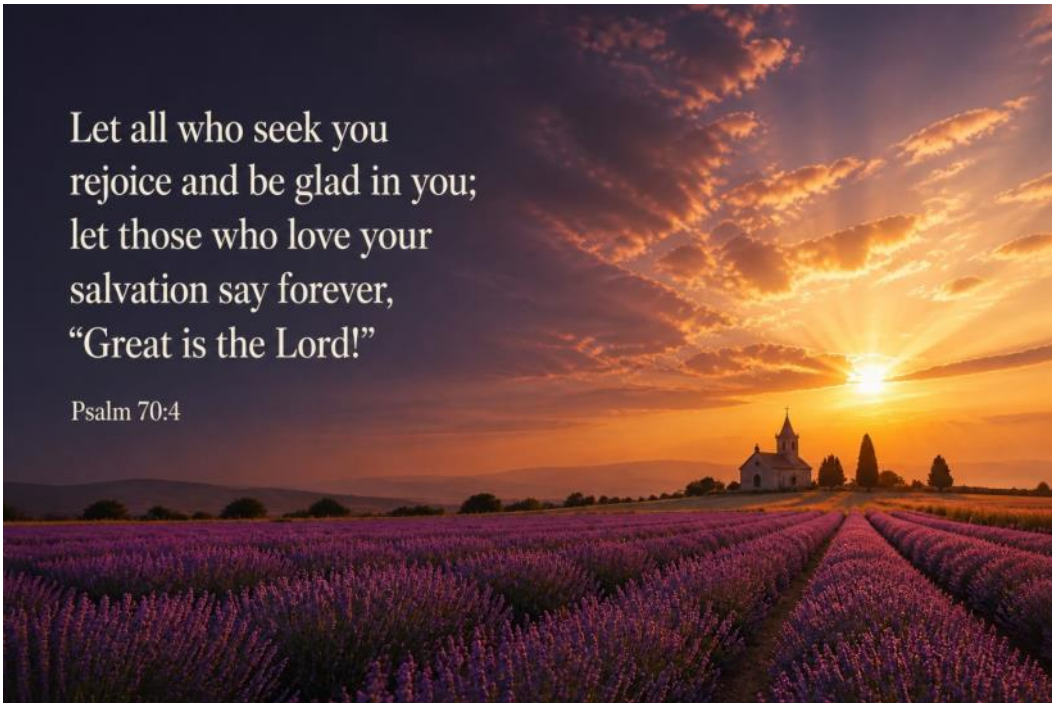
Jerusalem
evangelical lutheran church

November 8, 2026
Twenty-fourth 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 8	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream
Tuesday, November 10	7:00 PM	Council Meeting (SH)
Wednesday, November 11	***Happy Veteran's Day***	
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, November 12	6:30 PM	PV Cheer Practice (SH)
	6:30 PM	Steepleringers Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Adoration Rehearsal
Saturday, November 13	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
Sunday, November 15	***Annual Congregational Meeting***	
	10:30 AM	Worship Service with live stream
	11:30 AM	Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

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UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTES

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.



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*** to Glenda secretary@jelc.org and andrew.englehart@gmail.com).
You are important to this process. Hope to see you all there!



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
6:30 PM-7:30 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.



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

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.**



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!



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.



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 *"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"* J. S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONGS** *"Gather Us In"* **(#532:1, 2, 4)**

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to You in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for Your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us Your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" **(#857)**

Lord, I lift Your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing Your praises;
I'm so glad You're in my life,
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift Your name on high. REPEAT ALL.

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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.
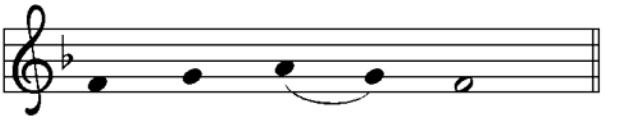
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***GREETING**
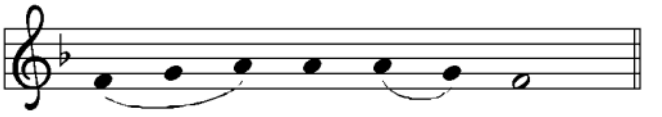
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***KYRIE (SUNG)**

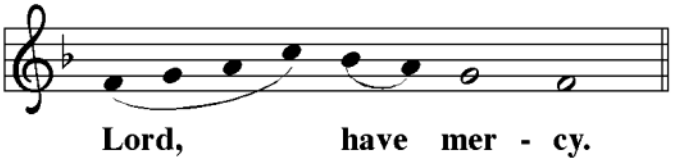
CANTOR:
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



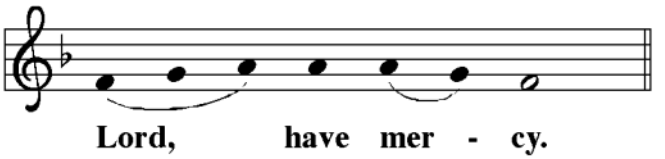
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
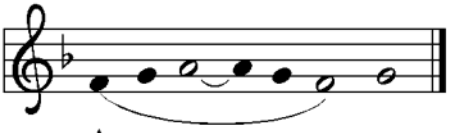


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Arky, Arky"* Traditional **Sunday School Choir**

FIRST READING Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

PSALM Psalm 70 ***Chanted responsively between Cantor and Congregation***

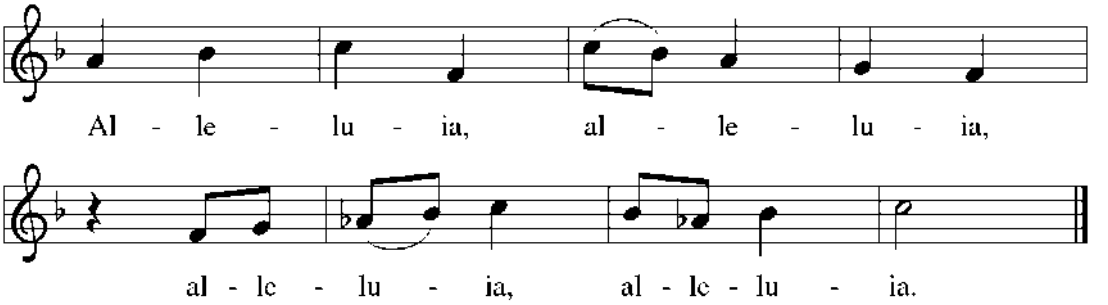
[1] Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.
You are my helper and my de- | liverer;
O LORD, | do not tarry.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



CANTOR: Keep awake and be ready,
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
ALL: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:1-13**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

SERMON Pastor Chris McKinstry

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Blessed Assurance"* **(#638)**

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

REFRAIN:
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
REFRAIN.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
REFRAIN.

***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 *"All My Hope on God Is Founded"* Howells **Asaph Choir**

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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.

***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** *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"* **(#545)**
1. Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration for Your gospel's joyful sound,.
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.

3. Savior, when Your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.

***DISMISSAL**
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"* Ashdown

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

10:30 AM
Ushers: Paul Ensminger & Joan Connolly
Acolyte: Addy Johnni

Cantor: Jack Bowman
Lector: Janet Luyben
Nursery Assistant: Jen Wolk

Counters: Paul Ensminger & Chris Freer
Altar Guild: Rose Koehler & Dalilah Freer
Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

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ONGOING PRAYERS

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