



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

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**New Life Lutheran Church
April 11, 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

Living Hope

Temporary Hymnal pg. 3

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

**Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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: Acts 4:32-35

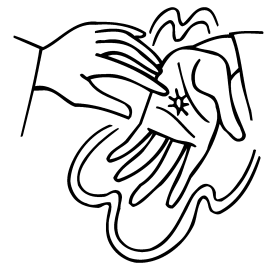
³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.



Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SPECIAL MUSIC by Madison Johnson

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: *Light of the World* Temporary Hymnal pg. 3

BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

April 11th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
10:00 am Parking lot worship at New Life
11:00 am Indoor worship at New Life
12:00 - 1:00 pm Grades 6-8 clean up at Friborg cemetery
1:30 - 3:00 pm Grades 9-12 clean up at Hamar & Our
Saviors cemeteries

April 14th - 6:30 pm NLLC council meeting

April 18th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
10:00 am Parking lot worship at New Life
11:00 am Indoor worship at New Life
12:00 pm First Communion instruction
1:00 pm Youth Yard Games

April 21st – 2:00 pm WELCA meeting at New Life

Youth Cemetery Clean-up

April 11th

6-8 graders following worship we will meet at Friborg cemetery. Please plan to pick up your child at 1:00 pm

9-12 graders we will meet at church at 1:30 pm and split up between Hamar and Our Saviors cemeteries. We plan to be done by 3:00 pm. At least one driver is needed to help transport.

Drinks and snacks provided!

Youth Games

April 18th

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Grades 6-12

We will meet at the church and have a fun afternoon of parking lot/yard games!

First Communion Instruction

If your child has been showing interest in communion and you think they are ready to begin receiving it, we welcome you to join us for this instructional class. This class will be held in the fellowship hall, masks will be required. Registration is required, please call 867-6557 or email Patrice at newlife@rtelnet.net.

This class will be held on:

Sunday, April 18th at 12:00 pm

First Communion will be taking place on:

Sunday, May 2nd during either the 10:00 am outdoor service or the 11:00 am indoor service.

Each family can decide which service best suits their needs.



The WELCA ladies are
planning to meet on April
21st at 2:00 pm.
Masks will be required and
lunch will not be served.

Women of New Life Lutheran Church:

The WELCA officers met in early March. At that time it was decided that rather than meeting in April, we will plan on meeting two days in June. It is at that time that we hope to hold our "Love Days". Dates are yet to be determined and dependent upon the situation concerning Covid.

Until then, we are asking for donations of the following items which will be used to put together kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

Personal Care Kits:

Bath towels (20" by 40" to 52" by 27")

8-9 oz bars of soap

Toothbrushes

Combs

Nail clippers

Baby Kits: (all 6 month to 2 years)

Socks

Cotton t-shirts

Sleepers (w/o feet)

Sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets

Pants

Baby caps

Hand towels

Diaper pins

School Kits:

Notebooks (70 sheets)

Blunt scissors

Any monetary donations given towards purchasing supplies and covering the costs of shipping would also be greatly appreciated.

Thank you everyone for your support in every way!

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!