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THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
The Twentieth-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
10:30 am

The Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
*Confession and Forgiveness — page 56

GATHERING
*The Opening Hymn — ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*** — # 526
*The Greeting — page 57
*The Kyrie — page 57
*The Hymn of Praise — page 58
*The Prayer of the Day — Insert

WORD
The First Reading — Amos 5:18-24
The Psalm 70 (To be sung responsively.) — Insert
The Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
*The Verse — page 62
*The Holy Gospel — Matthew 25:1-13
The Sermon — Sem. Shane Honig
*The Hymn of the Day — ***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*** — # 294
*The Apostles' Creed — page 65
Anthem — ***Her I Am, Lord*** — Chancel Choir
*The Offertory — page 75
The Prayers of Intercession — page 76
The Lord's Prayer — page 76

SENDING
*The Closing Hymn — ***Now Thank We All Our God*** — # 534
*The Benediction — page 76
The Postlude — Silent Prayer

(* Congregation please stand)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	9:30 am	Sunday School
	9:30 am	Play Practice (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Service of Worship/First Vote for Church Council
Monday	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	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 (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:30 pm	Bible Study (Gathering Room)
Next Sunday	8:30 am	Life-to-Life Discipleship (Upstairs)
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	9:30 am	Play Practice (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Service of Holy Communion/Congregational Meeting

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK
Sunday School – 44
10:30 Service – 104

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God and in honor of their 38th wedding anniversary, by Dianne and Danny Black.

Next week – NJLW Circle #1

TELLER COMMITTEE – Ken Temple, Alan Bolch, Jack Robinson

COUNCIL DESIGNATE – Ken Temple

ALTAR COMMITTEE – Betty Scipione, Dana Hoyle, Jenny Morgan

USHERS – John Lutz, Nick Helms, Jose Barba, Ken Temple

ACOLYTE – Connie Lutz

PASTOR'S ASSISTANTS – Kay Weaver

TAPE MINISTRY – Connie Bumgarner
Next week – Robert Hoyle

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK – Glenn Mauser, Randy Cline, Leslie Benfield, Andrea Bumgarner, Janet Lutz, Caren Howard, Al Lail, Elizabeth Hewitt, James Helms, Ronny Lamberth, Wesley Reid

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK Seminarian Shane Honig for preaching and leading worship for us today. Please welcome him to New Jerusalem this morning!

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

YOU ARE INVITED to attend a free Bible Journaling Workshop in the Fellowship Hall on November 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The workshop leaders are members of our group, and we will provide all needed materials. Participants will make 2 or more Bible inserts/bookmarks to take home. We will tell you a little about our group, what we do, and show you an example of the Bibles we provide to different charities. Please call Kay Weaver at 828.455.7088 to make your reservation by November 10. Bring your personal Bible, your drink, and your love for God's Word. Great artistic talent is always welcome, but not necessary. All ages are welcome – parents are encouraged to bring their children.



TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP for the Senior Friends Annual Christmas Luncheon which will be held Wednesday, December 2nd at 11:30 am. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall. We'd love to have you join us—whether you are a member or not. The catered meal costs $16 per person. See Glenda Shook to make your reservations. Payment should be made by Wednesday, November 18th. We hope you will consider joining us for good food and fellowship.

THE ANNUAL MEETING for the purpose of adopting a budget for 2026 and electing four new council members will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2026. **Copies of the proposed budget are available in the Gathering Room.**

THE FIRST VOTE FOR THE CHURCH COUNCIL will be held this morning. Five names have been put on the yellow pad in the Gathering Room showing their interest in serving if elected: Dennis Bollinger, Liz Hewitt, Jan Sorrells, Dennis Weaver, and Paula White. The final eight names, plus ties, will appear on next Sunday's (November 15) ballot. *Those not eligible for election to council are Donald Barger, Jr., Lisa Cook, Alan Bolch, Deron Bumgarner, Cindy Coulter, Robert Hoyle, Rusty Lutz, BJ Morgan, Hans Robinson, Jack Robinson, Thad Scronce, Danny Sorrells, Callie Southers, Karen Teague, Ken Temple, and Garret Turbyfill.*

COPIES OF THE PRAYER LIST are available in the Gathering Room and on the bulletin board outside Pastor Hefner's office.

New Jerusalem
Lutheran Church
Senior Friends
Bake & Craft Sale

Let us help you with your
Thanksgiving baking
and Christmas shopping!

Our hotdog lunches will be available for purchase beginning @ 10:30 AM.



Sat., Nov. 21st from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
New Jerusalem's Fellowship Hall
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<u>All MONEY raised</u> will be donated
<u>to worthy organizations</u>.
Thank you for your support!