



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,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act  
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.  
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;  
we resist your call to oppose injustice;  
we give in to scarcity and fear;  
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults  
and release us from their grasp.  
Show us your lovingkindness.  
Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

**Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

 **OPENING HYMN**      *Great is Thy Faithfulness*



## PRAYER OF THE DAY (In unison)

**Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."



### Psalm: Psalm 29 [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup> **the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- <sup>8</sup> **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- <sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup> **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- <sup>11</sup> O Lord, give strength to your people;  
**give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.**



## **Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17**

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.



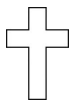
## **Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



## **CHILDRENS SERMON**



## **SERMON**



## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Goodness is God*

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



## **OFFERTORY PRAYER** (In unison)

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**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 Spirit of the triune God  
bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

**Amen.**



## **SENDING HYMN**

*A Thousand Hallelujahs*



## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

**January 12th** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany  
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life  
9:00 am Sunday School at New Life  
10:00 am Worship at New Life

**January 15th** - 10:00 am Quilters  
5:30 pm Confirmation

**January 19th** - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany  
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life  
10:00 am Worship at New Life  
11:15 am Youth lunch & escape room

### **January Office Manager Hours:**

Jan. 13th - 16th: 1 pm to 3:30 pm  
Jan. 21st - 24th 1 pm to 3:30 pm  
Jan. 28th - 30th 1 pm to 3:30 pm

### New Life Annual Meeting

The New Life annual meeting will be held on  
February 2nd following worship.

Please get reports to Patrice as soon as they are  
available. The report deadline is January 15th.

Emailed (newlife@rtelnet.net) or digital copies  
preferred.

### Quilting Update

Quilters Group will meet on  
January 15th 2025,  
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Bring a sack lunch.

Sincerely, Ruth A.

### Winter Confirmation retreat!

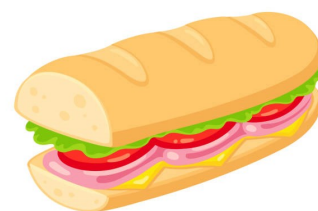
**January 24-26** in Brainerd, MN.

Open to all 7-8 grader AND  
PARENT CHAPERONES!

Let's relax at the hotel, let loose in the water  
park, and dive into the word of God while we  
catch our breath between laughs and lazy river  
rides.

### **Fundraiser!**

Super Bowl Subs are once again on the menu.  
Get your order in on the sign up sheet by January 26th to  
secure yours! Checks can be made out to New Life Lutheran  
Youth.



Thanks again for making this a fantastic fundraiser last year and we hope to be a  
part of your Super Bowl Celebrations again this year!

### **Young Women's Fellowship**

will meet on Wednesday, January 22 at 5:30 in the Heritage room  
at New Life Lutheran Church.

Please join us for fun, fellowship and faith!



### Open House

Joyce Peterson is turning 70 years old!

You are invited to help celebrate Joyce with an open house in her honor!

**When:** February 1st

**Time:** 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Where:** New Life Lutheran Church

“70”  
WHOLE YEARS  
OF BEING  
AWESOME

### The Meatball supper is being planned for March 29th!

We need your help! We are looking for volunteers to help with the following areas to help the meatball supper have another successful year:

- Silent auction coordinator
- Bake Sale coordinator
- Volunteers to serve the meal  
(we have two shifts)
- Volunteers to set up
- Volunteers to clean up
- Volunteers to clear tables  
(we have two shifts)
- Volunteers to help recruit helpers  
(for the jobs above)



If you are interested in any of the opportunities above to help make the Meatball Supper a success please contact Heather Nelson, Steph Olson, or contact the church office.