

FROM THE PASTOR

Easter Gives the Strength We Need

After several attempts of twisting and tapping, the lid just wouldn't budge. "Honey, can you open this for me?" Her teenage son is eager to flex his muscles. He opens the jar and hands it back to his mother.

Life is sometimes like that jar, isn't it? Sometimes we just don't have the strength we need to tackle what's in front of us. Not the strength it takes to move a piano or to change a flat tire, but the strength we need to raise our children or to stay married to someone who is so difficult to live with. We need the strength it takes to go to work and deal with people who are rude, inconsiderate and lazy, or to walk to the mail-box that contains bills we'll have difficulty paying. We need the strength to make it through school. We need strength to endure the health problems we face.

Thankfully God gives the strength we need, *"Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth...He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak...Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."* (Isaiah 40:28-31)

What should we do when we need more strength? Hand that jar over to the Lord. He has all the strength we need and so much more. After all, he is the One who created the earth and everything in it. More than that, this strong, wise, loving God came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ. The all-powerful God came in human weakness to rescue us from sin and death. He was condemned and crucified. Weakness, right? No! Strength! Jesus used his strength to remain on that cross until every last sin of ours had been paid for. His empty tomb proves it. *"Jesus was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead"* (Romans 1:4). Death has been defeated! The guilt of sin before God has been removed! Jesus empty tomb also guarantees that you can have the strength in knowing that eternal life is yours by faith. Jesus promised, *"Because I live, you also shall live"* (John 14:19). By trusting in Jesus, life in heaven is waiting for us.

Need more strength? The One who created the earth has it. The One who died and rose for you has it. He is the One who gives us the strength to face each day with fresh confidence. Find that strength in his Word. Focus on what your Savior has done for you and promised you again during this Holy Week as we walk with Jesus to the cross and empty tomb. And then be ready to soar. Be ready to soar on eagles' wings with renewed strength! Be ready to soar on eagles' wings through every challenge of life! Be ready to soar on eagles' wings to the home that Jesus has prepared for you in heaven!

Pastor Jonathan Kehren

Holy Week Worship



Palm Sunday	March 28th	8:00 and 10:30 am
Maundy Thursday	April 1st	7:00 pm
Good Friday	April 2nd	7:00 pm
Easter Sunday	April 4th	7:00 am (sunrise) 8:30 am, 10:30 am

Please sign-up in advance. We will also live-stream these services.

There will be no Sunday School, Bible Class, or breakfast on Easter Sunday. We are planning to have coffee, donuts, and snacks outdoors between services, weather permitting.



“Meaningful” Easter Egg Hunt

Families with children age 2 and up are invited to join us for our first annual Meaningful Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd. Children of our church, school, and community will search our Jerusalem grounds to collect a series of plastic eggs. Each egg will hold an element of the Easter story. Register at jerusalemmlutheran.org for one of the 45-minute sessions available at 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00 pm. We will have a maximum of 15 children per session. Masks and parental participation required. There is no fee. Invite and register a friend who does not know Jesus! Please register by April 1st.

Christian Estate Planning

Do you have questions about will and estate planning? Many of us have been blessed with the ability to leave behind assets that can continue to show our Christian love to our family and to carry out our goal to spread the Gospel. Are you unsure how this might work and what opportunities you may have to support the Lord's work in this way? Talk to Pastor Kehren and he can direct you to our district's planned giving counselor, Rick Kneser, who can help you through this process.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Sunday Worship is at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.

If you are coming to Sunday worship, please register in advance by e-mail (secretary@jerusalemlutheran.org) or phone (847-965-4750). If you get the voice mail, please leave a message indicating which service you wish to attend and how many are coming.

The nursery will not be available for church services until a later date.

ONLINE WORSHIP

We livestream our Sunday 8:00 am morning service on the internet.

Here is the link to our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWzPzwN7HAE3BLM4ZpybHkQ>

Here is the link to our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JerusalemMortonGrove/>

Please also subscribe to our YouTube channel to give us more visibility on the internet. Just click the subscribe button when you are on our YouTube channel.

Sunday Bible Study and Sunday School

Class runs from 9:15 am until no later than 10:00 am. We will have 7th graders on up join the adult class. We continue the study of the life of David, a shepherd, warrior, king, and psalm writer. The Lord uses David's strengths and weaknesses to teach us. From David killing Goliath to David being overcome by temptation, we can see images of ourselves and learn how God deals justly with those He loves.

