

Church Calendar this week

Sunday, December 14

8:45 am Little Bethany Worship
9:00 am Coffee Hour (NL)
10:00 am New Life Worship
11:00 am First Communion Class

Monday, December 15

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan
6:30 pm Lion's Club

Tuesday, December 16

No activities

Wednesday, December 17

3:45 pm First Communion Class
5:30 pm Confirmation
6:30 pm 56er's Youth Group Christmas Party

Thursday, December 18

9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

Friday, December 19

No activities

Saturday, December 20

No activities

Sunday, December 21

8:45 am Little Bethany Worship
9:00 am Coffee Hour (NL)
10:00 am New Life Worship
10:00 am Christmas Choir
Youth Christmas Party

Thank you to:

Organist:

Joyce Peterson

Reader:

Marlow Rasmusson

Sound System:

John & Heather Reber

Advent Candle Lighters:

Nick & Nancy Aaberg Family

Song Leaders:

Julie Brenden, Lori Tillman,
and Heather Reber



What a show!

Our Sunday School kids and teachers put on the most creative program on December 7th—a TV talk show where the host interviewed the animals! Thank you for your imagination, energy, and joy.

You made us laugh, think, and celebrate together!



Did your child miss the First Communion Instruction Class earlier this Fall? Well, if so, Just in time for Christmas, we will have another two opportunities for your child to receive instruction, and receive the Lord's Supper with you this Christmas. He or she can attend the First Communion Class on Sunday, December 14, at 11 am (following the worship service) or on Wednesday, December 17, at 3:45 pm. Both classes will be at New Life Church. Please let us know ahead of time with which class works out for your child. If neither time works out for you, please contact Pastor Randy to arrange a different time.

Help Us Keep the Path Clear!

Now Hiring: Snow Removal Hero at New Life Lutheran Church
Are you someone who finds joy in a freshly shoveled sidewalk? Do you believe that no one should have to wade through a snowdrift to get to Sunday worship? We're looking for a reliable, cheerful snow remover to help keep our church grounds safe and welcoming all winter long!

What You'll Do:

- Clear sidewalks and entryways
- Spread salt to prevent slips
- Occasionally wave at grateful folks who appreciate your work

When We Need You:

- Early mornings before Sunday services
- As needed throughout the week (flexible scheduling)

What You Bring:

- A strong back and a warm heart
- Dependability and a good sense of humor

What We Offer:

- Competitive pay (yes, even for snow angels)
- The satisfaction of knowing you're helping people gather safely

Interested? Email us at newlife@rtelnet.net or call the office at 218-867-6557. Let's make this winter a little brighter—one cleared path at a time!



3rd Sunday of Advent

14 December 2025

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Long-expected God,

We confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

Amen.

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Nick & Nancy Aaberg Family

OPENING HYMN—

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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: **Isaiah 7:10-17**

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” ¹³ Then Isaiah^l said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted. ¹⁷ The Lord will bring on you and on your people and on your ancestral house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”



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Publication Deadlines:

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

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

Announcements

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Annual Christmas Bag Goodies Drive

It's that time of year again! We're gathering donations for our **Christmas Bags** to spread joy to those in need. If you'd like to contribute, we'd love your help!
Deadline for donations: December 15
Assembly: After church the following Sunday
Delivery: That same week

Let's make this season a little brighter together!

Questions? Contact
Joyce Peterson at 218-867-2443.

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New Member Sunday – Coming in January!

New Life Lutheran Church is excited to welcome new members into our church family this January!

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

*Date to be announced soon

*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!



Second Reading: Acts 4:5-12

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹² "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Gospel: 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY—
"Light of the World"

OFFERING

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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—
"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"

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

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Mission Quilters

The Mission Quilters will be making quilts for the Salvation Army Christmas toy shop families. Twin size is usually the most popular size, but they have babies/toddlers signed up who can use smaller ones as well as teenagers who have full or queen beds. If you want to help out, leave donations in the quilt closet. Deadline for donations is December 14th. Questions: call Mary Brandt at 218.867.2693.

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