



First
Sunday
in Lent

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,
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.



NOISY OFFERING (Taken during the opening Hymn)



OPENING HYMN

Build My Life



PRAYER OF THE DAY (In unison)

**O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.



Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print]**

- ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—
² **you will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**
- ⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
¹⁰ **no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**
- ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.
¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**
- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**



Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b} “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that
Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be
saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the
mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to
shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of
all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of
the Lord shall be saved.”



Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the
wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all
during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him,
“If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus
answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”
⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the

world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS



CHILDRENS SERMON



SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

Who You Say I Am

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

In Christ Alone



DISMISSAL

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

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

March 9th - Daylight Savings time begins

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 **Sunday School Sings**
11:00 am Bunco with soup and sandwiches

March 10th - 6:30 pm Lions Club meeting

March 12th - 10:00 am Mission Quilters
5:45 pm Lenten worship and BBQ supper

March 16th - Daylight Savings time begins

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



Lent Schedule

This year is going to look 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 12th — BBQ's, chips, and caramel rolls will be served by Heather Nelson and Pastor Randy

March 19th — Chili will be served by the NLLC Youth.

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.

March Office Manager Hours:

March 10th - 13th: 1 pm to 3:30 pm
March 17th - 20th 1 pm to 3:30 pm
March 25th - 27th 1 pm to 3:30 pm
March 31st - April 3rd 1 pm to 3:30 pm

Mission Quilters will meet on
Wednesday, March 12th
From 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Bring a sack lunch.

Time to bring out the Birthday Bag Program. Looking for donations or create your own bag!

Create a Bag:

- 1: Birthday gift bag
- 2: Party Paper Plates
- 3: Party Napkins
- 4: Candles
- 5: Ballons or other party novelty items.
- 6: Foil cake pan 9X13
- 7: Cake Mix
- 8: Pop
- 9: Forks

Be creative make it for boy, girl or a generic one. See sample in fellowship Hall!

Coming in March!!!!!!

Join us for Family Soup and Bunco (Fun dice game)

Time of fun fellowship and excitement!

Sunday March 9 after Church service.

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

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