

FOR WHERE  
YOUR *treasure* IS  
THERE WILL YOUR  
*heart* BE ALSO  
LUKE 12:34

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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

*Oh, Worship the King*

LBW # 548

### 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)

Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

## Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22 [Responsive Reading: Leader-fine print, Congregation-Bold Print]

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven,  
and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches  
all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**God fashions all their hearts  
and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,  
our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you.

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

## **Gospel: Luke 12:32-40**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

## **CHILDRENS SERMON**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Have No Fear, Little Flock*

**LBW # 476**

**OFFERING** (Offering will be received during the hymn of the day)

You can use the QR code to give online

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**God of abundance:  
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.  
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**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## 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.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

SENDING HYMN     *He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!*     LBW # 501

## 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 7th** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany with Holy Communion  
9:00 am Coffee Hour  
10:00 am Worship at New Life With Holy Communion

**August 10th** - NLLC Council meeting

**August 12th**- Brenden Wedding Rehearsal

**August 13th** - Brenden Wedding

**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

### 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.

### Teachers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to donate 2 - 5 hours a month to be music leaders, Sunday school teachers, or Sunday school subs for the 2022-2023 year!

If you are interested please contact Steph Olson, Hillary Langfeld, Missy Amundson, or the church office.



Sunday,  
September 11th

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

Join us after church  
for lunch and carnival  
games!

## **Compassionate Care Bags**

New Life Lutheran Church Community Care Committee has come up with a way for our members to take part in a project to show love and support for others in need. This Mission is to uplift and encourage our neighbors, friends, and family undergoing cancer and other long-term treatments.

Here is a list of items they are seeking for donations:

- Devotional
- Chapstick
- Water Bottle
- Lemon drops/Hard candy
- Unscented hand sanitizer
- Comfy socks
- Unscented hand lotion
- Journal/notepad
- Pens/Colored pencils, something fun to write with
- Puzzle books/Brainteasers/Magazines/Coloring or activity book for adults
- Pedometer
- Snacks
- Ginger snaps, Ginger chews, or Ginger Tea (For nausea)
- Handwritten note
- Prayer Shawl

Lastly, your family member or friend may really appreciate a handwritten note from you expressing your love and encouragement as they fight their disease. This shows them that you are thinking of them and that you are there for them.

All donations can be left underneath the table outside of the fellowship hall.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

- Community Care Committee (formerly the Evangelism, Family life, & social concerns committee)