

THIRD *Sunday in Lent*



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

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New Life Lutheran Church

March 23, 2025

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.



PRAYER OF THE DAY (In unison)

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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 55:1-9

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.



Psalm: Psalm 63:1-8 [Leader-fine print, Congregation-Bold Print]

¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

⁴ **So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶ **when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷ For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸ **My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.



Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?” ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”



CHILDRENS SERMON



SERMON



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



OFFERTORY PRAYER (In unison)

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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

God our tender parent, God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.



SENDING HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

March 23rd - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life

March 24th - 6:30 pm Cemetery board meeting

March 25th - 8:00 am ACT Testing

March 26th - 5:45 pm Lenten worship and Cracked chicken Supper

March 29th - 5:00 pm Meatball Supper

March 30th - 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

March Office Manager Hours:

March 25th - 27th
1 pm to 3:30 pm

March 31st - April 3rd
1 pm to 3:30 pm

Attention bakers!

We need your homemade goods for our BAKE SALE during the Meatball supper on March 29.



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.

Lent Schedule

This year looks a little different for our lent services. Supper and worship will both take place on Wednesday evenings in the fellowship hall at 5:45 pm.

March 26th — Cracked chicken and cheesy hashbrowns will be served by the Moen family.

April 2nd — Hotdish will be served by the Community Care Committee.

April 9th — Lasagna will be served by the NLLC Youth.

SEVENTH ANNUAL

Swedish Meatballs made by Norwegians

Supper

**Saturday, March 29, 2025
from 5-8 pm**

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QUILT RAFFLE

The Mission Quilters Fundraiser will set up their display on Saturday, March 29th, Sunday, March 30th, Sunday, April 6th and Wednesday, April 9th at New Life Church. The drawing will be held on Sunday, April 13th at the Fire Hall at 1 p.m.

The winner can choose one of the two quilts on display. You do not need to be present to win.

Tickets are 1 for \$2.00
3 for \$5.00
6 for \$10.00
12 for \$20.00

Thanks for your support.

Mission workers are in need of a few items for their Lutheran World Relief kits.

- School bags, already made
- 70 page Wide ruled notebooks (4 to a kit)
- Kids scissors
- Bath towels (new or used)

Please leave donated items at the church office or in the quilt room. We will be delivering kits the week of May19th-23rd.

Thanks a lot!

Easter Garden

Spring flowers will once again adorn our church Easter Sunday. A sign up table will be set up in church and order forms available beginning March 2, 2025. **Orders will be taken through March 31, 2025. We cannot assure flowers will be available for any orders received after that date.** Flower choices and prices for this year are as follows:

- 6.5" pot of tulips \$15
- 6.5" pot of hyacinth \$15
- 6.5" pot of daffodils \$15
- 6.5" pot of begonias \$19
- 8" spring bulb garden pot \$20

Please reach out to Jennifer Honer for any questions or details

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