



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

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**New Life Lutheran Church
November 19, 2023**

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Reader: Isaac Hanson



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Come, Now is the time to Worship



PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.



Psalm: Psalm 90:1-8, 12 [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

¹Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,**
from age to age you are God.

³**You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."**

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;

⁵**you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:**

⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷**For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.**

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

¹²**So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**



Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.



Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



CHILDRENS SERMON



SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

Mighty to Save

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 (In unison)

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.



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.

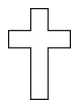
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

Cornerstone



SENDING HYMN

Amazing Grace / My Chains



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 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**
- November 20th** - 10:00am - 2:00pm Patrice is in office
6:30 pm Lions Club meeting
- November 21st** - 10:00am - 2:00pm Patrice is in office
10:30 am Bible Study
- November 22nd** - 10:00am - 2:00pm Patrice is in office
- November 23rd** - **Happy Thanksgiving!** - Office Closed
Fellowship hall booked for a private family gathering
- November 26th** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life

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!

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!





Who: You! (all ages welcome)

What: Supper at church

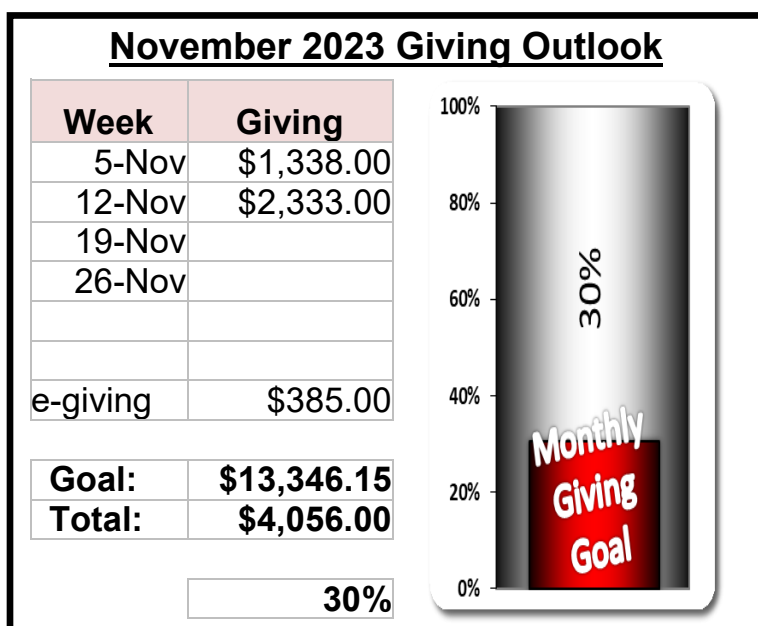
When: Wednesday, December 6
5:45-6:45pm

Why: To share a meal together

Cost: \$5 per person

What's for supper?
Baked mac and cheese bar
(homemade with your choice of toppings), tossed salad, breadstick, and Christmas goodies

Please RSVP by Friday, December 1. Email the church office at newlife@rtelnet.net or sign up on the form in the narthex.



Youth Service Event

December 3rd 11am - 1pm

Grades 7-12

We will be making cookies for someone meaningful in our lives and writing a letter of gratitude to go with them.

Christmas is coming fast!

The Community Care Committee is looking for donations of CHRISTMAS GOODIES for Christmas gift bags that we plan to deliver - with your help - to our Senior congregational members and others in our community that are living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, as well as those living at home, to remind them that we care and wish them a blessed Christmas.

Please have your goodies to the church by our DEADLINE of Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023, when we will be putting the bags together after the church service for delivery during that week.

A sign up list will be in the hallway for contributing treats as well as a separate list to sign up to volunteer to help with the deliveries.

Join us Dec. 10 for fellowship and packing bags after church!