



New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Our Mission: Responding to God's grace, we are a welcoming congregation growing in Christian faith through worship, learning, serving and fellowship.

Our Vision: New Jerusalem Lutheran Church is a compassionate community of disciples that values everyone and expresses faith by connecting with God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and all creation.



Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 11, 2018 - Worship at 10 a.m.

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR SUNDAY 03/11/2018

1st Reading: Num 21:4-9 2nd Reading: Eph 2:1-10
 Psalm: 107:1-3, 17-22 Gospel Reading: John 2:14-21

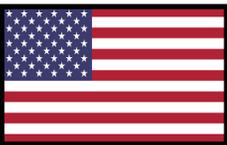
The Cosmic Love of God

The prologue of John's gospel begins with the story of creation, connecting the Word that became flesh in Jesus with the bringing forth of life and all things. Then, as the gospel continues, the testimony of John the Baptist is shared, which continues to point the reader to Jesus' significance for the whole world, not only one group or people. John, upon seeing Jesus approach him in the wilderness, declares "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). The Gospel of John highlights the cosmic reach of Jesus and the purpose for which Jesus was sent. God loves the whole world, not just part of it. And God loves us, all of us. God's purpose in sending Jesus is "that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17).



Our world and our lives include darkness and sin, evil and brokenness. But God's love for us and for the world is complete, passionate, and sacrificial. God is not willing to settle for part of the world, or for some of us. Instead of condemning all that is not pleasing, God gave God's own son, lifted up on the cross, so that all might have the possibility of eternal life. The light of God's love shining down from the cross demonstrates the totality of God's love and proclaims God's desire to transform the dark places in this world into places of light, healing, and salvation.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR NATION:



Lori Magnusson, Bob Godec, Lt. Kawika Chang, Major Andrew Zapf, Major Mack Brownell, Capt. Timothy Donelson, Capt. Raven Donelson, Capt. Gretchen Day, Capt. Christopher Day, Christopher Lentz and Ryan Lemp.

PRAYERS OF HEALING AND OTHER NEEDS:

Carol Francis & family (*friends of Linda Heffern*); Stacey Zimmerlee (*Rick Norgaard's cousin*); Cady Family (*Lisa Schleihofer*); Gary Lowry, Larry Bowman & Shirley Debow (*members of NJLC*); Rob Freeman (*AIM @ NJLC 1999-2006*); Joyce (Miller) Goodson, Cathy (Smith) Bolinger and Pat Mascaro (*friends of Judy Fox*); Peggy Steadman (*Richard Sullivan's daughter*); Gary Edwards (*friend of David Whipple*); Cheyenne Whipple (*Warren & Sherry Whipple's daughter-in-law*); Bob Frye (*brother of Helen Keister and Joyce Hoopengardner*); Travis Rook (*Clarice Dieter's nephew*); John Lamm (*son of Barbara Lamm*); Joyce Norris Miller (*cousin of Barbara Tritapoe*); Bob & Keith Keister (*brothers of Mack Keister*); Patricia Freeman (*mother of Jim Freeman*); Mildred Kulak, (*mother of Gary Kulak*); Darla Dodle (*Clarice Dieter's neighbor*); Kim Lassiter (*Linda Guyton*). **Names in brackets indicate the person requesting the prayers. Please keep the church office informed of those for whom we pray and who can be removed.*

**DAYLIGHTS SAVINGS TIME:
 SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD!**
 You wouldn't want to miss the
 Baptism this Sunday at NJLC!



SUNDAY LENTEN BIBLE

STUDY: March 11, 2018.

Today's class will discuss last Sunday's chancel drama ("I Just Need to Talk to a Real Person") & sermon on the human need to belong. What was your reaction to the drama? In what ways are we relational beings? How does Jesus' command to love one another apply to a discussion of belonging? All adults & youth are invited. The class meets at 9am in the adult classroom.

TAKING FAITH HOME: March 11, 2018.

"How can I show God's love to others?" Read John 3:14-21 & the Devotions section of the bulletin insert. Discuss these with your family.

NJLC'S LENTEN PROGRAM THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 11

We continue our Lenten focus on the three basic needs all humans share. This Sunday we focus on both IDENTITY as BELONGING as we celebrate the baptism of Gemma Spencer. Our worship will include a short chancel drama, *Nic at Night*, based on our gospel reading from John, chapter 3. Please join us at 10:00 a.m. and invite others to also "Come and See."

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

The Youth confirmands will gather this coming Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for our next Theme Event on "The Passion." Youth should read return to the green journal, *The Life of Jesus* and read 57-61 before our get-together. And don't forget to read (or re-read) chapter 26, "The Hour of Darkness" (pages 367-380) in *The Story* bible.

2018 EASTER FLOWERS:

It is last time to order your Easter Flowers!

Inside your bulletin is the Flower Order Form.

It is due tomorrow, March 12th.



Easter flowers are purchased by members/friends and given in honor or memory of special persons and placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Easter is April 1st and we need to place our requests to our local florists by March 12th. Place your completed order form & payment in the offering plate or email your requests to njlc@loudounwireless.com.

