



be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV

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New Life Lutheran Church

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Readers: Confirmation Students
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

McKenzie Tillman

L: Springtime changes are bursting forth around us.

C: The earth awakens from winter with a display of wondrous color and activity.

L: The cycle of living and dying continues.

C: As it has for ages past and will for ages to come, God willing.

L: Lent has passed and the celebration of Easter Sunday is over.

C: But the message of new life, new awakenings, and new possibilities remains with us. Glory to God! Alleluia!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Grace Carlsrud

L: While the beautiful signs of spring's renewal are revealed by you,
O God,

C: we must reveal our failure to allow your Spirit to bring forth the renewal of that beauty in so many parts of our lives. We cling to perceived slights and allow bitterness to grow between us. We are more concerned with comfort than compassion; we're more concerned about us, than them. So, wars rage, injustice is accepted, and love is recognized as a mere emotion that ebbs and flows, rather than the life-long and life-sustaining commitment it is meant to be. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to grow into the creative partners with you that you created, and now redeemed us to be. Give us the courage and wisdom to take the risk to open ourselves to you and to one another. Help us, daily, to invest ourselves in the coming of your kingdom. As we serve others, especially the least among us, we serve you. In this we find our true joy. And so, we thank you, our blessed Father in heaven. Amen.

L: In the name of Jesus, the Christ, I speak his word to you: *"I belong to you as you belong to me. I am one of you, I know you. I died and rose for you so your sin might be forgiven. I feel what you feel and I live through your life. I forgive your wrongs, your sins, your failings. Now, you are free. With this forgiveness I give you power to change your condition and that of the world—even if it be but one person at a time. Go, love one another, live lives which are pleasing in my sight.*

OPENING HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

LBW # 448

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Khia Toso

When [the temple police] had brought [Jesus' apostles], they had [the apostles] stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in [Jesus'] name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Psalm: Psalm 118:14-29

L¹: Emerson Nelson, L²: Isabelle Larson

L¹: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

C: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

L¹: the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

C: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

L²: The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

C: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through Them and give thanks to the LORD.

L²: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

C: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

L¹: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

L¹: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

L²: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

C: The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

L²: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

C: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

Karson Jensen

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Lauren Reber

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Was There to Hear Your **Borning Cry*** **WOV # 770**

OFFERING (Offering will be received during the hymn of the day)
You can use the QR code to give online

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.
Amen.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH / RITE OF CONFIRMATION

THE PRAYERS

Nathan Kroeplin-Oien & Loken Brandt

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 *I Can Only Imagine* **Insert**

BENEDICTION

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

April 24th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee Hour

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship at New Life with Confirmation

11:00 am Lauren Reber's Confirmation Party

April 29th - Prom Dinner set up

April 30th - Prom Dinner

May 1st - Seeds of Hope Sunday

9:00 am Coffee Hour

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Joint Worship with Little Bethany at New Life

11:00 am Potluck

Thank you to everyone who donated desserts to our meatball supper. If you have not taken your pan home yet, there are a few left on the counter in the kitchen.

Thanks to everyone who bought one or more raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt. Special thanks to Barb Watterud and Janice Rudh for designing and sewing it. WELCA made \$318.00, Awesome! The money will be used to buy more quilt and kit supplies when needed. Congratulations to the luck winner of the quilt, Merlin Watterud! Special thanks also to Pastor Randy for making the raffle tickets! Great job! The next date for WELCA to meet to work on quilting and kits is Saturday, May 7th at 10:00 am please bring your own lunch.

Things we need for WELCA kits:

10-15 sewn bags

Bath towels 27 x 52 (about) dk color, new or used

Bar soap of any kind, need to bars each for 2 different kits

Thanks!

- Quilts and Mission Committee

Janice Rudh invites all of the ladies that want to hand-stitch a quilt to her house starting Monday, May 2nd at 9:00 am, or whenever you can arrive, weather permitting. Any Questions call Janice.

Confirmation Orientation

May 4th 6:00 pm

We will have a brief introduction for parents and students that will be entering 7th and 8th grade in the 2022 - 2023 school year.

Dinner and Worship on Wednesdays (WOW) will be held following orientation.

Youth Cemetery
Clean-up

Has been postponed to May 7th

2:00 - 3:30 pm Grades 6-8 will clean-up Hamar and Our saviors cemeteries.

4:00 - 5:00 pm Grades 9-12 will clean-up Friborg cemetery.

This is a good opportunity for confirmation students to earn service hours. You could also bring your mentor and use it as a mentor meeting!

Memorial Day Program

Monday, May 30th at 10:00 am

at New Life Lutheran Church

**Free will donation lunch, to following the outdoor Taps, in
the fellowship hall.**