

NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Pastor
Pastor David Hefner

Organist
Ms. Carolyn Miller

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026
10:30 am

The Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
*Confession and Forgiveness

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GATHERING

*The Opening Hymn	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	# 543
*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 the Backpack Program at The Corner Table		
The First Reading	Genesis 50:15-21	
The Psalm 103:1-12 (To be sung responsively.)	Insert	
The Second Reading	Romans 14:1-12	
*The Verse	page 62	
*The Holy Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35	
The Sermon	Pastor Dave	
*The Hymn of the Day	<i>Take My Life, That I May Be</i>	# 406
*The Apostles' Creed		page 65
*The Offertory		page 75
The Prayers of Intercession		page 76
The Lord's Prayer		page 76

SENDING

*The Closing Hymn	<i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i>	# 389
*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
	2:00 pm	Back to School Bash
Monday	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	7:15 pm	Women's Group #4 (Gathering Room)
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 Cookout (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	5:30 pm	American Heritage Girls (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 pm	Bible Study (Adult Assembly Room)
Saturday	9:00 am	Evangelism Training (Fellowship Hall)
Next Sunday		HOMEcomings
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Service of Holy Communion (Covered Dish Meal)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday School – 44
10:30 Service – 120

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Evelyn and Gerald Ferguson with much love and blessings, by Women's Group #3.

Next week – Church Council

TELLER COMMITTEE – Thad Scronce, Alan Bolch, Cindy Coulter

COUNCIL DESIGNATE – Thad Scronce

ALTAR COMMITTEE – Sandra Bollinger, Pat Bolch, Lisa Cook

USHERS – Dennis Weaver, Paul Kurzyna, Robert Hoyle, Wayne Cashion

ACOLYTE – James Helms

PASTOR’S ASSISTANTS – Ken Temple (read lessons), Rusty Lutz (help with communion)

TAPE MINISTRY – BJ Morgan
Next week – Connie Bumgarner

YARD MAINTENANCE

Week Beginning September 13 – Danny and Ryan Black

Week Beginning September 20 – Danny Sorrells and Hans Robinson

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK – Rachel Barba, David Hefner, Hans Robinson, Emilia Barba, Billy Young, Scott Lael, Margaret Alice Rader, Patty Shull, Pastor Cauble, Allen Cook, Abbey Kate Floyd, Kylee Queen



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HOMECOMING will be held next Sunday, September 20. A covered dish meal in the Fellowship Hall will follow the 10:30 am Service of Worship. Please bring your favorite dish(es) to share and enjoy.

IF ANY CHURCH COMMITTEE has a financial request, please submit it to Alan Bolch or Wayne Cashion by Wednesday, September 23. The Finance Committee will meet in the Bollinger/Yount Room on Monday, September 28, at 6:00 pm to establish a budget for 2027.

CHURCH LIBRARY – Would you be interested in having a church library? We are exploring the possibility of starting a library for our congregation and would love to hear from anyone who might be interested in using or helping with it.

If you are interested, please contact Paula White (828-244-4899) or Betty Orovitz (828-261-5337).

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE had perfect attendance for 2025-2026! Dennis Bollinger, Sandra Bollinger, Cindy Coulter, Rhonda Kiser, Abbey Lutz, Phyllis Seitz, and Glenda Shook.

LIFE TO LIFE DISCIPLESHIP

A new series of Life to Life Discipleship begins next Sunday, September 20, 8:30-10:00 AM. If you were on the fence about participating, you are welcome to join us for two sessions (September 20 and 27) to check it out – and then, after attending both of those sessions, you can decide whether or not it is right for you to continue at this time. We do, however, need to know ahead of time who is coming so that we have materials available for you. If you did not register by the cut off date, but plan to attend, please contact Kristy in the church office to let her know.

THIS SATURDAY is the second session of Evangelism Training with Pastor Dave. It 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.

END OF SUMMER AND BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

LET'S
FINISH SUMMER
STRONG
TOGETHER!

FUN • FOOD • FAITH • FRIENDS



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM



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START THE YEAR
RIGHT WITH
GOD AND FRIENDS!

Come enjoy an afternoon of
fun, food, games, and fellowship
as we celebrate all God
has done this summer!



WATER ACTIVITIES



INFLATABLES
AND GAMES



FOOD TRUCKS



FUN FOR
EVERYONE!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS! **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**