Sermon on the Amount		Attendance 96	
Received 3/04/2018	\$ 5,126	Received 2018 YTD	\$ 30,454
Needed Weekly	\$ 3,458	Budgeted for 2018	\$ 193,000
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ 1,668	Projected Year End	\$ 175,954

MID-WEEK LENTEN PROGRAM:

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. Featuring Meagan Holbrook, a speaker from Lutheran World Relief. This will be the culmination of our **Lenten Service Project** to collect and assemble **Personal Care Kits** (formerly called Health Kits) for LWR.

- The evening will begin with dessert (no meal). Please sign up to bring a dessert or beverage. The sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up.
- The speaker will give us information on the distribution and use of the kits and answer questions from the audience. Participants may then assemble Personal Care Kits from the collected items.
- The evening will end with a closing devotion.

Sponsors: NJLC's Women of the ELCA (WELCA) and Worship Committee.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH -POT LUCK

On Palm Sunday, March 25, at 11:30 a.m., immediately following the worship service, all are invited to attend the traditional congregational potluck brunch. Please sign up in the fellowship hall if you plan on attending and what you will bring. If you have any questions, contact Barbara Vilpors at bvilps@yahoo.com. Thank you from the Hospitality Committee.



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

New Jerusalem will join with Bethel and Zion Lutheran Churches for a community Good Friday Service "From Light to Darkness." This will be a service of prayers, hymns, and scripture readings. Everyone is encouraged to join as one in Christ at Bethel Lutheran Church on March 30 at 7:30 pm to remember the cost of our sin and the depth of our Savior's love.



EASTER EGG HUNT:

We will be accepting candy and plastic egg donations for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Candy and eggs can be dropped off in the fellowship hall kitchen. All candy should be individually wrapped and small enough to fit in a standard plastic egg.



FRESH CUT FLOWERS NEEDED ON EASTER FOR A SPECIAL CROSS

We encourage everyone to bring fresh cut flowers on Easter Sunday. Arrive early for our 10:00 a.m. festival service and add your flowers to a special "flowered cross." The flowered cross symbolizes the Resurrection and new life. As both adults and children contribute flowers, we symbolically participate in the new life that begins at Easter through Christ's resurrection.

If the weather is lovely, we will decorate this cross outside the main entrance doors to the sanctuary. In case the weather is more inclement, we will decorate the cross in the fellowship hall prior to the service. Decorating will begin at 9:30 a.m. It's a lot easier if your flower stems are not more than four to six inches long.

At the conclusion of our 10:00 a.m. Easter service, we will process this cross from the front of the sanctuary, out of the church, and place it at the entrance to the NJLC cemetery for all the community to see.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25th
 Held at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
 10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms, Reading of the Passion of our Lord, Holy Communion
 11:30 a.m. Traditional Palm Sunday Brunch



Maundy Thursday, March 29th
 7:30 p.m. Joint Service with Bethel and Zion Lutheran Churches at New Jerusalem
 -Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, March 30th
 7:30 p.m. Joint Service with Bethel and Zion Lutheran Churches at Bethel Lutheran Church
 "From Light to Darkness"



Easter Sunday, April 1st
 7:00 a.m. "Son Rise" Service at Zion Lutheran Church
 9:00 a.m. Easter Service at Zion Lutheran Church
 10:00 a.m. Easter Festival Celebration at New Jerusalem with Choir and Brass Ensemble
 11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for Children at New Jerusalem
 10:45 a.m. Easter Service at Bethel Lutheran Church



Bethel Lutheran Church is on Tankerville Road
 Zion Lutheran Church is on Morrisonville Road



SEEKING A STAFF NURSERY WORKER FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

At its March 6 meeting, the church Council unanimously agreed to hire a nursery worker for infants, toddlers, & preschoolers during Sunday church services. Once hired this person will be assisted by additional volunteers from NJLC to re-establish a regular program on Sunday mornings for this growing group of young children at NJLC. If you know of someone who loves young children, is reliable, available on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., & is at least 21 years of age & pass a background check, please have them contact the NJLC church office to pick up a job description & application form for this position.

CHERUB'S CORNER:

Children are welcome in worship, but if a parent needs to take a small child out of a worship service, the **Cherub's Corner** in the fellowship hall is available. Parents will be able to hear the worship service through New Jerusalem's sound system. The Cherub's Corner is also useful during fellowship after the worship service.

A BABY CHANGING STATION is located in the Ladies restroom at the far end of the fellowship hall.



LIFTER SCHEDULE: [March 2018](#)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: [March 2018](#)

WEEKLY SERMON: Sermons are posted weekly on our church website. Please click below to read the latest:

Adult Sermons: [February 18, 2018](#) [February 25, 2018](#)
[March 4, 2018](#) Children's Sermon [February 11, 2018](#)

TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 03/18/2018

1st Reading: Gen 9:8-17
 2nd Reading: Peter 3:18-22
 Psalm: 25:1-10
 Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15