

THE DIVISION



LUKE 12:49-56

New Life Lutheran Church
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“Disciples of Jesus Growing Disciples of Jesus”

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS [Leader-fine print, Congregation-Bold Print]

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path

but have chosen our own way.

Instead of putting others before ourselves,

we long to take the best seats at the table.

When met by those in need,

we have too often passed by on the other side.

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves

and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins

but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

LBW # 328

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 (In unison)

O God, judge eternal, **you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Psalm: Psalm 82 [Responsive Reading: Leader-fine print, Congregation-Bold Print]

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²**"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?"**

³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.'"

⁸**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**



Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,

mother against daughter and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *God, Whose Almighty Word* **LBW # 400**

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In unison)

**God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;
through 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

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

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

LBW # 343

BENEDICTION

The God of peace,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

August 14th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour
10:00 am Worship at New Life
11:00 am WELCA quilting

August 16th - August 27th Pastor Randy is out of the office

August 21st - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour
10:00 am Worship at New Life

August 24th - WELCA quilting & kits

Youth Lock-in

Grades 6-12

7:00 pm Friday, August 19th - 10:00 am Saturday, August 20th

We will kick off the lock-in at 7:00 pm on Friday with a bonfire then spend the night in the church playing games and having fun! Bring a friend or two to join in the fun!

The cost is \$10.00 per person to cover the cost of food and supplies, if cost is an issue, please let Jessica know.

A sign-up sheet will be located on Jessica's office door.



Sunday,
September 11th

Sunday school will
kick off the year at
9:00 am

Join us after church
for lunch and carnival
games!

Community Care Committee would like to thank-you for the support of our "care bags." We assembled 20 bags have given out 6. We will be taking some to the cancer center and keeping a few to have on hand if anyone needs one. If you know of someone who needs or would like one, please feel free to contact any committee member.

We have decided to bring back the Birthday Party in a Bag as it was a big hit at the local food shelves, and they have asked about continuing it. We will be accepting donations for this project for the next couple of months.

We are proud to announce our new missionary project! We have decided to sponsor a child in Haiti through the TeachHaiti School of Hope program. The aim of their program is to provide education to children where it would not have been possible otherwise. Our plan is to have a "noisy offering" once a month to support at least one child. .

More information to come.

Community Care Committee

WELCA will meet on:

Sunday, August 14th at 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, following worship, to work on quilts.
Bring a sack lunch.

&

Wednesday, August 24th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm to work on quilts & kits.
Potluck lunch, please bring a dish to share.

Please watch for school supply specials in stores during July and August.

Items needed for kits:

- Notebooks - 70 pages, wide or college ruled (4 to a kit)
- Erasers
- Blunt Scissors
- Pencil sharpeners
- Rulers
- Pens & Pencils 24 pack, black or blue(5 to a kit)
- Used or new bath towels

We also need sheets of any size (no holes) these are used for the top, inside/batting, and/or the back of quilts.

Thanks to all that have donated or helped in anyway. We really appreciate it!
God Bless you all!

- Quilts and Mission Committee