

### Church Calendar this week

**Sunday, March 15**  
8:45 am Little Bethany Worship  
9:00 am Coffee Hour (NL)  
10:00 am New Life Worship

**Monday, March 16**  
9:00 am Tai Ji Quan  
6:00 pm Lions Club Meeting

**Tuesday, March 17**  
*St. Patrick's Day*

**Wednesday, March 18**  
5:15 pm Confirmation  
5:45 pm Lenten Supper and Worship

**Thursday, March 19**  
9:00 am Tai Ji Quan

**Friday, March 20**  
*No activities*

**Saturday, March 21**  
5:00 pm Swedish Meatball Supper

**Sunday, March 22**  
8:45 am Little Bethany Worship  
9:00 am Coffee Hour (NL)  
10:00 am New Life Worship

### Thank you to:

*Organist:*  
Joyce Peterson

*Reader:*  
Chris Buckingham

*Sound System:*  
Jennifer Honer



\*Youth will be manning the dishwasher at the Swedish meatball dinner on March

21st. Please use the clipboard outside the sanctuary to sign up for a time slot, we need to keep those dishes moving!

\*Serving at Ronald McDonald house on March 22nd from 3:30-5:30, room for up to 5 people. Priority given to youth in grades 7-12, contact Jess if interested.

\*There will be an Easter Play as part of worship, Jen Honer and others are helping to put together. Please let Jen or Jess know ASAP if you're willing to play a part, there is room for **all ages!**

### 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—LBW #551

**"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

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



THIS EASTER SEASON, OUR SANCTUARY WILL BE ADORNED WITH BEAUTIFUL SPRING FLOWERS. IF YOU WISH TO SPONSOR A PLANT IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF SOMEONE SPECIAL, FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY, PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MARCH 22.

# Forth Sunday of Lent

15 March 2026

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

**Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers:

**Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

**Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN—LBW#520

**"Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



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### Publication Deadlines:

Sunday announcements - Tuesday A.M.,

Newsletter - 19th of the month

*Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.*

## Announcements

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### New Life Lutheran Church Scholarships

Three scholarships are available for NLLC student members.

**Arne S. Brenden Christian Education Scholarship** provides financial assistance to students of a Christian college or seminary, or who are pursuing a career in the ministry or Christian education.

The **Thor Sorum Lutheran Seminary Scholarship** provides financial assistance to students at any Lutheran Seminary in the US.

The **Hamar-Haas Scholarship** is available one time to any full-time post-secondary student who is a member of New Life Lutheran Church. All three scholarships require students to be enrolled in the subsequent term.

**Deadline for application is May 1** and applicants will be notified by **June 1**.

Application is available at the church office.



**EIGHTH ANNUAL**  
**Swedish Meatballs**  
*made by Norwegians*  
Supper  
**Saturday, March 21, 2026**  
from 5-8 pm  
New Life Lutheran Church in Rothsay, MN  
Freewill donation for supper

Swedish meatballs and real mashed potatoes served with gravy, lefse, corn, dinner rolls, and dessert

**New Life**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Proceeds go to the ministry and mission of New Life Lutheran Church.

**MEATBALLS TO GO!**  
No time to eat in? Stop by to pick up meals in a divided to-go container.

And pick up your favorite treats at the **BAKE SALE!**

### PSALM: Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

### GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup> They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." <sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind

man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." <sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." <sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup> They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup> He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup> They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. <sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup> He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

CHILDRENS SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY—LBW#448  
**"Amazing Grace"**

OFFERING

## Announcements

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**TAKING DONATIONS**  
TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN MAY



*\*\*See complete list on bulletin board\*\**

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## Attention bakers!

**We need your homemade goods for our BAKE SALE during the Meatball supper on March 21.**

*Some ideas to consider: cookies, bars, cupcakes, cakes, pies, candies, bread, buns, snack mixes, lefse, rømmegrøt, rosettes, krumkake, jellies, jams, pickles, salsa, home canned vegetables.*

Please package your items to sell.

No pricing necessary.

Contact Julie Brenden at 218-205-1192 for further info.

