



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

He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!

LBW # 501



PRAYER OF THE DAY (In unison)

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-6

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."



Psalm: Psalm 30

- ¹ I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² **O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**
- ³ You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- ⁴ **Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**
- ⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
- ⁶ **While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.**
- ⁷ You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- ⁸ **I cried to you, O Lord;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**
- ⁹ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- ¹⁰ **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;
O Lord, be my helper."**
- ¹¹ You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
- ¹² **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**



Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

- ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
- ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"
- ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.



Gospel: John 21:1-19

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

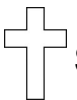
⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."



CHILDRENS SERMON



SERMON



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

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

I Love to Tell the Story

LBW # 390



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 4th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
9:00 am **LAST DAY** of Sunday School at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life **Sunday School Sings**

May 7th - 5:00 pm Youth Spring Cleaning

May 10th - 9:35 am Young Women's Fellowship at Mary Jo's home

May 11th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life

Please join us for fellowship, fun, and brunch!
YOUNG WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
will be held next
on Saturday, May 10 at 9:35am
Home of Mary Jo Gaugler
17391 Beseau Lake Road
Lake Park.
(takes 35 min to get from Rothsay to my house)

I can give more exact directions as Google Maps sometimes gets it wrong

May Office Manager Hours:

May 1st: 1 pm to 3:30 pm
May 5th - 8th: 1 pm to 3:20 pm
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.

Upcoming Youth Events

(Grades 6-12)

Service Event: May 7th from 5-7pm Spring Cleaning, youth and families can help with projects around the church such as dusting, scrubbing walls, and cleaning/organizing other needed areas throughout the church.

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!

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

Please bring a sack lunch.

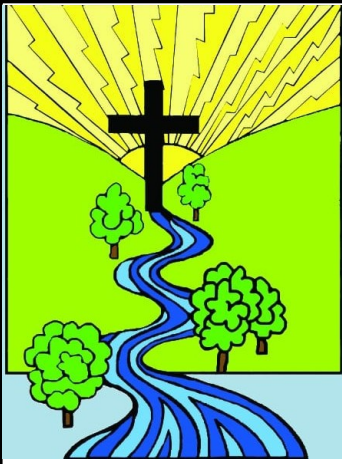
Blood Drive

May 15th

At New Life Lutheran Church

Time: 2:00-6:00 pm

Sponsored by the Rothsay Lions club



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.