



From the Pastor

Thank-You!

“Thank you!” I’ve been hearing those words a lot lately. Many of you have said those words to me more than once in the past few weeks. I think I know why. You all know that my time serving you as vacancy pastor is nearing a close. Likely, by the time you read this Pastor Ernest will have been installed and will begin to serve you. So, you’ve all been quick to thank me for my service.

I certainly appreciate your words and I have been happy to serve you these past five months. However, always remember that your thanks to me is ultimately a thanks to God. You’re thanking God that he called you to faith. You’re thanking God that he continues to give you opportunities to hear his Word. You’re thanking God that he sent Jesus to win for you the forgiveness of sins. You’re thanking God that he leads people to become pastors who can share the good news of the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. Thanks for saying thanks because your thanks are thanks to God!

Don’t stop saying thanks! Soon, Pastor Ernest will begin writing these newsletters, visiting you at your home and in the hospital, and giving you Word and Sacrament on Sunday morning. Pastor Ernest is a great blessing from God! Give Pastor Ernest your thanks early and often. In doing so, you will be thanking God for this wonderful blessing he has given to you and Jerusalem Lutheran church.

Other than simply saying, “Thank you!” there are plenty of ways to thank God for appointing Pastor Ernest as your pastor. At Pastor’s installation, we will list many ways to say thanks:

- Listen eagerly to the preaching of the Word, receiving it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the Word of God.
- Honor and love him, as the apostle Paul says, *“Respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.”*
- Provide also for his physical needs, for the Lord says, *“The worker deserves his wages,”* and the apostle Paul says, *“Anyone who receives instruction in the Word must share all good things with his instructor.”*

Give thanks to God for Pastor Ernest by aiding him in his ministry to you. Keep him in your prayers, honor his leadership, listen attentively to the words he has to say. Say thanks to God with your actions.

Finally, I thank God for all of you. You have been a blessing to me these past five months and I have been encouraged in the faith by you.

Thank you! Thanks be to God!

Pastor Spaude

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Jerusalem Lutheran and St. Matthew's Lutheran

Jerusalem Lutheran and St. Matthew's Lutheran are two sister churches serving the Morton Grove and Niles communities. Regardless of which location, you will sing the same songs and hear the same readings and message. For your convenience, three service times are offered on Sunday morning at the times and locations below.

8:00am – Jerusalem Campus
9:30am – St. Matthew's Campus
11:00am – Jerusalem Campus

We continue to livestream the 8:00 am service at Jerusalem:

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/>

PASTOR ERNEST'S INSTALLATION AT JERUSALEM

Pastor Ernest's installation service will be on Sunday, December 5th at 4:00 p.m. with a potluck supper to follow. Pastor Frank Italiano from Crete will be the guest preacher. Please sign up in the church entryway if you will be attending the supper and also if you wish to bring a dish to share.



THANK YOU, PASTOR SPAUDE

We thank Pastor Spaude for faithfully and capably serving us during our pastoral vacancy. We look forward to continued fellowship with our sister church, St. Matthew's, Niles.

ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST Saturday, December 4 at 9:00 am

All ladies are invited to join in a morning filled with the Word and song along with fellowship and food as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior's birth. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP in the church entryway. A list of opportunities to help with the breakfast is also available in the church entryway.



Midweek Advent Worship

We will have two midweek advent services this year – Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm at St. Matthew's, Niles, and Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm at Jerusalem.

Come and join us for these special midweek services in Advent.

Children's Christmas Services

Sunday, December 12th

Preschool-Kindergarten at 2:00 pm

Grades 1- 8 at 4:00 pm



Come hear our young people proclaim the good news of our Savior's birth.

Christmas Eve Service

We will have **Christmas Eve Services on Friday, December 24th at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm.** Begin your celebration of our Savior's birth with this service of music and hymns, Scripture and devotion.

Christmas Day Festival

The culmination of our Christmas celebration will take place on **Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th at 10:00 am** with a festival service including the celebration of Holy Communion. There is no better way to worship the newborn King than to gather around the divine cradle of his Word and Sacrament.

