

# New Life

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## December 6th, 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent

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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN:** *O Little town of Bethlehem* LBW #41

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear Lord, you are the master of surprise! Despite the witness of thousands of years of your grace-filled interactions with you chosen people, we continue to be stunned and awed by your mysterious ways. Like Mary and Joseph before us, give us the courage to abandon our reservations and embrace your inexplicable and adventurous Spirit. To you, Lord God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we pray, **Amen.**

### First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-9

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

### Second Reading: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

### Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1:18-24a

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.

### SERMON

### THE PRAYERS

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (In Unison)**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**SENDING HYMN:** *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel* LBW #34

**BENEDICTION**

Almighty God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, bless us with hope, instill us with courage, and guide us in love for all people and the whole of his creation.  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Upcoming Events

- December 6th - 8:00 pm Youth Zoom
- December 9th - 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting
- December 13th - Baptism of Rocco Anthony Steiner
- December 20th - 2:00 pm Youth Zoom

**Card Shower**

The Twins are turning “90”  
on Dec. 29th 2020  
Honor them with a card shower!

Doris Jorgenson  
Box 21  
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A drive-up offering pail is located near the building’s front entrance awning.

**Advent Family Activity**

2020 calls for a new Advent tradition! We invite the families of New Life to pick up an advent kit from the church to celebrate the season together. Through thoughtful prompts, we will be creating swaddling clothes for baby Jesus, wrapping him in all our hopes and fears to hold him as he holds us. These kits will be available beginning Sunday, November 29th.

### **Baptisms in November**

With joyful celebration these children were baptized:

Niko Callen Neu son of Tyler & Anna Neu

Abigail Jo Barry daughter of Jordan and Kellie Barry

### **Christmas Eve Firelight Worship Service**

We will be holding two services on December 24th in the parking lot of New Life Lutheran Church to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The services will be held at:

**3:45 pm**

**and**

**5:00 pm**

We will be having luminary lanterns and, weather permitting, we will be launching sky lanterns during our sending hymn "Silent Night".

These services will be held outdoors in the parking lot. We would appreciate that you call ahead to reserve a parking space so that we can ensure we have enough availability for all. There are only 31 front row spaces available per service with an additional 17 over flow spaces. There may also be parking available out of view should you decide to attend last minute. Please only park in your reserved space.

We are in need of 3-4 portable fire pits for the worship services. If you have one we can borrow please give us a call.

There is also a need for 10 volunteers per service to help light the sky lanterns. Our insurance requires those volunteers to be age 18 or over. If you are willing to help light the sky lanterns please call the church office at 867-6557.



Quilts for sale! Made by the women of New Life Church! All sizes and price ranges. A great gift for Christmas. On display at the church or by appointment. If interested, you can stop by the church Wednesday afternoons or call: Elaine Balken, 218-867-2352 or Dar Rose, 218-867-2276.