



New Life Lutheran Church
Pastor Randy Whitehead

"Disciples of Jesus Growing Disciples of Jesus"

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December 10, 2023

Pastor: Randy Whitehead

Organist: Joyce Peterson



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



NOISY OFFERING



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

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

*Sunday school students will sing the first verse of the songs, we ask that the congregation joins in for the remaining verses listed.

PROGRAM OPENING



Hymn

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

LBW # 45

(Sunday School Sings 1st verse. Congregation please join in singing remaining verses)

1 Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant! Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him Born the king of angels: Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2 The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

3 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God In the highest: Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing: Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

CHAPTER 1: THE PREPARATION

CHAPTER 2: THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAPTER 3: THE MAGNIFICAT

CHAPTER 4: THE CENSUS

CHAPTER 5: THE STABLE

CHAPTER 6: THE SHEEP



HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LBW # 60

(Sunday School Sings 1st verse. Congregation please join in singing remaining verses)

1 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies; With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die, Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

CHAPTER 7: THE NATIVITY



HYMN

Away in a manger

LBW # 67

(Sunday School Sings 1st verse. Congregation please join in singing remaining verses)

1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay Close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

THE EPILOGUE



HYMN

Joy to the World

LBW # 39

(Sunday School Sings 1st verse. Congregation please join in singing remaining verses)

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King; Let ev'ry heart prepare him room And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sin and sorrow grow Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.



PROGRAM CONCLUSION

Go Tell It on the Mountain

LBW # 70

(Sunday School Sings 1st verse. Congregation please join in singing remaining verses)

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere; Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, Behold, throughout the heavens That shone a holy light.

Refrain

2 The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo, above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.

Refrain

3 Down in a lonely manger The Humble Christ was born; And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain



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.



OFFERING

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

LBW # 34

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BENEDICTION

The God of peace bless you,
the love of Christ sustain you in hope,
and the anointing of the Spirit remain upon you
now and forever.
Amen.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God!

Thank you for joining us for our program today!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

- December 10th** - 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 - **Sunday School Program**
11:00 am Youth Summer event parent meeting
- December 12th** - 10:30 am Bible Study
- December 13th** - 1:30 pm Quilting
6:00 pm Confirmation
- December 14th** - 10:30 am American Legion Auxiliary
6:00 pm Lions Club meeting
- December 17th** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life
12:30 pm Open house at Pastor Randy & Mary Jo's home
6:30 pm New Life Youth Christmas party (grades 7-12)

There will be no Sunday school for the rest of December. Classes will resume on January 7th, 2024 at 9:00 am.

We will see you back in the classroom next year!



Mary Jo and Pastor Randy would like to invite you to a Christmas Open House at their residence near Lake Park on Sunday, December 17, from 12:30 to 3:00 pm.

**Lunch will be served.
All are welcome!**

**Address: 17391 Beseau Lake Road
Lake Park, MN 56554**

We hope to see you there!



Advent Candle Lighting

We are looking for someone or a family unit to light the advent candle on December 17th during worship. If you are interested please call or email the church office to get on the schedule. We look forward to hearing from you! 218-867-6557 or newlife@rtelnet.net



Christmas Eve Candlelight worship

Saturday, December 24th

4:00 pm

At New Life Lutheran Church

Contemporary Worship Coordinator Opening

New Life Lutheran church is looking to hire a qualified individual to fulfill the contemporary worship coordinator duties. Job duties include but are not limited to, coordinating worship music for Contemporary worship services, consisting of 4 songs. Those interested should be knowledgeable about equipment for live music such as microphones, piano, guitar, and monitors. For a full list of duties please contact the church office at newlife@rtelnet.net or 218-867-6557.

If you are interested, please submit a letter of inquiry to the New Life Lutheran Church office by January 31st.

Quilting Opportunity

There will be a quilting group meeting at New Life on December 13th beginning at 1:30 pm with an inventory of supplies in the closet. The meeting will begin at 2:30 pm.

Following inventory we will be tying quilts. Anyone is welcome to join us in fellowship and making quilts!

If the weather is bad on December 13th the back up plan is to meet on December 20th. Questions, please contact Mary Brandt.

Annual Meeting

The New Life annual meeting will be held on February 4th following worship.

Please get reports to Patrice as soon as they are available. The Report deadline is January 18th. Digital copies preferred; emailed to newlife@rtelnet.net

Youth Christmas Party

December 17th 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Grades 7-12 Annual youth Christmas party. Bring a gift to exchange that is \$5.00 or less and 1 dozen of your favorite cookies. We will do a saran wrap ball as well as the exchanges.