

Church Calendar this week

Sunday, September 7

8:45 am Little Bethany Worship
9:00 am Coffee Hour (New Life)
10:00 am New Life Worship

Monday, September 8

9:00 am Tia Ji Quam

Tuesday, September 9

No activities scheduled

Wednesday, September 10

10:00 am Mission Quilters
6:30 pm NLLC Council Meeting

Thursday, September 11

9:00 am Tia Ji Quam

Friday, September 12

No activities scheduled

Saturday, September 13

No activities scheduled

Sunday, September 14

8:45 am Little Bethany Worship
9:00 am Coffee Hour (NL)
9:30 am Coffee Hour (LB)
10:00 am New Life Worship
5:00 pm Pig Roast

Thank you to:

Organist:

Joyce Peterson

Reader:

Sound System:

Jennifer Horner

OFFERATORY PRAYER

God of our life and all our resources, we bring these gifts with thankful hearts for all that you have done for us. Bless the labor of our minds and hands. We pray that our gifts would built community and help distribute justice for all people. Amen

APOSTLES CREED

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 life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

HOLY COMMUNION

The Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, Blessing, and Prayer

THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

SENDING HYMN WOV#377

"Lift High The Cross"

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

13th Sunday after Pentecost

7 September 2025

PRELUDE

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Let us turn our hearts and faces to God to seek God's abundant mercy and grace.

All: God of truth, how difficult it is for us to be truthful with you and with ourselves. We want to hide our brokenness, anxieties, and fears. We are slow to admit our frailties, resentments, and self-centeredness. But, they are there. By the power of your Word, please cut through our evasions and self-delusions, and help us to be honest, repentant, and to truly seek renewal. Lord, we are sinful, prideful, and obtuse when it comes to loving you and loving our fellow human beings. Forgive us, we pray. And, show us a better way. Guide us to your light, our only true life, and most profound joy.

Leader: In Christ, God accepts us as we are; never perfect, but always blessed with wondrous and varied gifts to be his hands, his feet, his voice, his love in this world. Your sins are forgiven, your brokenness healed, your path ahead marked with the cross of Christ.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN—WOV #546

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and



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Publication Deadlines:

Sunday announcements - Tuesday A.M.,
Newsletter - 19th of the month

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

Announcements

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Sunday School Registration is now **OPEN!**

The registration form can be found on the church website:
newlifeparish.net/forms/

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Mission Quilters

Will be meeting on **Wednesday, September 10th** between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Remember to bring a sack lunch.

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Mark your Calendars:

Confirmation Begins!
There will be a meeting for Parents and Students
On Wednesday,
September 17th at 6:30 pm
Ice Cream and Cookies will be provided.

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YOUNG WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, September 24th at 6:00pm in the New Life Heritage Room
Please join us - All are Welcome!
For more information, contact Mary Jo.

curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live,²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Psalm: **Psalm 1**

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: **Philemon 1-21**

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might

have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Gospel: **Luke 14:25-33**

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY WOV #487
“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

OFFERING

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Prayers for the family of Diana Brusven as she passed away on Monday, September 1st. Her funeral was held on Friday, September 5th at Boulger Funeral Home in Fargo.

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Memorial Service for Teresa (Moen) Gill
Saturday, September 20th
11:00 am
New Life Church
Please keep her family in your prayers.

