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Pastor David Hefner

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THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026
10:30 am

The Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
*Confession and Forgiveness page 56

GATHERING
*The Opening Hymn *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* # 487
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 (Noisy Offering for Haiti Meals)
The First Reading Job 38:4-18
The Psalm 18:1-17 (To be sung responsively.) Insert
The Second Reading Romans10:5-17
*The Verse page 62
*The Holy Gospel Matthew 14:22-33
The Sermon Pastor Dave
*The Hymn of the Day *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* WOV # 731
Anthem *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring* Hans Robinson
*The Offertory page 75
The Prayers of Intercession page 76
The Lord’s Prayer page 76

SENDING
*The Closing Hymn *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* # 294
*The Benediction page 76
The Postlude Silent Prayer
(* Congregation please stand)

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR
Today 8:30 am Early Service of Holy Communion (Outdoor Chapel)
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Service of Worship and Holy Baptism
Monday 10:00 am Bible Study (Bollinger/Yount Room)
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
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 NO BIBLE STUDY
Thursday 6:30 pm NO BIBLE STUDY
Next Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Service of Holy Communion
Lemonade/Cookies on the Lawn

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

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our 47th wedding anniversary and the wonderful family God has given us, by Dennis and Kay Weaver.
Next week – Donna Bunton

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 – Connie Bumgarner

YARD MAINTENANCE

Week Beginning August 9 – Ken Temple, Paul Kurzyna

Week Beginning August 16 – Southers Family

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK – Robyn Christie, Norman Bumgarner, Robert Spinks

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 MORNING, we are delighted to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Fallon Bo Hix, son of Scout and Kylie (Morgan) Hix. Welcome Fallon to God’s Kingdom!

WITNESS COMMITTEE would like to invite the congregation for Evangelism Training with Pastor Dave. This will occur in two 4 hour sessions, Saturday August 29 and Saturday, September 19. Training both days is 9am 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.

Backpack Blessing – Sunday, August 23 during Worship

Students, teachers, faculty, staff, and all district employees are invited to bring your backpacks and bags to worship for a special **Backpack Blessing**. During the service, you’ll be welcomed forward to receive a prayer and blessing as we begin a new school year. This moment is for everyone connected to education — a reminder that God goes with you into every classroom, hallway, office, and bus. Come and be blessed as we pray for safety, joy, learning, and God’s guidance in the year ahead.

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

Join us in the fellowship hall on **Sunday, August 30 at 9:30 AM** 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)

It is important for us to remember that under our own power, we are incapable of living as disciples of Jesus; therefore, we choose to look UP and receive His POWER.

Take note of the posters, flyers, etc. about *Life to Life Discipleship* that you see throughout the building. These are all parts of an invitation to each of you to join us as we POWER UP (PWR ↑P) and begin a new session of *Life to Life Discipleship* in September.

To register, 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.