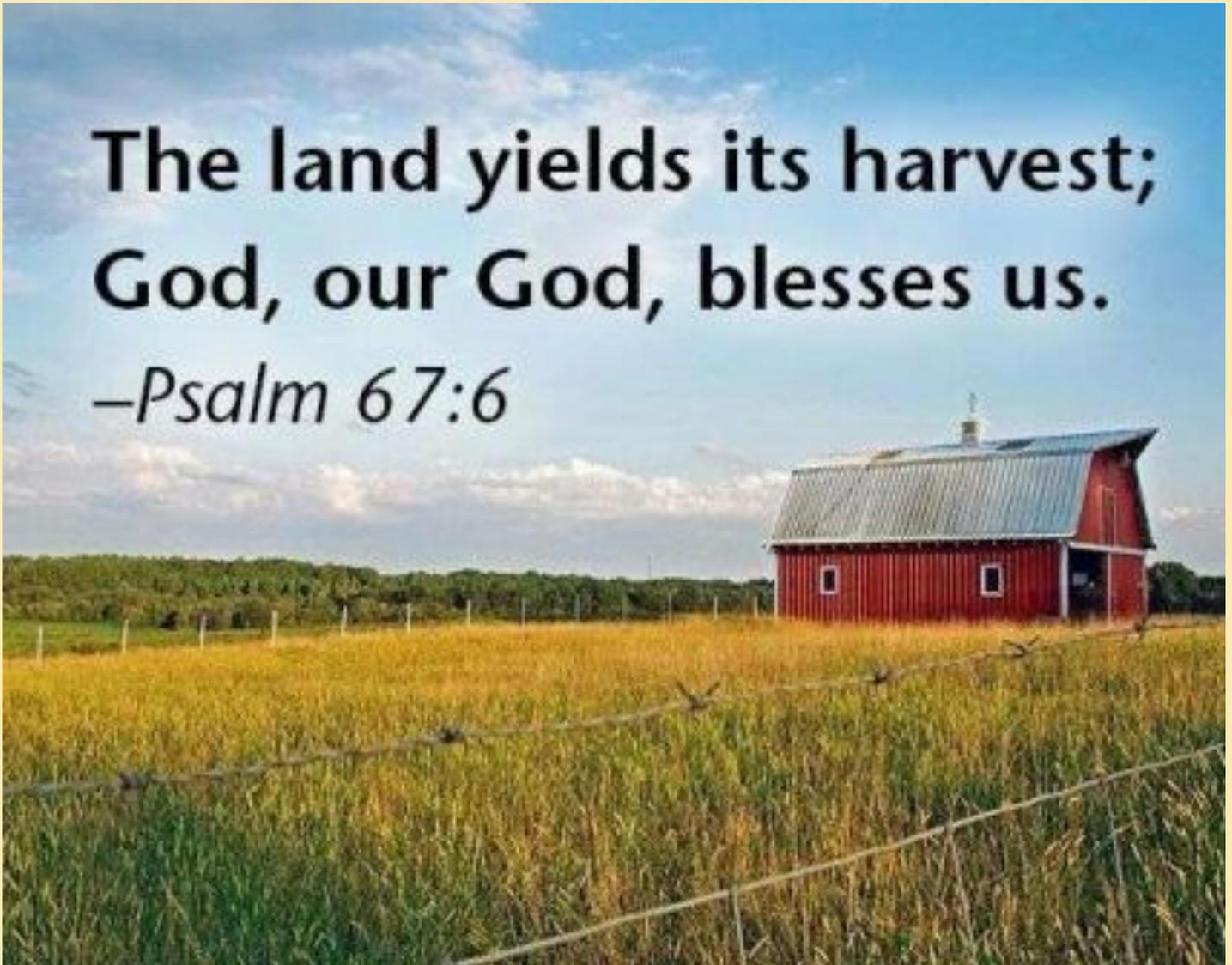


**November 14, 2021  
Harvest Festival  
25th Sunday after Pentecost**

**The land yields its harvest;  
God, our God, blesses us.**

*–Psalm 67:6*



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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**

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

L: Lord, you are not a distant God who has set Creation in motion, and then sits on some heavenly throne, distant, aloof, and untouched by the world of your creatures. Through the witness of your covenant with Israel, and through the witness of your Church, we know you are a God willing to enter into the chaos of human struggles, injustice, and suffering. In the fullness of time, you came in Jesus, the Word made flesh. You were fully human, you suffered hunger, heart-ache, and betrayal. And yet, you remained faithful in your mission to proclaim the Kingdom, to call humanity to your way of love and justice. Where our love failed, your love was steadfast, even to horrific death on a cross. Even then, you did not wash your hands of us, but returned to us and proclaimed your peace to us, calling us to be your people, including us in your mission of reconciliation.

