

Peace
be with
you

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

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New Life Lutheran Church

April 14, 2024

Pastor: Randy Whitehead
Organist: Joyce Peterson
Reader: Kevin Brenden
Special Music: Jan & Sandy Severson



PRELUDE

Jan & Sandy Severson



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



NOISY OFFERING



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

C: Dear God, for the day you have given us, with all its possibilities, we thank you. For your gifts of life and love, of labor and rest, we praise your holy name. Forgive us that too often we are unappreciative while your goodness surrounds us; that we feel alone when there are many who love us; that we despair when your strength is near at hand. Tear down the walls that isolate us, make strong the ties that bind us, and help us to walk together with joy in all your ways; through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of your Spirit. Amen

L: The good news is that God forgives us and gives us Christ to be living water and true bread. Let us accept with joy these precious gifts of abundant life. Amen



OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

LBW # 128



PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of 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: Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?”¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”



Psalm: Psalm 4 [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**



Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.



Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

^{36b} Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.”

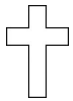


SPECIAL MUSIC

Jan Severson



CHILDRENS SERMON



SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LBW # 559

OFFERING (Offering will be received during the hymn of the day)

You can use the QR code to give online



OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.**





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.



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.



SENDING HYMN

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!

LBW # 133



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



POSTLUDE

Jan & Sandy Severson

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

April 14th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship at New Life

April 15th - 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan
6:30 pm Lions Club meeting

April 18th - 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

April 21st - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship at New Life

A big Thank You to Jan & Sandy Severson for sharing their musical talents with us this morning!

Pastor Randy will be on vacation April 14th - 20th.

"Young" Women's Fellowship

Young Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, April 24th.

At 6:00 PM at New Life Lutheran church in the heritage room.

Please join us for fellowship, fun and treats! No homework necessary.

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

Hope to see you there!

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!



Meatball Supper 2024

Income:

Meal	\$3,744.00
Defray expenses	\$ 125.00
Wooden Utensils	\$ 255.00
After meal sales	\$ 92.00
Bake sale	\$1,305.00
Meat raffle	<u>\$ 815.00</u>
Total Income	\$6,336.00

We served 67 to-go meals and about 340 plates. Serving a total of 407 people.

Expenses:

Rothsay truck stop	\$ 105.40
Hornbachers-food	\$ 324.12
Rothsay Regional-ad	<u>\$ TBD</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 429.52

Thank you all for your support of our meatball supper!

Net Income: \$5,906.48

