



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

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April 4, 2021

Pastor: Randy Whitehead

Reader: Diane Kunze

Brass Ensemble: Emma Anderson-Buckingham,
Wylie Brenden, Grace Carlsrud, Preston Curtis,
Abby & Josh Honer, Justin Kugler,
Izzy Larson, Katie & Lauren Reber, and
Madison & McKenzie Tillman

**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.

Gospel: John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Pastor: Christ is Risen,

Congregation: He is risen indeed.

OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.



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: *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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
- 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 18h** - 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

Easter Rolls

Individually packaged Sweet & Caramel rolls.

Pick up on

Easter Sunday, April 4th,

between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm or until gone.

First come first served,

Free will donation, all proceeds will go towards the
New Life Lutheran Church Youth.

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!

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

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!

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!

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.



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!