



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

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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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

LBW # 526



PRAYER OF THE DAY (In unison)

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.



Psalm: Psalm 67 [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.



Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

¹⁰ And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.



Gospel: John 14:23-29

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”



CHILDRENS SERMON



SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes

LBW # 338

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.



SENDING HYMN

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

LBW # 566



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 25th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany

9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life

May 30th - June 1st - Synod assembly

May 31st - Wedding at Little Bethany

June 1st - 9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life

10:00 am Worship at New Life

June 1st - 5th - Vacation Bible School

May Office Manager Hours:

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

Mission Quilters will be meeting on
Wednesday, June 11th
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Bring a sack lunch.



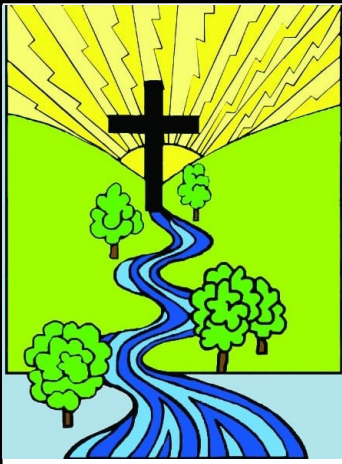
UPCOMING EXCITING NEWS!

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.

Otter Tail County needs foster parents,

We need loving homes for children of all ages. If you have ever considered fostering, now is the time to learn more and explore whether it's right for you.

Not everyone can become a foster parent, but everyone can help! Whether it's through providing a meal, offering a listening ear, or helping with daily needs. There are many ways to support foster families through your organization and community.

Help raise awareness about the need for foster parents by sharing this information with your network, using the included resources on social media, and becoming a champion for foster care in Otter Tail County.

Thank you for your consideration.

For questions or more information, please contact:

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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.