



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

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March 31, 2024

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Special Music: Doris Moen, Jennifer Honer, Steph Curtis, Kristen Heidecker, & Heather Reber



PRELUDE *Garden Sunrise*



Gospel: John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

L: Christ is Risen,
C: He is risen indeed.

**WELCOME & 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)**

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death.

Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

**First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.



Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 [Leader-fine print, Congregation-Bold Print]

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

²**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.



Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

 CHILDRENS SERMON

 SERMON

 HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Loves Me

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

3. Jesus take this heart of mine
Make it pure and wholly thine
On the cross You died for me.
I will try to live for Thee.
(Chorus)

Chorus

**Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.**

4. Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way.
He's prepared a home for me,
And Someday His face I'll see.
(Chorus)

2. Jesus Loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin.
Let His little child come in.
(Chorus)

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



OFFERTORY PRAYER (In unison)

Risen One,
**you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
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



SENDING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
bless you now and always.

Amen.



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



POSTLUDE

Song of Triumph

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

March 31st - Easter Sunday

8:30 am Easter Breakfast at New Life

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

10:00 am Worship at New Life

11:00 am Private family gathering

April 1st - 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

April 3rd - 6:00 pm Confirmation Rehearsal and pictures

April 4th - 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

3:00 pm Communion in Pelican Rapids

April 6th - 5:00 pm Meatball Supper

April 7th - Confirmation Sunday

8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee hour at New Life

9:00 am Sunday School at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life with Confirmation

11:00 am Mason Heidecker's Confirmation party

SIXTH ANNUAL

Swedish Meatballs made by Norwegians Supper

**Saturday, April 6, 2024
from 5-8 pm**

New Life Lutheran Church in Rothsay, MN
Freewill donation for supper

Swedish meatballs and
real mashed potatoes served
with gravy, lefse, corn,
dinner rolls, and dessert

MEATBALLS TO GO!

No time to eat in? Stop by to pick up
meals in a divided to-go container.



Proceeds go to the ministry and mission of New Life Lutheran Church.

Plus, don't miss out!

Bake Sale and Quilt Raffle

Attention bakers!

**We need your homemade goods
for our BAKE SALE during the
Meatball supper on April 6.**



Some ideas to consider: cookies, bars, cupcakes,
cakes, pies, candies, bread, buns, snack mixes,
lefse, rømmegrøt, rosettes, krumkake, jellies,
jams, pickles, salsa, home canned vegetables.

Please package your items to sell. Details for drop off to come.
Contact Julie Brenden for further info.

2024 Confirmation

Confirmation pictures and rehearsal will be held on April 3rd at 6:00 pm. Please come dressed in the same attire you will be wearing on Confirmation Sunday.

Picture order forms will be available on the day of pictures or available in the church office.

Confirmation Sunday will be on April 7th during the 10:00 am worship service.

Membership updates

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!

