

Church Calendar this week

Sunday, January 4
8:45 am Little Bethany Worship
9:00 am Coffee Hour (LB)
9:30 am Coffee Hour (NL)
10:00 am New Life Worship

Monday, January 5
No activities

Tuesday, January 6
No activities

Wednesday, January 7
Quilted Footprints—Private Event
5:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, January 8
Quilted Footprints—Private Event

Friday, January 9
Quilted Footprints—Private Event

Saturday, January 10
Quilted Footprints—Private Event

Sunday, January 11
8:45 am Little Bethany Worship
9:00 am Coffee Hour (LB)
9:30 am Coffee Hour (NL)
10:00 am New Life Worship

Thank you to:

Organist:
Joyce Peterson

Reader:

Sound System:
Stephanie Curtis

OFFERATORY PRAYER
Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Please satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. 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 #651
"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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

2nd Sunday of Christmas

4 January 2026


PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSIN AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.
Amen.
Trusting in God’s steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin. Reconciling God,
we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.

God’s grace upon grace flows over you. Christ’s presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!
Amen.

OPENING HYMN—WOV #658
“Holy Child Within the Manger”

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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: **Jeremiah 31:7-14**
⁷ Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.” ⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹ With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble,



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

Within the gospel reading’s profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God’s grace and truth.

Announcements

New Member Sunday – January 25, 2026

New Life Lutheran Church is excited to welcome new members into our church family.

We'll celebrate together during worship with a special service of blessing and fellowship.

*Whether you're officially joining or simply curious about membership, we invite you to be part of this joyful day.

Stay tuned for more details, and let's give thanks for the gift of community and the new friends God is bringing into our midst!



for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock." ¹¹ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my

PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20

¹² Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion, ¹³ **who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children within you.** ¹⁴ God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat. ¹⁵ **God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.** ¹⁶ God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes. ¹⁷ **God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?** ¹⁸ The Lord sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow. ¹⁹ **God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.** ²⁰ The Lord has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have

also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

[¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.] ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY— WOV #716
"Word of God Come Down on Earth"

OFFERING

Announcements

Mission Quilters

Mark your calendars!
The Mission Quilters will meet on the following dates in 2026:

- January 14
- February 11
- March 11
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Note: Please bring a bag lunch

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