



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

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December 5, 2021

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Reader:

Organist: Joyce Peterson

**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 (Eric & Jessica Nelson family)

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen

OPENING HYMN *Lo, How A Rose Is Growing* (verses: 1,3 &4) LBW # 58

BAPTISM OF TODD MATTHEW WESTERBERG (See Insert)

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (Responsive Reading)

¹Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory.

²**"There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.**

³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

⁴**The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.**

⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.

⁶**The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.**

⁷The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts.

⁸**He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world.**

⁹"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail.

¹⁰**The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."**

Second Reading: Luke 1:26-45

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be Impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. ³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."



Gospel Reading: Luke 1:46-56

⁴⁶ And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."
⁵⁶ And Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Angels From The Realms of Glory* LBW # 50

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

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

HOLY COMMUNION

(First communicants and their families, please come forward for communion. We ask that all others remain in their pews. Following, all others will have communion in their pews.)

The following students have completed their instruction and are eligible for receiving their First Communion today:

Jaxon Bruce Eckley son of Breck & Molly Eckley
Collin Stephen Jacobson son of Eric & Hannah Andersen

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 Came Upon A Midnight Clear* LBW # 54

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

- 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
- December 6th** - 4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan
- December 8th** - 6:30 pm NLLC Council Meeting
- December 9th** - 10:30 am American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
4:30 pm Tai Ji Quan
- December 12th** - 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

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!



Partners Open House

Open House Farewell to Marlys Winkels & Welcome to Pam Iverson

December 16th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Partners

Refreshments and goodies will be served.

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.

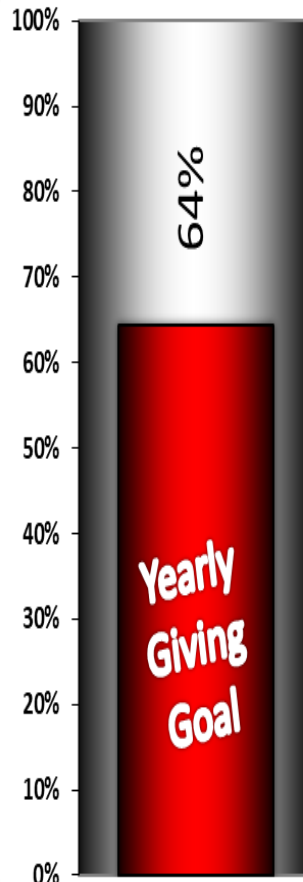


2021 Yearly Giving Outlook

Month	Giving
January	12782.87
February	9792.00
March	13114.00
April	14127.10
May	9993.00
June	12171.00
July	10,007.71
August	11,039.25
Sept.	11,877.00
October	16,266.80
November	8,187.00
December	

Goal:	\$ 200,736.00
Total:	\$ 129,357.73

64%



Still need to get that special someone something for Christmas?

WELCA has quilts for sale!

Stop in during office hours, or contact someone in WELCA to look at their beautiful hand made quilts!

Sunday School Christmas Program

The Sunday school program will be on December 19th during the 10:00 am worship service. We look forward to bringing this fun tradition back to our congregation!

There will be an extra practice on December 18th time is TBD. Watch The NLLC Facebook page & the sign out front for updates.

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!!