



Fifth
Sunday
in Lent

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

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Reader:

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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.

OPENING HYMN

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY (In unison)

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.



Psalm: Psalm 126 [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”**

³ The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁴ **Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵ Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**



Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.



Gospel: John 12:1-8

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."



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.

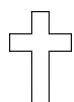
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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



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

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



SENDING HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

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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

April 6th - 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

April 9th - 10:00 am Mission Quilters
5:45 pm Lenten worship and Lasagna Supper
6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

April 13th - Palm Sunday
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**

April Office Manager Hours:

April 7th-11th Patrice is out of office
April 14th - 17th: 1 pm to 3:30 pm
April 22nd - 24th: 1 pm to 3:30 pm
April 28th - May 1st: 1 pm to 3:30 pm

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.

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

Holy Week

April 13th - Palm Sunday

Worship at Little Bethany at 8:45 am

Worship at New Life with **Sunday School singing** at 10:00 am

April 17th - Maundy Thursday

Worship at 7:00 pm at Little Bethany

April 18th - Good Friday

Community Worship at 7:00 pm at New Life Lutheran

April 20th - Easter Sunday

Easter Breakfast served by the Youth at 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Worship at Little Bethany at 8:45 am

Worship at New Life at 10:00 am



Mission quilters will be meeting on Wednesday, April 9th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Please bring a sack lunch.

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 May 19th-23rd.

Thanks a lot!

Confirmation update:

Confirmation pictures and rehearsal will be held on April 23rd at 6:00 pm. Please come dressed in the same attire you will be wearing on Confirmation Sunday.

Confirmation Sunday will be on April 27th during the 10:00 am worship service.

Parents and students, please get the information sheets to Patrice in the office as soon as possible.

April youth events not available at time of publication, please keep an eye on the New Life youth Facebook page and future bulletins for updates.