

NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Pastor David Hefner

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THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026
10:30 am

The Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
*Confession and Forgiveness page 56

GATHERING
*The Opening Hymn *Built on the Rock* # 365
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Fallon Bo Hix
*The Greeting page 57
*The Kyrie page 57
*The Hymn of Praise “Glory to God...” page 58
*The Prayer of the Day Insert

WORD
The Children’s Sermon/Blessing of the Backpacks
The First Reading Isaiah 51:1-6
The Psalm 138 (To be sung responsively.) Insert
The Second Reading Romans 11:33-12:8
*The Verse page 62
*The Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20
The Sermon Pastor Dave
*The Hymn of the Day *Praise and Thanksgiving* WOV # 409
*The Offertory page 75
The Prayers of Intercession page 76
The Lord’s Prayer page 76

SENDING
*The Closing Hymn *The Church’s One Foundation* # 369
*The Benediction page 76
The Postlude Silent Prayer
(* Congregation please stand)

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR
Today 8:30 am Early Service of Holy Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Service of Worship/Blessing of the Backpacks
Tuesday 10:00 am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 pm Piece Makers Meet
1:00 pm Bible Journaling Group (Scout Hut)
6:00 pm Bible Study (Gathering Room)
Wednesday 10:00 am Bible Study (Bollinger Yount Room)
6:00 pm NO CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 6:30 pm Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday 9:00 am Evangelism Training followed by lunch and discussion
Next Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Service of the Word

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK
Sunday School – 40
10:30 Service – 105

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Eddie White, by Paula White.
Next week – Open

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 – Robert Hoyle

Next week – Robert Hoyle

YARD MAINTENANCE

Week Beginning August 23 – Justin Shannon, John Lutz

Week Beginning August 30 – Danny Sorrells, Dale Lutz

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK – Phyllis Seitz, Susan Huffman, Jasper Southers, Jennifer Evans

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.

THIS SATURDAY is the first session of the two 3-hour Evangelism Training sessions with Pastor Dave. The second session will be Saturday, September 19. Both sessions will be held from 9 am to 12 pm followed by a lunch and discussion from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. 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.

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.

SENIOR FRIENDS TRIP (Open to everyone!)

**WHERE: Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner
Theater** in Wytheville, VA

WHAT: Christmas production **"An Appalachian Christmas"**

WHEN: TENTATIVELY set for Sat., November 7

—Leaving NJLC at 9:00 AM, lunch at noon, and the program at 1:30

COST: (Not firm price, but we think it will be between \$65 & \$70, if we have a group of 20 or more.)

MOI: Driving time: 2 hours—using church bus and cars.

- **RESERVATIONS due by Sunday, August 30! (Note the deadline for reservations was just extended!)**

- **PAYMENT due by Sun., Sept. 6**

INTERESTED? Contact Sandra Bollinger



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)

We are nearing the deadline to register for *Life to Life Discipleship* Fall 2026 Session. Register today by placing your completed registration form in the offering plate or giving it to someone wearing an “Ask Me” name tag.

Please take a moment to check out:

- The Timeline Poster for specifics about the time commitment required for the coursework. These classes prepare you (through information and through daily activities) for living with discipleship as the center of your life.
- The Testimony Poster includes brief stories of God’s work in the lives of current local *Life to Life Discipleship* participants. To hear additional stories, anyone wearing an “ASK ME” name tag will be happy to share their testimony with you.
- The History Poster provides a breakdown of *Life to Life Discipleship* in the Catawba Valley over the past four years.

NOTE: Next Sunday, immediately following worship, we will have a brief meeting in the front of the sanctuary for registered participants to choose the day and time for class meetings.

If you are registered, or plan to register next Sunday, please come prepared to discuss days and times that work for you.