

Luke 14:25-33



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

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September 4, 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

Lift High the Cross

LBW #377

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)

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.



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

- ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- ²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**
- ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- ⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Take My Life, that I May Be* **LBW #406**

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 *How Great Thou Art* **LBW #532**

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

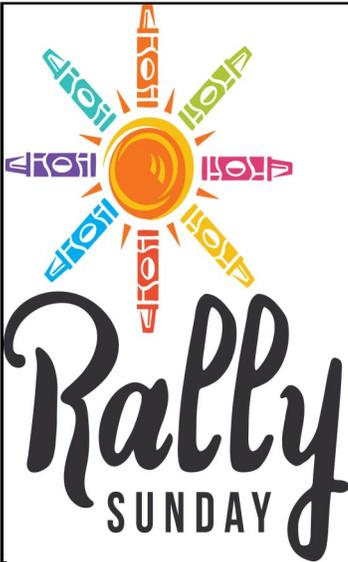
DISMISSAL

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

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

September 4th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour
10:00 am Worship at New Life

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



Sunday, September 11th

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

Register your child by going to: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=5294db67-bafa-409b-b626-1aad9cc5751c>

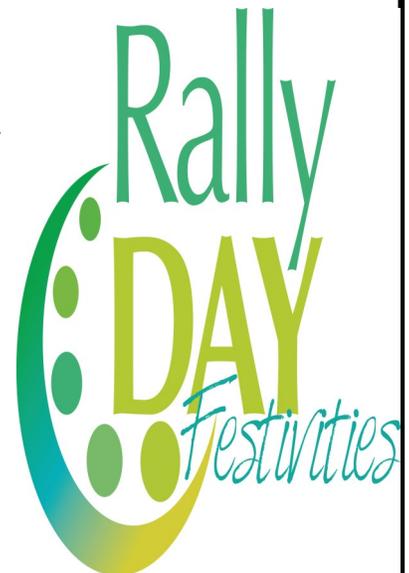
Join us after church for lunch and carnival games!

Join us for a carnival on Sunday, September 11th from 11:00 am - 1:30 p.m.

Hot dogs, brats, chips, cookies, and lemonade will be available for lunch following worship. Then head outside to enjoy some cotton candy and ice cream while playing carnival games (fishing for prizes, bean bag toss, etc.) face paint, and a DUNK TANK. You heard that right, bring some cash and have the chance to Dunk Pastor Randy or Jess in the Dunk Tank (there may even be a guest appearance or two from other congregation members).

We are in need of volunteers for the different stations, if you or your youth are willing to help out follow the link to sign up! <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=55816083-0c72-4a4c-88cc-cab8b5e6ed83>

We are also seeking monetary donations to offset costs of rentals. Please indicate "Rally Sunday" on payment. Thank you!



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.

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