



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

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March 21, 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

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 *What a Beautiful Name* Temporary Hymnal pg. 2

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, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

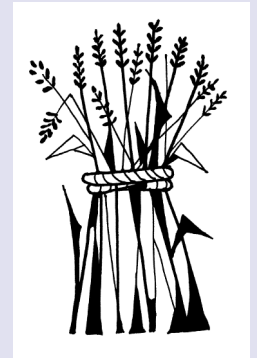
⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.



Gospel: John 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

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.

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: *In Christ Alone* Temporary Hymnal pg. 2

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. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

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

March 30th - 8:00 am ACT Testing

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:

NLLCYouth

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.

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!

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.

**Rothsay Fire Department
Pancake Feed
Free Will Donation
When: March 28th 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Where: Rothsay Fire Hall**

Thelma Wigdahl is turning 103 years old on
March 20th, help her celebrate with a card shower!

Cards can be mailed to:

Thelma Wigdahl
In care of Farmstead reception desk
13733 Quay St. NW
Andover, MN 55304

Open House

25th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for:
Marvin & Joyce Peterson
March 27th at the Rothsay Event Center
from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Hosted by Kristi Friederichs & Sarah Peterson.

All COVID guidelines will be followed, if you have any questions please call
Kristi at 218-731-5374

Palm Sunday

On March 28th during the 10:00 am outdoor worship service, we will have palms available for any young kids who would like to participate in a parade around the parking lot. If you could call ahead to let us know how many to anticipate that would be appreciated but is not a requirement. Please come 10 minutes early to get a palm with some simple instruction. Please mask and social distance.

Easter Sunday

There will be 3 services on April 4th, Easter Sunday. If possible please call ahead to let us know if you will be attending one of the **indoor** services, it is not required but will help us be sure we have enough seating available for everyone.

These services include:

7:15 am Indoor sunrise service

10:00 am Outdoor service, featuring a live brass ensemble.

11:00 am Indoor service, featuring special music by Julie Brenden.