



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

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New Life Lutheran Church

June 13, 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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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most Merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LBW # 499

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 (In Unison)

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Psalm: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²**to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

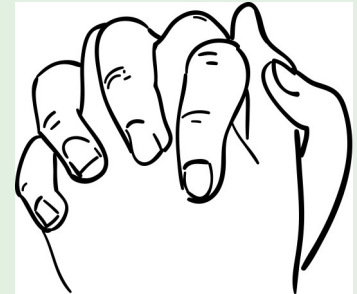
⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**



Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Is My Father’s World

LBW # 554

OFFERING (Offering box is located near double doors of the sanctuary)

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR EASTER INDIA APPEAL (see insert from the Bishop)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



APOSTLES’ CREED (In Unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 HYMN:

How Great Thou Art

LBW # 532

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

- June 13th** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
10:00 am Indoor/Outdoor simultaneous worship at New Life
11:00 am Outdoor Worship at New Life
7:00 pm Bonfire for Grades 6 - 8
8:00 pm Bonfire for Grades 9 - 12
- June 15th** - 9:00 am NLLC WELCA "Love Days"
- June 16th** - 9:00 am NLLC WELCA "Love Days"
12:30 pm WELCA meeting & Devotions
6:30 pm NLLC Council Meeting
- June 20th - Happy Father's Day!**
8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
10:00 am Indoor/Outdoor simultaneous worship at New Life
11:00 am Outdoor Worship at New Life

Youth Bonfire

June 13th

7pm-8pm Grades 6th-8th
8pm-9pm Grades 9th-12th

Bring your friends and roasting sticks if readily available!
All other ingredients and supplies will be provided.

WELCA "Love Days"

June 15th & 16th

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Bring a sack lunch

*WELCA meeting and devotions will be held on
Wednesday, June 16th, at 12:30 pm*

Worship Time Update!!

Beginning on June 6th, the 10:00 am worship service will transition to indoor worship. This worship service will still be broadcast through the radio, to the parking lot for those who would like to remain outdoors. 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 comfortability reasons, beginning on June 13th, our 11:00 am worship service will transition into the outdoor/parking lot worship service.

Indoor Worship Time Update

Little Bethany Lutheran Church indoor worship Sunday at 8:45 am

New Life Lutheran Church simultaneous indoor/outdoor worship Sunday at 10:00 am

New Life Lutheran Church outdoor worship Sunday at 11:00 am (beginning June 13th)

We appreciate your cooperation and willingness to follow the guidance provided to us from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). With everyone's compliance the indoor worship services will be reasonably safe and hopefully comfortable for all to attend. Here are the practices that will allow us to have indoor worship:

*While the mask mandate has been lifted by the Governor, for those who are vaccinated, many of our younger members have not yet had access to the vaccine. So, in solidarity with our younger members who are now the most vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus, we ask and recommend that all indoor worshipers continue to mask.

*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 is now allowed, if masked, as long as there is 6 ft. distance between households.

For those who are uncomfortable with returning to indoor worship, we will be broadcasting the 10:00 am indoor worship service over the radio into the parking lot. In addition to the 10:00 am indoor service being broadcast into the parking lot each Sunday, beginning June 13th we will be adding an outdoor only service at 11:00 am for those who would like to continue seeing Pastor Randy. The online live stream will continue at the new time of 10:00 am.

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