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New Life Lutheran Church
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"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 Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

**Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.**

Amen.

People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Eric & Jessica Nelson family)

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

Amen.

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)

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-14

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."
¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."

Second Reading: Genesis 21:1-3, 5 [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

L: The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said,

C: and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised.

L: Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him.

C: Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

All: Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:5-25

⁵ In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶ Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

⁸ Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. ¹⁰ Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside.

¹¹ Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. ¹⁴ You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." ¹⁸ Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." ¹⁹ The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur."

²¹ Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. ²² When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. ²³ When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

²⁴ After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, ²⁵ "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel* **LBW # 34**

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 our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.
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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

LBW # 55

BENEDICTION

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

November 27th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New life
10:00 am Worship at New Life

November 28th - 8:30 am Tai Ji Quan

November 30th - 5:30 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Confirmation

December 1st - 8:30 am Tai Ji Quan
12:00 pm Bible Study
3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids

December 3rd - Booked for a private family event

December 4th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New life
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship at New Life
11:15 am WELCA Christmas Event

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.

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.

WELCA Christmas event will be held on December 4th at 11:15 pm, following worship at New Life.

We are looking for a few people or family units to light the advent candle in the coming weeks. If you are interested please call or email the church office to get on the schedule.