**Congregation: Lord God, forgive us for we have forgotten whom we belong to. Forgive us when we fail to love those you have called us to walk with as your church. Forgive us when, in return for the many blessings you have given us, we act with indifference, animosity, or seek to undermine others or harm them. Forgive us for our greed and selfishness.**

L: The Lord God, knows well our frailty, failings, and sinfulness. That is why, in Christ Jesus, he died on that cross to set us free from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Know that you are forgiven. Know his peace, his power, and his presence, now and always!

**Congregation: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN      *For the Beauty of the Earth*      **LBW # 561****

### **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**

Eternal God, **you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, including for the relief of those in need; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **First Reading Deuteronomy 8: 7-18**

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.



### **Second Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

## **Gospel Reading Luke 12:16-30**

Then (Jesus) told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS**

## **CHILDRENS SERMON**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *Let All Things Now Living*      **LBW # 557**

**OFFERING** (You can now give online using the QR code)

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Holy God,  
**the earth is yours and everything in it,  
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.  
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,  
and strengthen us to be your body for the world  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



## **RECOGNITION OF OUR MILITARY VETERANS**

## **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**

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

**Insert**

**BENEDICTION**

God, the beginning and the end,  
who has written your name in the book of life,  
bless and keep you in grace and peace  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Led on by the saints before us,  
go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

### **November 14th - Veteran Recognition / Harvest Festival Sunday**

9:00 am Coffee Hour at New life  
9:00 am Sunday School at New Life  
10:00 am Joint Worship with Little Bethany at New Life  
(Sunday school sings)  
11:00 am First Communion Instruction

### **November 15th - 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan**

### **November 17th - 5:30 pm Confirmation**

6:30 pm WOW  
7:00 pm Confirmation

### **November 18th - 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan**

### **November 21st - Christ the King Sunday / Service time changes**

8:45 am Worship at New Life with Baptism  
10:00 am Sunday School at New Life  
10:00 am Worship at Little Bethany  
11:00 am Little Bethany Annual Meeting  
5:00 pm Save the Cook dinner  
7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve service

On November 21st Sunday school will be held at 10:00 am due to the worship time change.

There is NO Sunday school on November 28th.

There is also NO Confirmation on November 24th

### **First Communion Instruction**

If your child has been showing interest in communion and you think they are ready to begin receiving communion, we welcome you to join us for this instructional class. If possible, please call the church office to register. This class will be held in the fellowship hall on:

**Sunday, November 14th at 11:00 am**

First Communion will be taking place on:

**Sunday, December 5th at 10:00 am.**



### **Annual Meeting at Little Bethany**

Sunday November 21st at 11:00 am

Please note the worship and Sunday school time changes for this Sunday.

8:45 am Worship at New Life

10:00 am Sunday School at New Life

10:00 am Worship at Little Bethany

11:00 am Annual meeting at Little Bethany

There will be no coffee hour at New Life



Our annual Save the Cook dinner will be held on November 21st from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm.

The NLLC youth will be serving a baked potato bar with all of the fixings! This is a free will donation meal, proceeds go to NLLC youth group for events and trips.

The community Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at NLLC following dinner at 7:00 pm

### **Thanksgiving Offering**

The Women of New Life will be having a "Thanksgiving Offering" during church services on November 21st and November 28th. This offering will be separate from the church offering and is always sent to Women of the ELCA to be used Churchwide where needed most.

Last year we were unable to have our annual Thank offering due to circumstances.

### **Christmas Caper**

2nd annual Christmas Caper event will be December 5th at 11:00 am

Please leave any NEW clothing (all sizes) or NEW/GENTLY USED toy donations on your step for a contactless pick up. NEW hygiene items and necessities also welcome. The NLLC youth will swing by and grab them.

Donations can also be left at church Sunday mornings or during office hours.

We will be partnering with the school, Someplace Safe, and Wilkin/Ottertail counties to help give families a great holiday season!



### **Birthday Party In a Bag**

A few members of our congregation met to assemble the "Birthday Party in a Bag" donations for area food shelves. Thanks to all of your donations they were able to assemble 38 bags to be donated. The goal is to get enough donations to assemble and donate 100 of these bags. Please help us reach our goal by dropping any of the items listed below off at the church.

- A birthday gift bag
- Birthday party paper plates
- Birthday party napkins
- Birthday candles
- Birthday Balloons or other novelty
- Foil 9X13 cake pan

All of the above are available at \$1 each at Dollar Tree

- Cake Mix - any flavor
- Canned frosting any flavor

Or, donate money and let us do the shopping for you.

Thank you!!

### **Poinsettias**

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the upcoming holiday season, there is a sign up sheet on the table in the hallway. The price is \$15.00/ poinsettia, including the bow. Orders need to be in by November 28th.