



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

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

Wonderful, Merciful, Savior



NOISY OFFERING (will be taken during opening Hymn)



BAPTISM OF WILLIAM IRVIN HONE



PRAYER OF THE DAY (In unison)

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.



Psalm: Psalm 23

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- ² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
- ³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- ⁴ **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.**
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ **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: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²
singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

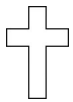


Gospel: John 10:22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."



CHILDRENS SERMON



SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

Reckless Love

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



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

The triune God,

who was, who is, and who is to come,

Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit,

light your way with resurrection dawn,

now and always.

Amen.



10,000 Reasons



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

May 11th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life

May 14th - 10:00 am Mission Quilters

6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

May 15th - 2:00 pm Blood Drive

May 16th - 8:00 pm Youth Lock-in

May 17th - 10:00 am Private event

May 18th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life with **Senior Recognition**

7:00 pm Baccalaureate at **The Rothsay Baptist Church**

May Office Manager Hours:

May 12th: 1 pm to 3:20 pm

May 14th: 1 pm - 2 pm

May 21st & 22nd: 1pm - 3:20 pm

May 27th - 29th: 10 am - 1:30 pm

Patrice may be in the office during other times that aren't posted. Feel free to stop by if you see her at the church.

Mission quilters will be meeting on Wednesday, May 14th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Please bring a sack lunch.

Blood Drive

May 15th

At New Life Lutheran Church

Time: 2:00-6:00 pm

Sponsored by the Rothsay Lions club

Mission workers are in need of a few items for their Lutheran World Relief kits.

- School bags, already made
- 70 page Wide ruled notebooks (4 to a kit)
- Kids scissors
- Bath towels (new or used)
- Soap
- Sleepers (6 mo. - 2 years)
- Sweaters/Sweatshirts (6 mo. - 2 years)
- Shirts (6 mo. - 2 years)
- Diapers
- Socks
- Caps

Please leave donated items at the church office or in the quilt room. We will be delivering kits the week of May 19th - 23rd.

Thanks a lot!

Upcoming Youth Events

(Grades 6-12)

Youth Group: May 16th- Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to come hang out for a night of laughter and fun at a lock-in starting at 8:00 pm! Sign up with Jessica no later than May 12th. Friends are welcome, cost will be \$10 per person to offset costs but please let Jess know if that's not possible for your family!

UPCOMING EXCITING NEWS!

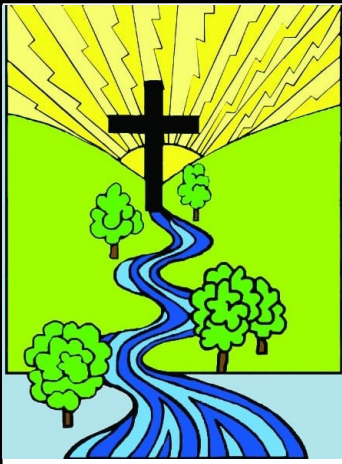


Miquette Deni, the founder of TeacHaiti will be coming to speak at our worship service on Sunday, June 29.

There will be brunch after worship where she will tell us more about the school.

Come hear what our noisy offering is used for!





Our theme for VBS this year is River of life! The program will run June 1 - June 5 from 5:30pm-8:00pm we will be gathering kids in Pre-K - 5th grade to learn about God and have fun together. The program for friends and family will be on June 5th at 6:30 pm with dinner to follow, we hope you can join us! If your child is in swimming lessons please let the bus know they will be dropped off at the church. You can sign your student(s) up online at Newlifeparish.net/forms

Please consider a suggested donation \$10.00 per student or \$30.00 per family, to help cover costs to our program! This is not required to register for our event.

We are looking for volunteers to help with activities during VBS and volunteers to provide and serve food. If you are willing to help in one of these areas, please find the sign-up sheets in the narthex.

Senior Recognition Sunday

May 18th

Join us for muffins & refreshments at 9:00 am and for worship at 10:00 am where graduates will be presented with a quilt. Come help us celebrate the great accomplishment for these students:

- Dylan Christenson
- Isabelle Hanson
- Hannah Christenson
- Josh Honer
- Preston Curtis
- Gavin Toso
- Addison Fetterer

There will be baskets available for those who wish to place cards in them.

Community Baccalaureate Service

May 18th at 7:00 pm

at the **Rothsay Baptist 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!

CARE COMMITTEE

New Project

CARE bag Looking ideas for Expecting Mothers and donations!

Continue doing Birthday Bags!

CARE bags for those need support in illness if know of someone please contact one of the committee member.