



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

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**New Life Lutheran Church  
September 5, 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**

## **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**

***This Is My Father's World***

**LBW # 554**

### **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 God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

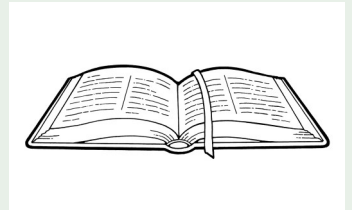
Amen.

### First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”  
<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

### Psalm: Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**  
<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there is no help.  
<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**  
<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;  
<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**  
<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the captive free.  
<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed  
down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.  
<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**



## Second Reading: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup>For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

## Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *Son of God, Eternal Savior*     **LBW # 364**

### **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**

### **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**

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues*

**LBW # 559**

**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**

**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 9th** - 10:30 am American Legion Ladies Auxiliary 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

**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

**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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**New Life**   
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 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.