



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

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March 17, 2024

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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

Who You Say I Am



PRAYER OF THE DAY (In unison)

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.



Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12

- ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- ²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- ³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**
- ⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother’s womb.
- ⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**
- ⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- ⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- ⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**



Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.



Gospel: John 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



CHILDRENS SERMON



SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

Down to the River to Pray

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.

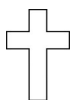
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

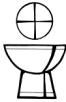


THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

In Living Hope



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

Because He Lives



DISMISSAL

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

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

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

March 18th – 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

6:30 pm Lions Club meeting

March 20th - 5:30 pm Lenten Chili Dinner

6:45 pm Lenten Worship with Pastor Randy

March 21st - 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

March 24th - Palm Sunday

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 with Sunday School Palm Parade

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 by scanning this QR code and by filling out the form for each member of your family!



**Church office closed
March 18th—22nd.
Please call ahead to
make sure someone
is available before
heading in.**

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.

Lenten Schedule

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

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.

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.