



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

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April 18, 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 *Cornerstone* **Temporary Hymnal pg. 4**

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 and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of 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: Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.
¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

^{36b} Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.



⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, ⁴⁷ that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things."

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.

SENDING SONG: *This Is Amazing Grace* Temporary Hymnal pg. 4

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 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
12:00 - 2:00 pm Youth Yard Games

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

April 25th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
10:00 am Parking lot worship at New Life
11:00 am Indoor worship at New Life

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

Youth Games ***Note Time Change***

April 18th
12:00 - 2:00 pm
Grades 6-12

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

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN TO DO?

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS, OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER, AND JOIN THE NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM!

- LEAGUE STARTS IN MAY.
- MUST BE 16 OR OLDER.
- DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS APRIL 23RD

IF YOU'D LIKE MORE INFORMATION, OR TO JOIN THE TEAM, CONTACT CHRIS BUCKINGHAM AT: CHRIS.S.BUCKINGHAM@GMAIL.COM OR CALL/TEXT (218)731-9319

Reygan Balken is in her senior year pursuing her degree in human services to take on social work and Biblical counseling. This summer she has been given an opportunity to serve in Southern Asia with 7 fellow students. They will spend two months fully immersed in the culture, learning local language, and helping local college students with their English - all while building intentional relationships in hopes to share Jesus' word and love. She is asking for prayers and financial partnerships. If you are willing and able to donate, we will have slips available with information in the church foyer.

Her specific prayer requests are:

- That God would provide opportunities to share His Word & Truth to the people she encounters.
- For good health over the summer for her and her teammates.
- Good communication and teamwork all summer long.
- To not work out of her own strength but allow the Spirit to do His work.

She thanks you for any contributions and prayers!

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.



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

School Kits:

Notebooks (70 sheets)

Blunt scissors

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

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!