



New Life Lutheran Church Pastor Randy Whitehead

"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, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.

We have ignored voices

that call for your justice.

We have neglected actions

that witness to your righteousness.

We have spoken and acted

in ways that disrupt your beloved community.

We truly repent of things we have done

and left undone.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Restore our troubled spirits,

so that we may live in newness,

follow the way of the Spirit,

and build up the body of Christ.

Amen.

Rejoice and be glad!
God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN Give Thanks

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, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Psalm: Psalm 46 [Leader-fine print, Congregation-Bold Print]

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

³though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be

with me in Paradise."

CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Amazing Grace

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In unison)

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 Thanksgiving Prayer

BENEDICTION

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

November 20th - 8:45 am Worship at New Life

8:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Coffee Hour at New life 10:00 am Worship at Little Bethany

11:00 am Annual meeting at Little Bethany

12:30 pm Lions Club meeting 5:30 pm Save the cook dinner

7:00 pm Thanksgiving eve Service

November 21st - 8:30 am Tai Ji Quan

November 24th - Happy Thanksgiving!

Booked for a private family event

November 27th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee Hour at New life 10:00 am Worship at New Life New Life Lutheran church is looking to hire a qualified individual to fulfill custodial duties for 4 - 8 hours each week, with flexibility of more hours due to special events.

If you are interested, please submit a letter of inquiry to the New Life Lutheran Church office by December 2nd.

Requirements include: ability to lift 50 lbs. minimum and provide your own non-slip shoes. For a full list of duties, please check with the church office.

Pay depending on experience.

Save the Cook Dinner

November 20th 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

We will be serving a baked potato bar and need volunteers to donate items or work shifts.

Make sure to sign up on Jessica's door for your shift to work and/or topping to contribute!

This is a great opportunity to get service hours.

The Service group booklets are being updated for 2023-2024. We are asking that you please provide the office with an updated phone number for your household.

There is a clipboard outside of Patrice's office. Please find your name and write down a current phone number. If your name is not on the list, we likely already have an updated number for you. Thank you!

Care Committee is looking for donations to make Christmas Baskets for shut ins, nursing home and others.

Items needed are: greeting cards box or individual (B-day, Sympathy, etc), stamps, writing paper, note cards, envelopes, treats (hard candies, individually wrapped chocolate or peppermints etc.), homemade treats, (Christmas cookies, etc.), lotions, devotionals, crosswords, word finds, etc.

Deadline for donations is Sunday, December 11th.