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Harvest Festival Sunday /
24th Sunday after Pentecost



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"Disciples of Jesus Growing Disciples of Jesus"

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



NOISY OFFERING



CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

Amen.



OPENING HYMN

This Is My Father's World

LBW # 554



PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

Lord of creation, whose glory is all around us and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and constantly reside in your peace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



First Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.



Harvest Psalm: Psalm 67:6 [Leader-fine print, Congregation-Bold Print]

The land has yielded its harvest:

God, our God has blessed us.



Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!



Gospel Reading: John 4:31-39

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving[□] wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."



SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS



CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise and Thanksgiving

LBW # 409

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



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you have given us riches beyond measure.
Bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service
and for your glory. **Amen.**



RECOGNITION OF MILITARY VETERANS



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

I Know that My Redeemer Lives!
(Odd verses)

LBW # 352



BENEDICTION

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen.



DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

November 12th - Harvest Festival

9:00 am Sunday School at New Life
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
10:00 am Joint Worship at New Life
11:00 am Lunch fellowship, Taco in a bag
5:30 pm Youth dinner & a movie (grades 7-12)

November 13th - 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

November 14th - 10:30 am Bible Study

November 15th - 6:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm WOW

November 19th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Sunday School at New Life
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life
5:30 pm Save the cook dinner
7:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship at the Rothsay Baptist Church

Please join us following worship today for a taco in a bag lunch, provided by the New Life council, in the fellowship hall!

Youth Movie Night

Tonight! Youth group (grades 7-12) dinner and a movie, 5:30 - 8pm. We will have dinner and watch a movie together.

Poinsettias

Poinsettia orders will be taken from November 4 - 26th.

The cost per Poinsettia is \$16.00.

Please find order forms on the table in the narthex.

"Young" Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, November 29th @ 6pm

We will be reading "You Matter More Than You Think" by Dr. Leslie Parrott.

The study is a "no-study-at-home" thing, which means we just do it at the meetings. I have found this works well for busy women. Also, it's a stress-free zone so no one feels they can't come because they haven't done the work. Most importantly it will be a time/place to chat and share life events with other women.

I hope you'll be able to come!

The New Life Community Care Committee will be working on a Christmas project again this year. They are looking for volunteers to do some baking and some volunteers to deliver goodies and visit. We are also looking into the possibility of going caroling while delivering goodies. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins and Newsletters.

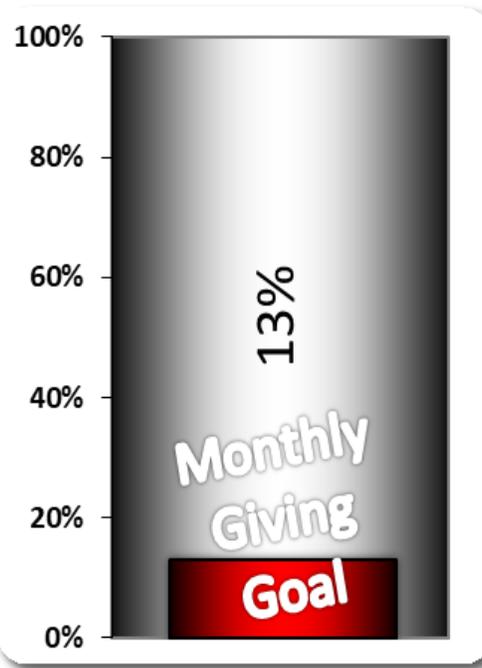
We continue to collect items for our birthday bags. Donations can be dropped off at the church Sunday mornings or during office hours.

November 2023 Giving Outlook

| Week | Giving |
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| 5-Nov | \$1,338.00 |
| 12-Nov | |
| 19-Nov | |
| 26-Nov | |
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| e-giving | \$385.00 |

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| Goal: | \$13,346.15 |
| Total: | \$1,723.00 |

13%



Save The Cook & Thanksgiving Worship

Our annual Save the Cook dinner will be held on November 19th from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

The NLLC youth will be serving a baked potato bar with all of the fixings! This is a free will donation meal, proceeds go to NLLC youth group for events and trips.

The community Thanksgiving worship service will be held at 7:00 pm at the **Rothsay Baptist Church** with Pastor Randy giving the sermon.
We look forward to seeing you!

