)**

1. Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
there is no shadow
of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been,
Thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN:
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter
and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above
join with all nature
in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love.
REFRAIN.

3. Pardon for sin and
a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and
bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!
REFRAIN.

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"We Come to the Hungry Feast" **(#479)**

1. We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

2. We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

3. We come to the hungry feast
hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we east our fill,
the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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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.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

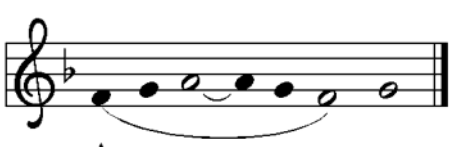


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.





Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **A - men.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

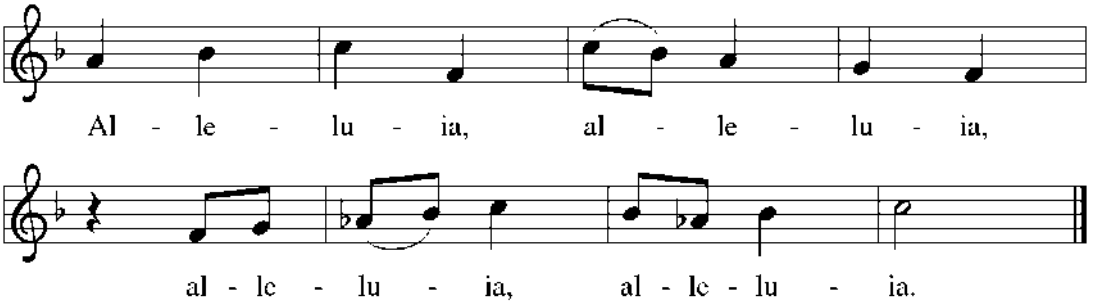
Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



CANTOR: Abide in me as I abide in you; those who abide in me bear much fruit.
ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

***GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14-30**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his
slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to
another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who
had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents.
17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one
who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts
with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five
more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five
more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have
been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the
joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His
master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in
a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I
knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you
did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you
have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did
you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought
to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received
what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with
the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an
abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.
30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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

SERMON Pastor Chris McKinstry

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"* Tune: **HYMN TO JOY**

1. God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by You, we turn to You, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

2. Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.

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3. Treasure, too, You have entrusted, gain through pow'rs Your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.
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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 **Steepleringers Handbell Choir**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Cota

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***OFFERING PRAYER (UNISON)**

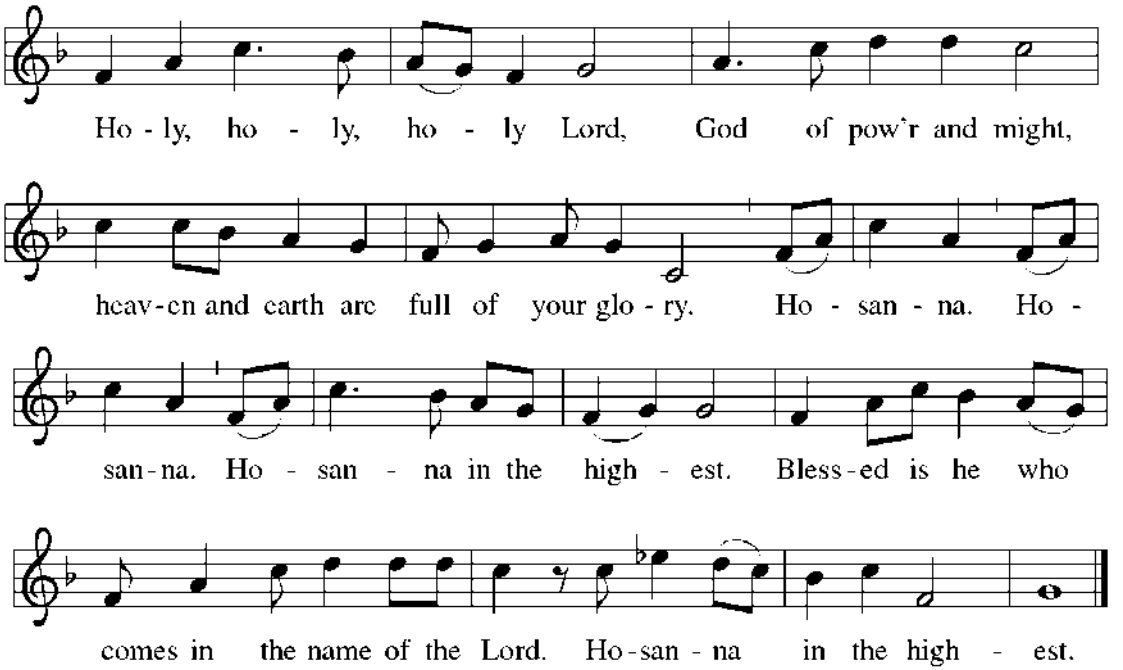
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***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**



***EUCHARISTIC 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**

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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 #695, #679

***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**
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

***SENDING HYMN** *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* **(#632:1, 3, 4, 5)**

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

3. Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting You are God,
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in Your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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