

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

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**New Life Lutheran Church
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.
Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.**

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

**For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.**

Amen.

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through Jesus Christ.

Amen.



OPENING HYMN

My Lord of Light

WOV # 796



PRAYER OF THE DAY (In unison)

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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: Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.



Psalm: Psalm 19 [Leader-fine print, Congregation-Bold Print]

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the
world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end
of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over
me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who
are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age?
Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God,
the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of
our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks
desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and
foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ
the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human
wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

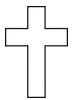


Gospel: John 2:13-22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



CHILDRENS SERMON



SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

WOV # 783

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



OFFERTORY PRAYER

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

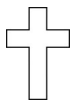
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

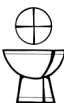


THE LORD'S PRAYER (In unison)

**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



BENEDICTION

Beloved,
we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace.
Amen



SENDING HYMN

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

WOV # 781



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.
Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

- March 3rd** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Sunday School at New Life
9:00 am Coffee and fellowship at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life
- March 4th** – 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan
- March 6th** - 5:30 pm Lenten Hotdish Dinner
6:45 pm Lenten Worship with S.A.M. Jerry Peterson
- March 7th** - 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan
3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids
6:30 pm Fergus Falls Conference Assembly
- March 10th** - **Daylight Savings Begins** (Spring forward)
8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Sunday School at New Life
9:00 am Coffee and fellowship at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life - **Sunday School Sings**
11:00 am NLLC Council meeting

Lenten Schedule

Lenten Season has begin, here is a look at the schedule.

March 6th - The Community care committee will be a hotdish supper at 5:30 - 6:30 pm. S.A.M. Jerry Peterson will be leading worship at 6:45 pm.

March 13th - The Moen Family will be serving Shredded Turkey buns for supper at 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Pastor Ale Tulu will be leading worship at 6:45 pm.

March 20th - The Youth will be serving chili for supper at 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Pastor Randy will be leading worship at 6:45 pm.

NEW: TIME, DATE, & PLACE!

Young Women's Fellowship

Will meet on Saturday, March 16th

9:30AM at Stephanie Curtis' home

Check with Steph or Mary Jo for the address

Please join us for fellowship, fun and treats!

No homework necessary

We are reading, "You Matter More Than You Think" by Leslie Parrott

Mark your calendars!!! The New Life Meatball Supper will be held on April 6th!

Be on the look out for a sign-up sheet for food donations and volunteering opportunities.

Easter Garden

Spring flowers will once again adorn our church this Easter season. A sign up table is set up at church and order forms available beginning February 11th, 2024.

Orders will be taken through March 11th, 2024. We cannot place any orders after that date. Flower choice and pricing is listed on the sign-up table in the narthex.

Please reach out to Jennifer Honer for any questions or details - 218-731-9432

Youth March Events

Fun Event:

We will be headed to Skate City Sunday, March 17th. We will leave after church skate from 12-2 and have pizza and pop while we are there. Cost will be \$15 per person if you need to rent skates/rollerblades or \$11 if you have your own. Please sign up in advance with Jessica, we will NEED parent transportation both ways

Service Event:

Serving a Chili Lenten dinner on March 20th. Sign up for serving and food donations on the website. Looking for one Parent Volunteer per shift (2 shifts)