



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

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August 29, 2021

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Reader: Rey Balken

**Outdoor services - offering bucket is
near the front entry of the church.**

**Indoor services - offering box at the
entrance and exit of the sanctuary**

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 *Shout to the Lord*

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

O God our strength, **without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Psalm: Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

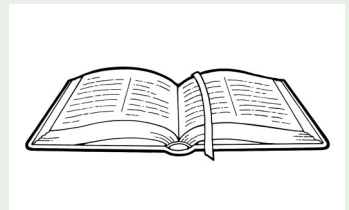
³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear
the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.



Second Reading: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Who You Say I Am*

OFFERING

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

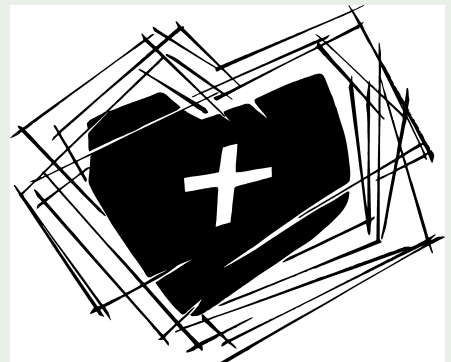
THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

**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 *It Is Well With My Soul*



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

August 29th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life

September 1st - 5:15 pm Brats & Bible Study

September 5th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life

September 8th - 5:15 pm Brats & Bible Study
6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

September 12th - Rally Sunday

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
9:00 am Sunday School at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life with Blessing of Backpacks &
Teacher Installation

Brats & Bible Study

Join us Wednesday evenings at 5:15 pm

Through September.

This Bible study will be led by Pastor Randy.
Brats and fixings will be provided.

Confirmation Sunday

will be held on

September 19th

Wanted

Contemporary Worship Coordinator.

Duties include:

- Planning contemporary worship services 2 times per month
 - Knowledge of sound equipment, training available.
- Coordinating song leaders/musicians for contemporary services
 - Communicating service plans/music with the office.

Pay based on experience.

If interested, or want the full list of duties,
contact the church office.

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Confirmation 2021-2022

Orientation Meeting

Wed., September 15, 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm

*We will meet in the New Life Fellowship Hall
with Pizza and Ice Cream available.*

This meeting is for students (grades 7 & 8, or older that is not yet confirmed) and parents. If one or the other cannot attend, please schedule an alternate time to meet with Pastor Randy. Thank you!

FREE CABINET

The cabinet pictured used to be inside of the old Hamar church. We no longer have a need for it and it is just taking up space.

If you would like it or know someone who would, come pick it up during regular office hours or Sunday morning, or contact the church office to set up a time to pick it up. It will be available on a first come first serve basis until September 7th.

If no one claims it, it will be discarded.



“God’s Work. Our Hands.”

Our church-and our world- continue to live through the COVID-19 pandemic. Physical distancing has changed the way we worship and serve. **But the need is great, and God’s church is at work.** With that in mind, we searched for a safe service project to support our neighbors during these times. We decided on the **“Birthday Party in a Bag”** that we can deliver to our local food shelves. The food shelves are excited to be able to give these to their families with children to help them celebrate their birthday in a fun and special way. We are asking that each member of every age consider participating in this project. (See examples in the hallway and the full details in the September Newsletter.)

Sunday School Registration 2021-2022

Sunday school is set to be kicked off with Rally Sunday on September 12th.

This is for all students PreK - 12th grade!

We ask that you register your child prior to kick off by filling out and returning the form below to the church office.

Students Name: _____

Students Age: _____ Students Grade: _____

Parents Name(s): _____

Parents Phone number(s): _____

Parents Email(s): _____

Any allergies we should be aware of: _____

As always, we are in need of people to volunteer 1 - 4 hours of their time per month. This could be for teaching, leading music time, or helping with snacks. No experience needed, all of the lessons are written out for you to follow.

Volunteers can be anyone 17 years or older!

☐ Yes, I am available 1 2 3 4 (please circle a number) hours per month.

☐ No, I am not able to volunteer at this time.