

The Dishonest Manager

New Life Lutheran Church
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"Disciples of Jesus Growing Disciples of Jesus"

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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 *Bless the Broken Road*

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)

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Psalm: Psalm 113 [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!



Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

There Was Jesus

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

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 *The Old Rugged Cross*

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 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

September 19th - 8:00 am Tai Ji Quan

September 21st - 3:30 pm First Communion Class
5:30 pm Confirmation begins
7:00 pm Confirmation

September 22nd - 8:00 am Tai Ji Quan

September 24th - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Ashley Watterud's Baby shower

September 25th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship at New Life
11:15 am First Communion Class
2:00 pm Youth Skate City

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 you 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!