



New Life Lutheran Church  
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*"Disciples of Jesus Growing Disciples of Jesus"*

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**New Life Lutheran Church  
March 14, 2021**

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**Outdoor services - offering bucket is near the front entry of the church.**

**Indoor services - offering box at the entrance and exit of the sanctuary**

***As much as we have been desiring to spend more time together, it is important to recognize that when worshipping indoors, we must not linger in the hallway or near the doorways before or after the service. Hopefully, soon, we will be able to do this safely.***

***Also in the sanctuary, we ask that you move as far forward as is safely possible when finding seats. Thank you for your kind cooperation.***

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

*How He Loves*

Temporary Hymnal pg. 8

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

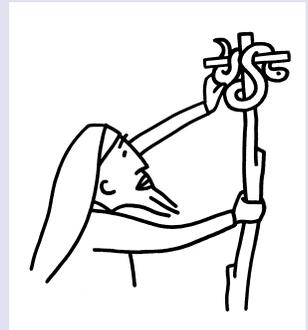
**Amen.**

## **First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

## Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.



## Gospel: John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

## SERMON

**OFFERING [The Offering can be placed in the bucket near the front entrance of the church for outdoor service and at the entrance or exit of the sanctuary for indoor service]**

## THE PRAYERS

## 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.

## BENEDICTION

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:**      *Shine On Us*      Temporary Hymnal pg. 9

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

***We ask that people sitting in the back pews exit first to allow for less congestion near doorways. Please do not linger in hallways or near doorways, making it more difficult for others to exit safely. If you would like to visit with someone, please make that connection outdoors where such conversations can be held in a safer environment. We, again, are sorry for any inconvenience, but the safety of all is our primary concern. Thank you.***

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

**March 14th** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany  
10:00 am Parking lot worship service at New Life  
11:00 am Indoor worship service at New Life

**March 16th** - 8:00 am ACT Practice Testing

**March 21st** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany  
10:00 am Parking lot worship service at New Life  
11:00 am Indoor worship service at New Life  
8:00 pm Youth escape room via Zoom

**March 24th** - 5:30 pm Confirmation  
7:00 pm Confirmation

**March 28th** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany  
10:00 am Parking lot worship service at New Life  
11:00 am Indoor worship service at New Life

WELCA 2021 Booklets are now available in  
the church foyer.

If you are uncomfortable coming inside to get  
one, call the church office and someone will  
bring one out to your vehicle.

## Indoor Worship

We appreciate your cooperation and willingness to follow the guidance provided to us from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Without everyone's compliance the indoor worship services will not be allowed to continue. Here are the practices that will allow us to have indoor worship:

\*Masks must be worn at all times inside the building along with social distancing (maintaining 6 feet between household groups, no lingering in hallways).

\*Attendees will need to keep your coats and personal items with you as you enter the sanctuary and are seated.

\*All people entering the building will need to sign in and provide a contact number. This is for contact tracing should the church be informed that someone attending has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

\*Congregational singing will not be allowed due to added risk of the spread of COVID-19. We may incorporate some special music, but this will be very limited and highly regulated according to MDH guidelines.

**Please also note that MDH continues to discourage vulnerable people from attending indoor worship services even with the above precautions. Vulnerable people are defined as those 65 years old and older, and/or those with pre-existing conditions.**

**This is not to say you cannot attend indoor worship if you are comfortable. We will not turn anyone away as long as the guidelines (\*mentioned above) are followed.**

For all those uncomfortable with the higher risk of exposing yourselves or others to COVID-19 in such an indoor group setting, we will continue our drive-in, parking lot worship services at 10 am each Sunday, and our online worship services.

**Thank you for your continued patience and understanding in these challenging times!**

### **Confirmation Families**

We will continue in-person Confirmation classes on  
March 24, 2021.

These classes will be inside of the sanctuary to allow for  
social distancing.

Masks will be required.

If you prefer to attend via zoom please reach out to the church  
office and we will get that set up! 218-867-6557 or  
newlife@rtelnet.net

### **Youth Virtual Escape Room via Zoom**

**March 21st**

8:00 pm

Join us in playing Escaping Pharaoh.  
This will be limited to 10 youth, there is  
a sign up on the table in the church  
foyer with a packet to pick up.

Sign up begins March 14th.

Zoom meeting ID:

355 966 9286

Password:

NLLC youth

### **60th Anniversary of Hamar Lutheran Church**

The translation of Hamar's 60th Anniversary Report from June 12, 1934  
has been completed, huge thank you to Arnie Moen & Joyce Bruns for  
completing this. If you would like a copy of this report they are available  
on the table in the church foyer.