



New Life Lutheran Church
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“Disciples of Jesus Growing Disciples of Jesus”

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



NOISY OFFERING



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

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen.



OPENING HYMN

Cornerstone



PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Amen.



First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.



Psalm: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed**

down; the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The Lord shall reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!



Second Reading: James 2:1-10,14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.



Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”



CHILDRENS SERMON - Blessing of Backpacks



In Christ Alone

OFFERING (Offering will be received during the hymn of the day)
You can use the QR code to give online



OFFERTORY PRAYER (In unison)

**Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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



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.



BENEDICTION

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



SENDING HYMN

It Is Well With My Soul



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

September 8th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship at New Life with Blessing of backpacks

September 11th - 1:00 pm Quilters meeting
6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

September 15th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship at New Life
11:00 am Sunday Funday Carnival
11:15 am First Communion Instruction

Quilters

September 11th, 2024, Let's get back to work! Quilters meeting will be at 1:00 pm, in the heritage room. After our 1:00 pm meeting lets get back to our mission!

See you then!
- R.A.

New Typical Office manager hours:

Monday - Thursday
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Sunday, September 15th
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Join us for our carnival with fun for all ages!

Don't miss your chance to soak Pastor Randy or Jessica in the Dunk tank; or let your kiddos burn off some energy in the bounce house. Stay for lunch as Big J's will be set up with a limited menu available to purchase lunch!

Wristbands will be available to purchase for \$10/person with a \$30.00 family cap for the bounce house, carnival games, and face painting.

Dunk tank balls will be \$3.00 per ball or 3 balls for \$5.00. If you sign up for direct deposit donations on the day of the carnival you will get 3 free balls!

**SUNDAY
FUNDAY
CARNIVAL**

Are your kids ready to receive Holy Communion?

If your child has been asking about communion, he or she is probably ready. Are you?

First Communion Class

Sign up for one class:

September 15th at 11:15 am or

September 18th at 3:30 pm

Following the class, the kids are invited to receive communion for the first time at the

10 am worship service on Sunday, October 6th

3rd Grade

Bible Introduction Classes

Sunday, October 6th at 11:15 am

Wednesday, October 9th at 3:30 pm

Bible Presentation will be at worship on Reformation Sunday, October 27th at 10:00 am

Upcoming Youth Events

September 25th - We will have youth group for ages 6th-8th grade from 6 - 7pm. Youth grades 9-12 will meet from 7:30-8:30 at the church. We will be playing minute to win it games and planning for the year ahead.

Confirmation

There will be a parent & student meal and meeting held on Wednesday, September 18th from 6:30 - 7:45 pm. Burgers and brats will be served. Regular classes will begin on Wednesday, September 25th at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions please let Pastor Randy or Jessica know.

New Life Lutheran Church Scholarships

Three scholarships are available for NLLC student members.

- 1. 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.
- 2. Thor Sorum Lutheran Seminary Scholarship** provides financial assistance to students at any Lutheran Seminary in the US.
- 3. 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.