New Year's Eve Worship



Give thanks to God for another year of grace and look forward with faith to 2022 at a **New Year's Eve service here at Jerusalem on Friday, December 31st at 7:00 pm.**

There will be only one worship service on Sunday, December 26th at 9:30 am. We will not have Bible Class or Sunday School.



Christmas Invitation Distribution

We will be distributing door hangers with invitations to our Christmas Services to our neighbors on Saturday, December 18th at 9:30 am. Please join us!

Jerusalem Women's Christmas Choir

All women high school age and older are cordially invited to sing with our Women's Choir at the end of the 4:00 pm Children's Service on December 12th. The children will be singing "Silent Night". Our Women's Choir will be accompanying with "Peace, Peace". The women are also invited to attend the Saturday, December 11th practice as we will run through the song then. Anyone who wants to come can arrive around 10:30 am on Saturday for the rehearsal. Please speak to Eliza Punzel or Deb Felsing for more information.



Gingerbread Real Estate Sale

Jerusalem and St. Matthew's pre/teens and teens (grades 6 through 12th) are invited to construct Gingerbread Estates on Saturday, December 18th at 5:00 pm. Teens should bring a gift for a gift exchange (Up to \$20 value). Please RSVP to Mr. Kim at ckim@jerusalemchurch.org.

Gingerbread creations will be up for auction in the church entryway on the morning of Sunday, December 19th. Place your bid on a unique centerpiece perfect for holiday entertaining.

Donations for Niles Township Food Pantry

Our Church and School are collecting toiletries for the Niles Township Food Pantry through December 12th. They are especially in need of non-food items this year and would greatly appreciate donations of paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, and mouthwash. Please leave items in the box in the entryway.

Giving Tree

Beginning December 4th, we will hold a drive to support the WELS Pregnancy Counseling Center in Mundelein, IL. On the tree in the church entryway, you will find paper ornaments with the description of an item that the center can distribute to the women and children they serve. Please consider taking an ornament from the tree as we show our love for Christ and our love for others during the Christmas season.

Items needed include diapers sizes 4-6, wipes, gallon sized zip locks bags, new or gently used children's clothing up to size 10-12, mittens, boots, and hats. Donations should not be wrapped.

If anyone is sticking closer to home this year, Patty Tyson would be happy to do porch pick-up from your home or if you'd like to shop online, you can have it delivered to her home and she can get it to the Center. Please call Patty if any of these choices are better for you! Patty 847-530-6704. Thank You!



Candy Donations

Donations of candy are needed to make candy bags to distribute to children after the Christmas Services on December 12th. Please leave your donations in the box in the school entryway or in the office. We are requesting peanut free, non-chocolate donations this year due to food allergies among our students. Thank You!



Congratulations 2021 Morton Grove Fire Department Safety Poster Contest Winners



Continuing our tradition of excellence, Jerusalem students again won across many categories in this year's fire safety poster contest.

Congratulations to Natalia Kubala (kindergarten winner), Jade Viruet (7th grade winner), Sophie Freytes (4th grade winner), and Trinity Vo (3rd grade winner).

Eighth grader Natalia Atto not only won her grade level, but was also the overall contest winner.



School News

Eagles of the week

Students are selected by faculty members to be recognized as Eagles of the week. Students in preschool through 8th grade are chosen based on their Christ-like attitude and academic effort.

Congratulations to our Eagles of the week for October:

Jeshurun Boohene
Marcus Reding
Ariel Schiop
Leah Ishac
Gavin Iusco
Jeremy Park
Abigail Puiu
Ryan Jackson
Esther Yoon



Forensics

Our 5th-8th grade forensics team took first place at their tournament in Crete, Illinois on November 6th. Congratulations, students! Thanks to our staff who helped students polish their public speaking skills.

Open House

Precious Child Early Learning Center and Jerusalem School Kindergarten will be holding two Open House events for prospective families to visit and learn about our programs. Enrollment applications will be available. The first Open House will be Tuesday, December 7th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The second will be Saturday, February 5th from 9:00 to 11:00 am. **Applications will be accepted beginning December 7th at the Open House.**

Invite your friends and neighbors with small children to visit PreK-K classrooms and meet our staff.

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Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 and 11:00 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”*

Christmas at Jerusalem

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