

Lost And Found

New Life Lutheran Church
Pastor Randy Whitehead

"Disciples of Jesus Growing Disciples of Jesus"

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New Life Lutheran Church
September 11, 2022

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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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* **LBW #526**

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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

⁷The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”



¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-10 [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Just as I Am, without One Plea* **LBW #296**

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **LBW #499**

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

September 11th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour
9:00 am First day of Sunday School
10:00 am Worship at New Life
11:00 am Rally Sunday Carnival

September 12th - 8:00 am Tai Ji Quan

September 14th - 6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

September 15th - 8:00 am Tai Ji Quan

September 18th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship at New Life
12:30 pm Lions Club meeting



Register your child for Sunday School at:
Newlifeparish.net/forms/ and click on the Sunday School Icon.

Join us after church for lunch in the fellowship hall and carnival games, a bounce house, and a dunk tank outside!

Tai Ji Quan

Mondays & Thursdays ~ September 12th to December 1st

Time: 8:00 am

At New Life Lutheran Church

Call, 218-867-1234 for further information or to sign up for the class.

Youth Skating event

Grades 6-12

2:00 - 4:00 pm Sunday, September 25th

We will be heading to Skate City! We plan to leave the church at 1:00 pm. The cost will be \$10.00, if this is an issue let Jessica know. There is a max of 8 spots, due to transportation cap.

Looking for parent drivers to volunteer transporting students to and from Fargo, let Jessica know if you are able to help.



First Communion

on Sunday, October 2, 2022



Are your kids ready to receive Holy Communion?

If your child has been asking about communion, he or she is probably ready. Are you?

Pastor Randy will be holding two First Communion Instruction and Preparation Classes in the near future. Children wanting to receive first communion instruction are welcome to attend either class. The first opportunity is on Wednesday, September 21st at 3:30 pm. The second opportunity is on Sunday, September 25 at about 11:15 am (following the worship service). Parents are welcome to attend the class with their kids. The class is expected to take 45-55 minutes, and a snack will be served. Following the class, the kids are invited to receive communion for the first time at the 10 am worship service on October 2nd. There will be a special ceremony for them at that time. It would be very helpful for our planning for parents to call the church office [218-867-6557] and let us know that your child will be attending. If your child has a friend who doesn't have his or her own church, please feel free to invite him or her, as well. Any questions? Please call the office or Pastor Randy [701-238-1863] Thanks much!



3rd Grade Bible Introduction Classes and Presentation Event



Pastor Randy will be holding a two session Bible Introduction Course for 3rd Grade Students. Each student will receive a free Bible from the New Life Lutheran Church Congregation. The classes will be on Wednesdays, September 28th and October 5th, at 3:30 pm. Pastor Randy will have pizza, cookies, and a beverage for the kids to snack on while attending the two one-hour classes. There will be a short homework assignment for the kids and their parents to complete together between the two classes. After the second class, the parents are asked to write a note or letter inside the cover of their child's Bible and return it to the church for the special public presentation of that Bible to their child at the 10 am worship service on Reformation Sunday, October 30.

It would be very helpful for our planning for parents to call the church office [218-867-6557] and let us know that your child will be attending. If your child has a friend who doesn't have his or her own church, please feel free to invite him or her, as well. Any questions? Please call the office or Pastor Randy [701-238-1863] Thanks much!