



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

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**New Life Lutheran Church
May 16, 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**

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finding seats. Thank you for your kind cooperation.
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *You Are My All in All* Temporary Hymnal pg. 5

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

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in 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 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

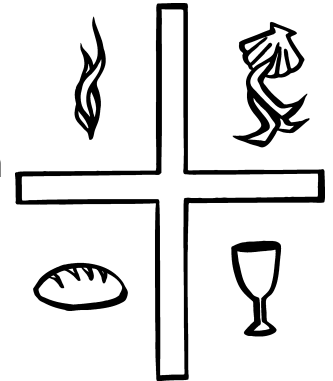
Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Gospel: John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."



SERMON

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

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 HYMN: *It Is Well With My Soul* Temporary Hymnal pg. 6

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

May 16th - Confirmation Sunday (update below)

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

10:00 am Parking lot worship at New Life with
Confirmation

11:00 am Indoor worship at New Life

1:00 pm Youth Grades 6-8 Minute to Win it games

2:00 pm Youth Grades 9-12 Minute to Win it games

May 23rd - Senior Recognition Sunday

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:30 am Senior recognition coffee & muffins

10:00 am Parking lot worship at New Life with Senior
Recognition

11:00 am Indoor worship at New Life

May 30th - Jessica Leading Worship

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

10:00 am Parking lot worship at New Life

May 31st - 10:00 Memorial Day Program

June 1st - Office Closed

(office hours will be Wed June 2nd - Friday June 4th 10:00 am to 2:30 pm)

Confirmation Sunday

Due to unforeseen circumstances, confirmation is going to be a little different. Instead of the entire class being confirmed together, we will have one or a few students being confirmed May 16th while the rest of the class will be confirmed at a later date. We thank you for your patience and understanding during these times.

Youth Minute to Win it

May 16th

Grades 6-8 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Grades 9-12 2:00 - 3:00 pm

These games will take place outdoors
at the church, weather permitting.

Pastor Randy will be on vacation
May 24th - June 8th.

Due to him being on vacation we will be
having only one worship service at
10:00 am on May 30th and June 6th.

May 30th will be an outdoor worship
service

June 6th will be an indoor/outdoor
worship service ran simultaneously.

Senior Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 23rd

9:30 am Coffee, juice, and muffins will be served outdoors.

There will be baskets available to place cards in, if you would like.

Join us for the 10:00 am outdoor worship service as we celebrate this huge accomplishment in their lives.

- *Austin Brandt*
- *Tresten Petersen*
- *Gavin Larson*
- *Lilly Wheelright*

Worship Time Update!!

Beginning on June 6th, the 10:00 am worship service will transition into an indoor and outdoor worship service being ran simultaneous with each other. The online stream will also be transitioning to the 10:00 am worship time.

For those who prefer to see Pastor Randy but would like to remain outdoors for safety reasons, beginning on June 13th, our 11:00 am worship service will transition into the outdoor/parking lot worship service.

We have some exciting news, VBS is back (tentatively)!

We hope to offer Vacation Bible School June 6th - 10th from 4:45 pm – 6:00 pm (tentatively). For anyone ages Preschool through 5th grade

However in order to have VBS we need volunteers to help us with all the kiddos and activities! These can range from helping with a small snack, helping kids get from one place to the next, being an activity leader, recording the lesson skits, and so much more! Volunteers can be anyone 8th grade and older. Please contact the church office at newlife@rtelnet.net or reach out to your favorite Sunday school teacher to let us know if you can help.

Thank you for your consideration,
NLLC Education Committee
Steph Olson, Hillary Langfeld, & Missy Amundson

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 until May 28th).

*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 be allowed while fully masked 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 until May 30th and our online worship services. After May 30th we will have indoor and outdoor services simultaneously at 10:00 am as well as offer an 11:00am outdoor service option where Pastor Randy can be seen.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding in these challenging times!