



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 & 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** *House of the Lord*



**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (in unison)

**O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**



### First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”



### Psalm: Psalm 23 [Leader-fine print, Congregation-Bold Print]

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**



### Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.



## Gospel: John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”



## CHILDRENS SERMON



## SERMON



## HYMN OF THE DAY *Goodness of God*

**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.**



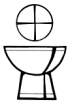
## THE PRAYERS

 **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**

*You've Already Won*



**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**

*How Great is Our God*



**DISMISSAL**

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

**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  
11:00 am VBS meeting

**April 22nd** - 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

**April 24th** - 6:00 pm "Young" Women's Fellowship

**April 25th** - 9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

**April 28th** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany  
9:00 am Coffee Hour  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship at New Life

### "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!

### Sunday School

Sunday School students will be singing in church on **May 5th**. This will also be our last day of Sunday school for the year.

Thank you to the teachers, students, and parents for another great year!

### 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>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,336.00</b>

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>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 429.52</b>

Thank you all for your support of our meatball supper!

**Net Income: \$5,906.48**

### Senior Recognition Sunday

May 19th

Join us for refreshments at 9:00 am and for worship at 10:00 am as we celebrate the a great accomplishment for these students:

- Cassie Brandt
- Kali Brandt
- Zachary Christ
- Kinsey Heier
- Peyton Kadel
- Elli Meyer
- Gracyn Petersen
- Travis Shirley Jr.

### Community Baccalaureate Service

May 22nd at 7:00 pm  
at the New Life Lutheran Church

The Rothsay community and all Rothsay Public School graduating seniors, along with their friends and family, are invited to a service in their honor.

Congratulations Seniors!

