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Supply Pastor this Week
Pastor Bob Alle

Organist
Ms. Carolyn Miller

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025
10:30 am

The Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
*Confession and Forgiveness page 56

GATHERING
*The Opening Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* # 559
*The Greeting page 57
*The Kyrie page 57
*The Hymn of Praise page 58
*The Prayer of the Day Insert

WORD
The Children's Sermon
Noisy Offering for St. Jude Children's Hospital
The First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10
Th Lighting of the Third Advent Candle
The Psalm 146 (To be read responsively.) Insert
The Second Reading James 5:7-11
*The Verse page 62
*The Holy Gospel Matthew 11:2-15
The Sermon "God's Road Maintenance" Pastor Bob Alle
*The Hymn of the Day *Prepare the Royal Highway* # 26

*The Nicene Creed page 64
*The Offertory page 75
The Prayers of Intercession page 76
The Lord's Prayer page 76

SENDING
*The Closing Hymn *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry* # 36
*The Benediction page 76
The Postlude Silent Prayer

(* Congregation please stand)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR
Today 9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Service of Worship
12:15 pm Confirmation (St. Martin's Fellowship Hall)
3:30 pm Youth Ugly Christmas Sweater Party (St. Martin's)
Tuesday 6:00 pm Bible Study (Gathering Room)
6:00 pm Christmas Caroling
Wednesday 6:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Hand bell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 6:00 pm American Heritage Girls (Fellowship Hall)
Next Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Happy Birthday Jesus Party
10:30 am Service of Holy Communion

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK
Sunday school – 35
10:30 Service – 81
Christmas Play – 77

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God and with love to our New Jerusalem Lutheran Church family, by Paula White.
Next week – Weavers

<i>December 7, 2025</i>	<i>Budget (Week)</i>	<i>Rec'd (Week)</i>	<i>Rec'd (Year)</i>	<i>+/- (Year)</i>
Current	\$4,911.73	\$4,851.00	\$225,403.43	\$(15,271.38)
Benevolence	\$667.31	\$1,030.00	\$31,972.00	\$(726.08)
Building	\$192.31	\$0.00	\$6,660.00	\$(2,763.08)
Sunday school		\$31.00		
Family Life Center		\$10.00		
Poinsettias		\$12.00		
Parsonage Rent		\$1,100.00		

TELLER COMMITTEE – Cindy Coulter, Danny Black, Wayne Cashion

COUNCIL DESIGNATE – Cindy Coulter

ALTAR COMMITTEE – Carolyn Robinson, Pat Bolch, Sandra Bollinger, Glenda Shook

USHERS – Bob Lutz, Paul Kurzyna, Allen Cook, Deron Bumgarner

ACOLYTE – Sandra Bollinger

PASTOR’S ASSISTANT – Cindy Coulter

TAPE MINISTRY – Robert Hoyle
Next week – Robert Hoyle

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK – Michael Cline, Magdalynn Weaver, Callie & Holli George, Jim Mauney, Peyton Clark, Jean Lael, Emma Lail, Brenda Dyer, Scott Holland



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THANK YOU to Pastor Bob Alle who will be preaching and leading worship today.

DECEMBER 14TH - Confirmation will be at St. Martin’s from 12:15 to 3:30 pm. This is a longer class due to the only class in December. Please make sure your student attends.

THERE WILL BE AN UGLY SWEATER CRISTMAS PARTY December 14th from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at St. Martins for 5th grade through High School. The person who has the best ugly sweater will win a prize. The students will also need to bring a wrapped gift for the white elephant exchange. Appetizers will be provided.

WE WILL BE CHRISTMAS CAROLING this Tuesday, December 16th. Anyone who is interested, please meet at the church at 6:00 pm at the Gathering Room side of the church.

CHRISTMAS CARD SORTING is open to anyone in the congregation that would like to help on December 20th at 9 am. Breakfast will be provided. Please let Megan know if you are able to help with card sorting or breakfast.

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY,
With sincere gratitude and appreciation, we would like to thank our congregational members for all the prayers and well wishes as William went through his recovery at Baptist and once getting home as well.

Janet and William Lynch

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Gathering Room.

THE 2026 FLOWER CHART is now displayed in the Gathering Room. Please be sure to sign up to get your favorite dates for next year.

IF YOU NEED PASTORAL CARE, please contact council president Ken Temple (828-806-1144) or council vice president Robert Hoyle (828-217-3237).

ALL MONEY DESIGNATED TO THE BUILDING FUND during the months of September, October, November, and December will go toward the Family Life Center fund.