

**“Be uprooted and planted in the sea.”**

**Luke 17:5-10**



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**New Life Lutheran Church**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice,**  
**love kindness,**  
**and walk humbly with you.**  
**Turn us in a new direction.**  
**Show us the path that leads to life.**  
**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved of God:  
your sins are forgiven and you are made whole.  
God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.  
Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN      *O Christ the Same*      **WOV # 778****

**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)

**Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

### First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup> I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup>Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

### Psalm: Psalm 37:1-9 [Leader-fine print, Congregation-Bold Print]

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup>**Take delight in the LORD,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what God will do.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.



## **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

## **Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

## **CHILDRENS SERMON**

## **SERMON**

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

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (In unison)

**Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.  
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**

(We ask that First Communion students and their families come forward for acknowledgement and to receive their First Communion certificates.)

Those taking communion for the first time today are:

Kiya Amundson, daughter of Matt & Missy Amundson

Briggs Brandt, son of Beau & Melinda Brandt

Lucas Fuder, son of Matt Fuder & Casey Grant

Samuel Heidecker, son of Mike & Kristen Heidecker

Madilynn Johnson, daughter of Brandon & Hillary Langfeld

Livvy Oien-Wander, daughter of Henry Wander & Nikki Oien

Andrew Olson, son of Travis & Stephanie Olson

Rylee Torgerson, son of Brian & Kristin Torgerson

Christian Ziegler, son of Nathan & Patrice Ziegler

## 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

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

WOV # 771

## BENEDICTION

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Amen**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

**October 2nd** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany with Holy Communion  
9:00 am Coffee Hour  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship at New Life with First Communion

**October 3rd** - 8:00 am Tai Ji Quan

**October 5th** - 3:30 pm 3rd Grade Bible Class  
5:30 pm Confirmation  
6:30 pm WOW  
7:00 pm Confirmation

**October 6th** - 8:00 am Tai Ji Quan  
12:00 pm Bible Study  
3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids

**October 9th** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany  
9:00 am Coffee Hour  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship at New Life  
7:00 pm Youth Movie Night

### **Bible Study**

Join Pastor Randy on **Thursdays** beginning October 6th at 12:00 pm. We will be covering the Gospel of John.

Soup will be provided each week, feel free to bring a dish to share if desired.

\*Please note the date change from the Newsletter. Bible Study will be held on Thursdays in October.

### **Worship on Wednesdays (WOW) is back!**

Join us for a contemporary worship service! Worship on Wednesdays will be held on October 5th and October 26th due to MEA break. Otherwise WOW will typically be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

This service is geared more towards youth but, all ages are welcome!

WOW begins at 6:30 following Confirmation class.

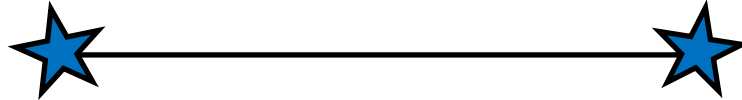
Dinner served prior to WOW beginning.



Let's help Jose Maely get an education!

We are happy to announce that our first Noisy Offering will be taken on **Sunday Oct. 9th** to help cover the commitment we've made to sponsor providing an education for a little girl in Haiti. We will be doing this once every month. The cost for this is \$36 per month. Please check your pockets, couches, and corners for change. This is our missionary support program!

There is also another child in Haiti, Jn Baptiste, who is being sponsored by another member of the New Life congregation. Such an amazing gift to have two children able to get an education from within the New Life community.



We are also bringing back the Birthday party in a bag! It was a hit with the local area food shelves and they are asking us to continue providing it. We will be accepting donations for this project for the next couple of months, please see the table outside the sanctuary to see what items are needed for donation.

Thank you,  
Evangelism, Family and Social Concerns committee.  
(Community Care Committee)

WELCA will meet on:

Wednesday, October 19th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm for quilting.  
Potluck lunch, please bring a dish to share.

### Youth Movie Night

Grades 6-12

October 9th at 7:00 pm

Wear pajamas and bring something to add to the popcorn bar.

7pm we will load up our bowl, get comfortable, and watch Hocus Pocus II together.

If anyone has an air mattress or camping chair they'd allow us to borrow, please let the office or Jessica know!