



*Second  
Sunday in Lent*

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

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

**God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share 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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup> But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."



**Psalm: Psalm 27** [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- <sup>2</sup> **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**
- <sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.  
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
- <sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon  
the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.**
- <sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.
- <sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will  
sing and make music to the Lord.**
- <sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- <sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**
- <sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not  
away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.
- <sup>10</sup> **Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the Lord will take me in.**
- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord;  
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
- <sup>12</sup> **Subject me not to the will of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**
- <sup>13</sup> This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living!
- <sup>14</sup> **Wait for the Lord and be strong.  
Take heart and wait for the Lord!**



**Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1**

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

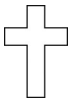


## **Gospel: Luke 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup> He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”



## **CHILDRENS SERMON**



## **SERMON**



## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

**LBW # 294**

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



## **OFFERTORY PRAYER** (In unison)

**Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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.**

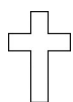
**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**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**



## **BENEDICTION**

God our tender parent, God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**



## **SENDING HYMN**

*He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!*

**LBW # 501**



## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

**March 16th** - 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

**March 18th** - 6:30 pm Cemetery board meeting

**March 19th** - 5:45 pm Lenten worship and Chili Supper  
6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

**March 23rd** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany  
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life  
10:00 am Worship at New Life

## **Lent Schedule**

This year looks a little different for our lent services. Supper and worship will both take place on Wednesday evenings in the fellowship hall at 5:45 pm.

March 19th — Chili will be served by the NLLC Youth.

March 26th — Cracked chicken and cheesy hashbrowns will be served by the Moen family.

April 2nd — Hotdish will be served by the Community Care Committee.

April 9th — Lasagna will be served by the NLLC Youth.

**March Office Manager Hours:**

March 17th - 20th 1 pm to 3:30 pm

March 25th - 27th 1 pm to 3:30 pm

March 31st - April 3rd 1 pm to 3:30 pm

SEVENTH ANNUAL

**Swedish Meatballs  
made by Norwegians  
Supper**

**Saturday, March 29, 2025  
from 5-8 pm**

New Life Lutheran Church in Rothsay, MN

**QUILT RAFFLE**

The Mission Quilters Fundraiser will set up their display on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at New Life Church. The drawing will be held on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Hall at 1 p.m.

The winner can choose one of the two quilts on display. You do not need to be present to win.

Tickets are 1 for \$2.00  
3 for \$5.00  
6 for \$10.00  
12 for \$20.00

Thanks for your support.

**Easter Garden**

Spring flowers will once again adorn our church Easter Sunday. A sign up table will be set up in church and order forms available beginning March 2, 2025. **Orders will be taken through March 31, 2025. We cannot assure flowers will be available for any orders received after that date.** Flower choices and prices for this year are as follows:

6.5" pot of tulips \$15

6.5" pot of hyacinth \$15

6.5" pot of daffodils \$15

6.5" pot of begonias \$19

8" spring bulb garden pot \$20

Please reach out to Jennifer Honer for any questions or details

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