



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

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**New Life Lutheran Church
March 28, 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.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: MARK 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

OPENING HYMN *Lead On, O King Eternal!* Temporary Hymnal pg. 24

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

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

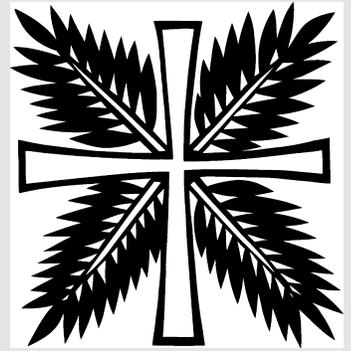
⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



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.**

SENDING SONG: *I Love to Tell the Story* Temporary Hymnal pg. 21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 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

April 1st - 6:30 pm Little Bethany Maundy Thursday simultaneous indoor/outdoor service with Holy Communion. Broadcast on radio station FM 101.3

April 2nd - 6:30 pm New Life Good Friday simultaneous indoor/outdoor worship service

April 4th - 7:15 am Sunrise Indoor worship service at New Life

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

10:00 am Parking lot worship service at New Life with Brass Ensemble

11:00 am Indoor Worship service at New Life with special music by Julie Brenden

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday - April 1st

6:30 pm Service at Little Bethany with Holy Communion

Good Friday: Tenebrae Service - April 2nd

6:30 pm Simultaneous indoor/outdoor service at New Life

Easter Sunday - April 4th

7:15 am Traditional indoor sunrise service at New Life

8:45 am Worship service at Little Bethany

10:00 am Parking lot service at New Life with Brass Ensemble

11:00 am Indoor Worship service at New Life with special music by Julie Brenden

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

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.

Rothsay Fire Department

Pancake Feed

Free Will Donation

When: March 28th 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Rothsay Fire Hall

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.

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

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!