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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026
10:30 am

The Prelude	Silent Prayer
Welcome and Announcements	
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GATHERING		
*The Opening Hymn	<i>God Whose Almighty Word</i>	# 400
*The Greeting		page 57
*The Kyrie		page 57
*The Hymn of Praise	<i>This is the feast...</i>	page 60
*The Prayer of the Day		Insert

WORD		
The First Reading	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	
Psalm 67 (To be sung responsively)	Insert	
The Second Reading	Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32	
*The Verse	page 62	
*The Holy Gospel	Matthew 15:21-28	
The Sermon		
*The Hymn of the Day	<i>Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	# 559
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SENDING		
*The Closing Hymn	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	# 439
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*The Dismissal		page 74
The Postlude		

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR		
Today	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Service of Holy Communion Lemonade/Cookies on the Lawn
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	1:00 pm	Piece Makers Meet
	6:00 pm	Bible Study (Gathering Room)
Wednesday	11:30 am	Senior Friends (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday	5:30-8:30 pm	American Heritage Girls (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 pm	Bible Study (Adult Assembly Room)
Friday-Saturday		American Heritage Girls Lock-in (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	9:00 am	Altar Guild Training
Next Sunday	8:30 am	Early Service of Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Service of Worship/Blessing of the Backpacks

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK	Sunday School – 34
	10:30 Service – 88

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Richard Bunton's 85th birthday on August 20. Thanks be to God for NJLC Family for all the calls, cards, and visits during his hospital stay. Thank you to Pastor Dave, Mike and Betty Scipione, Wayne Cashion and Carolyn Miller, and Debbie McGee. Thank you all so much. God Bless. Given by Donna Bunton.

Next week – Paula White

TELLER COMMITTEE – BJ Morgan, Danny Black, Wayne Cashion

COUNCIL DESIGNATE – BJ Morgan

ALTAR COMMITTEE – Carolyn Robinson, Jennifer Bumgarner

USHERS – Danny Sorrells, Garret Turbyfill, James Morgan, Ken Temple

ACOLYTE – Cindy Coulter

PASTOR’S ASSISTANT – Jenny Morgan

TAPE MINISTRY – Connie Bumgarner

Next week – Robert Hoyle

YARD MAINTENANCE

Week Beginning August 16 – Southers Family

Week Beginning August 23 – Justin Shannon, John Lutz

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK – Cindy Coulter, Harrison Shannon, Charles Causey Canupp, Ron Sigmon, Richard Bunton, Brenda Gregg, Dale Lutz

WE ARE EXPLORING the possibility of purchasing a hearing assist system to help those who have difficulty hearing during our worship services. If you or a family member would be interested in using this type of system, please contact the church office (828-324-7272 or secretary@njlchickory.com) so that we know how many sets to purchase.



Scan to visit the New Jerusalem Lutheran Church website and access link to donate electronically.

ETTA MAE BOLLINGER has moved to Abernethy Laurel’s Memory Support Unity, Room 2055.

WITNESS COMMITTEE would like to invite the congregation for Evangelism Training with Pastor Dave. This will be a six-hour training that will occur in two 3-hour sessions, Saturdays, August 29 and September 19 from 9 am to 12, then 12-1p for lunch and discussion. Let’s learn together to share our faith with the hope of salvation for our friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2: Working together with him, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain...Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Please send a text to Ken Temple (828-806-1144), Robert Hoyle (828-217-3237), or Kristy Painter (828-244-5167) know if you plan to attend.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS is next Sunday. Please bring your backpacks!

Sunday School Kickoff – Sunday, August 30 at 9:30 AM

Join us in the fellowship hall as we celebrate the start of a new Sunday School year for **all classes**. We’ll begin with a **continental breakfast together**, followed by a short welcome and introductions.

Our theme this year is: “**Jesus is the Light of the World — so Shine His Light to Others.**” Throughout the year, students will explore how Christ’s light guides us, comforts us, and equips us to share His love in our homes, schools, and community. We look forward to kicking off a joyful year of learning, growing, and shining Jesus’ light.

FILL A BACKPACK – ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

In the Gathering Area, you’ll find backpacks labeled *Elementary* and *Middle/High School*. Each backpack contains a school supply list. Simply take a backpack home, use the list to gather the needed supplies, place everything back inside the backpack, and return it to the Gathering Area. We will bless all donated backpacks on **August 24th** as we prepare students for a great school year. Thank you for supporting our kids and families.

LIFE TO LIFE DISCIPLESHIP LET'S PWR ↑P

Because “of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God’s people,” may you receive “spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God . . . flooded with light” that you may “understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him.”

(adapted from Ephesians 1:15-20)

As we prepare to POWER UP (PWR ↑P), relying solely on God’s power, you are invited to participate in *Life to Life Discipleship*.

Read the *Life to Life Discipleship* posters and flyers, then simply fill out a registration form and place it in the offering plate or give it to someone wearing an “Ask Me” name tag. Registration forms will be available in the pew pockets all month. Deadline for registration is August 30.

Here are some things you need to know about your invitation to participate in this session of *Life to Life Discipleship*:

- Some of you may receive personal invitations from someone. Whether you do or not, is unimportant. **Everyone is invited.**
- Before registering, please pray to be certain you are in alignment with God’s timing in making this commitment.
- Those registering by the deadline (8/30) will be the ones who decide the time and day of the week for large group meetings.