



New Life Lutheran Church
Pastor Randy Whitehead

"Disciples of Jesus Growing Disciples of Jesus"

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**New Life Lutheran Church
September 12, 2021**

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Reader: Linda Haarstad

**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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

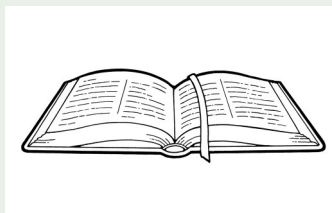
⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.



Second Reading: James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

CHILDREN’S SERMON / BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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.**

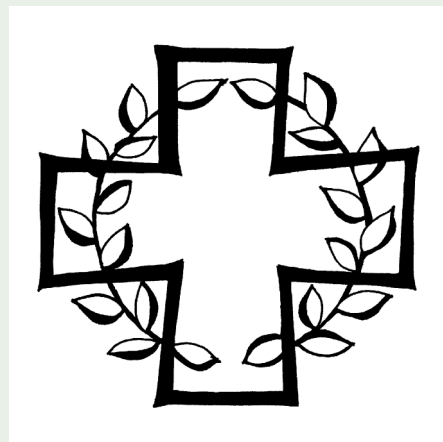
THE PRAYERS

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 *How Great Thou Art*

BENEDICTION

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, one God,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

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

September 15th - 5:15 pm Brats & Bible Study 6:45 pm Confirmation Orientation

September 19th - Confirmation Sunday

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life with Confirmation

September 22nd - 5:15 pm Brats & Bible Study

September 26th - 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 11:00 am New Life Youth Pizza and Planning Party

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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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!

“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.)