

# New Life

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## Welcome & Announcements

**Opening Song:** *In Living Hope*

## Prayer of the Day

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you."  
<sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

## Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." <sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." <sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

**Sermon**

**The Prayers**

**Sending Song:** *Light of the World*

**Benediction**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

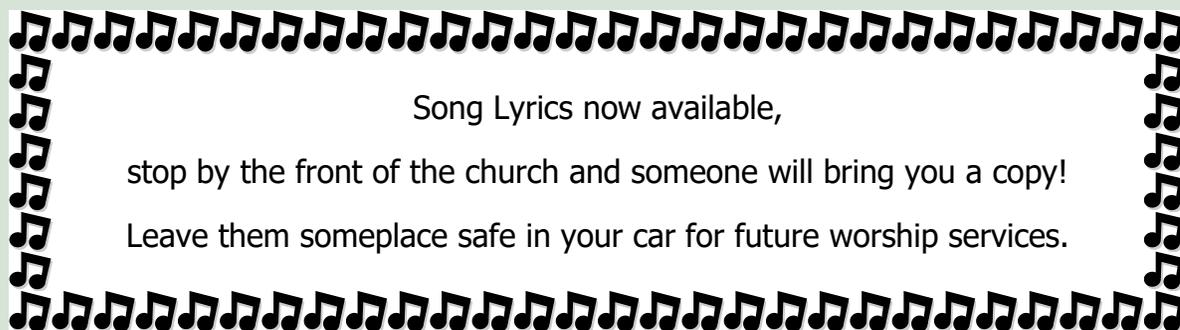
God, the creator, Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**Amen.**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**



Song Lyrics now available,  
 stop by the front of the church and someone will bring you a copy!  
 Leave them someplace safe in your car for future worship services.



A drive-up offering pail is located near the building's front entrance awning.



***Teachers Needed***

We are looking for volunteers to donate 2 - 5 hours a month to be music leaders, Sunday school teachers, or Sunday school subs for the 2020-2021 year!

If you are interested please contact Steph Olson, Hillary Langfeld, Missy Amundson, or the church office.

We would like to say thank you to Barb W. for making 4 big, big quilts & Avis W. for taking them to the homeless in Fargo.

Thanks also to Dar, Toni, & Janice for delivering the LWR supplies to Fargo last week. There were 24 school kits, 28 health or personal kits, 10 layettes kits, & 8 big quilts delivered!

Thanks also To Diane K. for making school bags.

We delivered 4 big quilts & 6 baby quilts locally. For Leigha's benefit we donated a big quilt & a homemade afghan Ruth D. made for the silent auction.

Also a very special thanks to Pastor Randy for redoing our quilt room. Lots more room, awesome!

Thanks for all of your donations & your time, we really appreciate it.

God Bless you ALL!  
WELCA committee

Upcoming Youth Events

July 26th - Outdoor meeting following worship  
 August 2nd - 8:30 pm Zoom meeting  
 August 9th - Art in the parking lot following the worship service  
 August 16th - 8:30 pm Zoom meeting  
 August 23rd - Youth Family gathering at Pastor Randy's home following worship until 2 pm  
 August 30th - 8:30 pm Zoom meeting

# Worship Service Song Lyrics

## In Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

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Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
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Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!

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Jesus Christ, my living hope  
Jesus Christ, my living hope  
Oh God, You are my living hope

## Light Of The World

The world waits for a miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel

A child prays for peace on Earth  
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt  
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel

And can you hear the angels singing  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory, the light of the world is here

The drought breaks with the  
tears of a mother  
A baby's cry is the sound of love  
Come down, come down, Emmanuel

He is the song for the suffering  
He is Messiah,  
the Prince of Peace has come  
He has come, Emmanuel

Glory to the light of the world  
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For all who wait  
For all who hunger  
For all who've prayed  
For all who wonder

Behold your King  
Behold Messiah  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Glo-glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world

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The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
Oh come, oh come Emmanuel