

New Life Lutheran Church
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"Disciples of Jesus Growing Disciples of Jesus"

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.



OPENING HYMN

This Is My Father's World

LBW # 554



PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”



Psalm: Psalm 34:15-22 [Leader-fine print, Congregation-Bold Print]

¹⁵The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
and God's ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers them from every one.

²⁰**God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²**O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**



Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.



Gospel: John 6:56-69

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”



**HYMN OF THE DAY*****Oh, Worship the King***
(Vs 1, 4, & 6)**LBW # 548****OFFERING** (Offering will be received during the hymn of the day)
You can use the QR code to give online**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (In unison)

Heavenly Father, **you have given us riches beyond measure.**
Bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and for your glory. 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**

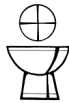
 **HOLY COMMUNION**
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
be upon you now and forever.

Amen.



SENDING HYMN

Earth and All Stars!

LBW # 558



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

August 25th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour
10:00 am Worship at New Life
11:00 am Youth Goose Chase

August 26th - 5:30 pm Lions club meeting

August 29th - 5:30 pm Bible Study

September 1st - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany with Holy Communion
9:00 am Coffee Hour
10:00 am Worship at New Life with Holy Communion

Office manager hours:

Friday, August 30th
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday, September 3rd - Friday, September 6th
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Monday, September 9th - Thursday, September 12th
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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** in the amount of \$400 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 October 1** and applicants will be notified by November 1. Application is available at the church office.

Youth Events

- August 25th- Goose chase scavenger hunt and lunch in Fergus Falls. Will need a couple of drivers! Tentatively leaving after worship and returning around 2:30 pm.
Sign up as an individual or a team with Jess on or before August 11th so we can have everyone split up and a plan for time/lunch!

Sunday School Registration 2024-2025

Sunday School kicks off on Sunday, September 8th at 9:00 am. The Sunday school calendar will follow the Rothsay Public School calendar. If there is no school on one of the days surrounding the weekend, we will not have Sunday School. Please scan the QR code to sign your student up.



Students will sing during worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month, please try your best to have your student(s) in church to participate those days. A calendar will be sent home on Rally Sunday with more information.

The tentative date for our Christmas program is Sunday, December 8th.

Grades 6-12 will have Sunday school with Jessica in the Heritage room on Sunday mornings. No need to register, just show up!

Quilting Update

September 11, 2024 lets get back to work! Meeting at 1:00 pm, in the heritage room. After our 1:00 pm meeting lets get back to our mission!

We are in need of some donations for the kits, sent out in October.

- From now until Sept. 1st, Walmart in Fergus Falls has notebooks on sale for \$0.45 each, notebooks needed are 70 sheets - Wide ruled (4 notebooks to a kit).
- Bath towels new or used, dark colors preferred. Walmart has these on the top shelf for \$3.00 each (1 towel per kit).
- Ivory or Dove bar soaps (2 bars per kit).

Please drop donations off at the church in the quilters closet or with office staff. All donations are very much appreciated!

Thank you!

- Quilters Group