



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

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**New Life Lutheran Church  
March 7, 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**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Temporary Hymnal pg. 10

## **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**

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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: Exodus 20:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

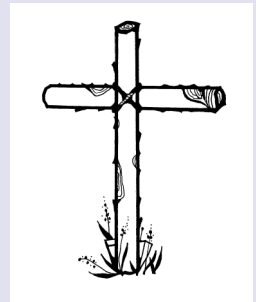
<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.



## **Gospel: John 2:13-22**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

## **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:** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Temporary Hymnal pg. 11

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

**March 7th** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany  
10:00 am Parking lot worship service  
11:00 am Indoor worship service  
8:00 pm Youth game night via Zoom

**March 10th** - 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

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

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

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

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).

\*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 guidelines continue 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.**

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!**

**NOTICE OF CHANGING OFFICE HOURS**

New office hours beginning March 1st  
Tues - Wed - Thurs  
10:00 am - 2:30 pm

**Confirmation Families**

We will resume in-person Confirmation classes on  
March 3, 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

**Virtual Game Night via Zoom**

**March 7th**

8:00 pm

Join us for a night of fun and laughter!  
We will choose from a variety of  
different games that we can play  
together.

These games choices include:

Game of Things

Name 5

Say Anything

Boggle

Kahoot

Zoom meeting ID:

355 966 9286

Password:

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