



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

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**New Life Lutheran Church
November 28, 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.
God for whom we wait,

**in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.**

We fail in believing that your good news is for us.

We falter in our call to tend your creation.

We find our sense of self in material wealth.

We fear those different from ourselves.

**We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.**

**Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace.**

Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

You are children of the Most High,
inheritors of the eternal promise,
and recipients of divine mercy.

God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Mary Jo Gaugler)

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen

OPENING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway

LBW # 26

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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-14 (Responsive Reading)

L: The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre,
as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.

C: He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

L: He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant.

C: Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

L: Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."

C: And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes."

L: Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

C: Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

L: They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."

C: Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

L: Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

C: So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?"

L: The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'

C: Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."

Second Reading: Genesis 21:1-3, 5

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:5-25

⁵ In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

⁸ Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. ¹⁰ Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside.

¹¹ Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. ¹⁴ You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." ¹⁸ Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." ¹⁹ The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur."

²¹ Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. ²² When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. ²³ When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

²⁴ After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, ²⁵ "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

LBW # 34

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

WELCA THANKSGIVING OFFERING (bucket next to offering box)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.
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 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* **LBW # 55**

BENEDICTION

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

November 28th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour
10:00 am Worship at New Life

November 29th - 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

December 1st - 12:00 pm WELCA potluck, meeting, & memorial service
5:30 pm Confirmation
6:30 pm WOW
7:00 pm Confirmation

December 2nd - 3:00 pm Tentatively Staff Reviews
4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan

December 5th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship at New Life First Communion Sunday
11:00 am Youth Christmas Capers

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.

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.

If you are receiving offering envelopes and would like to discontinue getting them due to giving online or other reasons, please reach out to Patrice in the office to be taken off of the list. Thank you!

WELCA Potluck & Meeting

December 1st at 12:00 pm

Join us for a potluck lunch at noon, please bring a dish to share.

Following lunch we will have our business meeting, memorial service, and program.

All women are welcome!

Staff Reviews are tentatively scheduled for December 2nd beginning at 3:00 pm

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!!

Service of Remembrance

Saturday, December 11, 2021

at 10:00 a.m. at the

Olson Funeral Home Chapel

This ecumenical service is a time to pay tribute to those we have loved and lost. Whether we've served your family or not, we invite you to this special time of music, message and reflection. A memorial ornament will be given to each family. Refreshments to follow.

