

THE MOST
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE IN
THE
WORLD

John 3:16



New Life Lutheran Church
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“Disciples of Jesus Growing Disciples of Jesus”

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**New Life Lutheran Church
March 10, 2024**

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Special Music: Tally Miosek



PRELUDE

Joyce Peterson & Tally Miosek



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIDEONS



NOISY OFFERING



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

Special Music by Tally Miosek



PRAYER OF THE DAY (In unison)

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.



Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 [Leader-fine print, Congregation-Bold Print]

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death’s door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
and you delivered them from their distress.**

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.



Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.



Gospel: John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

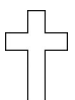
¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”



SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS



CHILDRENS SERMON



SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift High the Cross
(v. 1, 4, & 5)

LBW # 377

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



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Tally Miosek

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.



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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
(v. 1, 2 & 3)

LBW # 448



DISMISSAL

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



POSTLUDE

Joyce Peterson & Tally Miosek

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

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

March 11th – 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

March 13th - 5:30 pm Lenten Shredded Turkey bun Dinner

6:45 pm Lenten Worship with Pastor Ale Tulu

March 14th - 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

March 16th - 9:30 am “Young” Women’s fellowship at Steph Curtis’ Home

March 17th - St. Patrick’s Day

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

12:00 pm Youth Skate City

**Church office closed
March 18th—22nd.**

We would like to thank Tally Miosek for sharing in her special musical talents with us today!

We are doing our best as a church to improve our methods of communication and making sure our members are well informed. You can help us make this possible scanning this QR code and by filling out the form for each member of your family!



Lenten Schedule

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

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.

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.

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

**March 24th
Palm Sunday**

Sunday school will be held at 9:00 am.

We invite our Sunday school students to participate in a palm parade during the 10 am worship at New Life. Following worship head on over to the Fire hall for their pancake feed until 1 pm!



**March 29th
Good Friday**

Community Worship at 7:00 pm at the Rothsay Baptist Church.

March 31st - Easter Sunday

The new life youth will be serving an Easter breakfast from 8:45-9:45 am before worship.

We will be serving egg bake, muffins, and fruit for a free will donation helping to continue youth events and get kids to camp!

Worship at Little Bethany at 8:45 am

Worship at New Life at 10:00 am

**Maundy Thursday Worship Service
March 28, 2024**



Passover Seder Meal

at New Life Lutheran Church, Rothsay
6:15 pm

It was a Passover Seder meal that Jesus was celebrating with his disciples "in the night that he was betrayed." Come, eat, drink, and discover the rich meaning of this ancient and powerful Jewish rite/meal and how it can deepen our Christian faith and understanding as well. Bring your whole family!

You can sign-up for this meal in the narthex of New Life or Little Bethany or by calling the New Life church office (218-867-6557). Please indicate the number of adults, youth, and children that will be attending.

There will also be a sign-up for those who would like to volunteer to prepare the meal.

Easter Garden

**Orders will be taken through
March 11th, 2024. Sign-up sheets are
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 way.