We will also have a video Sunday school class produced by NPH for any younger children who attend. INPH is also providing online Sunday School videos for parents to use at home at their convenience. To find the video lessons go [Sunday School At Home \(nph.net\)](http://www.nph.net). Scroll down to find the lesson for the week.

Wednesday Evening Zoom Bible Study

Pastor Kehren will lead a Zoom Bible Class on Wednesdays, starting April 7 at 7 pm called "Majoring in the Minors." We will look at the 12 minor prophets at the end of the Old Testament. These prophets confront us with our sin, call us to repentance and speak God's forgiving word to restore us to a right relationship with him. Pastor will send out an e-mail link the day before.



Read Through the New Testament in a Year!

Each week, Pastor Kehren puts out a series of readings. Feel free to jump in at any time. For those especially ambitious, he will also add Old Testaments readings to read through the whole Bible in a year. If you are interested in some study questions, e-mail pastor at jonkehren@gmail.com and he will add you to the mailing list.

LWMS (Lutheran Women's Mission Society)



LWMS - Chicago Area Circuit

2021 Chicago Area Spring Rally

You are invited to the **2021 Spring Rally** of the Chicago Area Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society on **Saturday, April 24**, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at Palos Lutheran, 12424 S 71st Ct, in Palos Heights, IL.

Participants are asked to register for the rally by sending names/congregations to Circuit Secretary Elise Rosenbaum elise.rosenbaum@gsdq.org by **April 10**.

Registration folders will be prepared for you. Our hosts will provide bottled water and packaged snacks. We will follow CDC guidelines: wear nose and mouth coverings and maintain social distance of six feet or more.

Rally schedule:

- 8:50 a.m. Arrival time; pick up registration folder
- 9:00 a.m. Opening Devotion – Host Pastor Colin Rieke
- 9:15 a.m. Speaker – Pastor Seth Haakensen, Immanuel, Waukegan; Hispanic Ministry
Theme: Different Histories, One Future
- 10:15 a.m. Q & A, break opportunity
- 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting/Election
- 11:00 a.m. Ukraine Mission Journey Presentation – Pastor and Bella Blumer, Dan Kazinski, Ryan Witt
- 11:45 a.m. – Closing hymn, installation, prayer – Pastor Joshua Free

Save the date for the LWMS 2021 **National** Convention. It will be held virtually from June 24 -27th. More information to follow.




Soccer Camp
June 21 - 24 | 10am - Noon
Linne Woods Forest Preserve
Morton Grove
Kids: Kindergarten - 8th Grade
Fee: \$10/day siblings \$5/day

Save the Date

Jerusalem Lutheran Soccer Camp
 Registration will soon be open!



School News

Eagles of the week

Each week, students are selected by faculty members to be recognized based on their Christ-like attitude and academic effort.

Congratulations to our latest Eagles of the week:

- Aidan Iusco
- Eric Hoffman
- Lani Naka
- Gabby Diaz
- Joey Hoffman
- Ahri Koh
- Sofia Camacho
- Isaac Kim
- Evan Marbo

CALL EXTENDED FOR FIRST AND SECOND GRADE TEACHER

Karen Luehring has returned our call to serve as first and second grade teacher.

On Sunday, March 14th, Jerusalem extended a divine call to Jennifer Lindloff of Peace Lutheran School, Sun Prairie, WI to teach first and second grade beginning in the fall term of 2021. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates.

Thank You, Ms. Weiglein

Thanks to Amy Weiglein for ably shepherding our first and second graders while Mrs. Buetow was on maternity leave. We will miss you! We wish you God's blessings!



Mrs. Buetow returns to the classroom on March 29th to finish out the 2020-2021 school year.

School Spirit Week!

Our basketball team did not make their annual trip to the Luther Prep Tournament this year because of covid protocols, but we still celebrated our school spirit!

Throughout the week, students wore Eagle gear, pajamas, mismatched, and retro outfits.



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Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am
Online Worship on Facebook and YouTube

*“Our purpose is to serve all people
with the gospel of Jesus Christ on
the basis of Holy Scripture”*



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