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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

All Creatures of Our God and King

LBW # 527



PRAYER OF THE DAY (In unison)

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and

eat.’⁸ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house.¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter;’¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?”¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”



Psalm: Psalm 148 [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

² **Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,
⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;**

⁹ mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² **young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**



Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

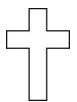


Gospel: John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”



CHILDRENS SERMON



SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LBW # 315

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.



SENIOR RECOGNITION (See Insert)

Those being recognized today are:

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



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

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.



SENDING HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises

LBW # 148



DISMISSAL [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

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 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 19th - 2:00 pm Private Gathering
6:30 pm Lions Club meeting

May 21st - 6:30 pm Confirmation Orientation

May 25th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life

May Office Manager Hours:

May 20th & 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.

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!

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.

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!

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.