

New Life Presbyterian Church  
9th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 25, 2021

**Prelude**

*Prelude*  
*Giovanni Battista Pergolesi*  
*Joyce Brown, Organist*

**Prayer**

**Quote of the day**

*The food that enters the mind must be watched as closely as the food that enters the body.* — Pat Buchanan

**Announcements**

**\*Call To Worship**

Come, rest your spirits in the Lord.

**We come, hungering and thirsting for God's word.**

This is a place of peace and hope, where all may be fed and healed.

**Bring us to the time of healing.**

Come, place your trust in God who is always near you.

**Open our hearts, Lord, to hear your word and feel your presence.**

Come, let us celebrate and worship God!

**\*Call to Confession**

Children of God, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything. Let us confess our sins, first individually in silence and then together as one family in Christ. Let us pray.

**Silence**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

You know how we are, Lord. We say that we will take time to refresh our spirits and our souls and then we quickly crowd our lives with activities to the point of exhaustion. We turn to you for feeding and nurture, asking you to give us something to sustain us through our times. We even are willing to tell you what we have, but when we look closely, we discover that we bring so little to you. Take what we have, our gifts and our needs. Heal and forgive us when we boldly disobey your word. Remind us that you have given to us all that we need to serve you in this world. The world abounds with your miracles of love and hope. Open our eyes to see them and our hearts to know that these are from you and not of our own making. Heal and restore us to your everlasting love. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Do not worry! God's love is lavished upon you. It is always there for you, offering healing and hope. Rest in God's love. Friends believe in the promise of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, thanks be to God.**

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ Jesus**

Peace be with you

**And also with you.**

**\*Hymn**

*God of the Sparrow*

*Hymn No. 22*

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God of the sparrow God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbor God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children

**Scripture**

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

For this reason I kneel before the  
Father, from whom every family in heaven  
and on earth derives its name. I pray that

out of his glorious riches he may  
strengthen you with power through his  
Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ  
may dwell in your hearts through faith.  
And I pray that you, being rooted and  
established in love, may have power,  
together with all the Lord's holy people, to  
grasp how wide and long and high and  
deep is the love of Christ, and to know this  
love that surpasses knowledge—that you  
may be filled to the measure of all the  
fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do  
immeasurably more than all we ask or  
imagine, according to his power that is at  
work within us, to him be glory in the  
church and in Christ Jesus throughout all  
generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

John 6:1-21

After this, Jesus went across the Sea of  
Galilee (some call it Tiberias). A huge  
crowd followed him, attracted by the  
miracles they had seen him do among the  
sick. When he got to the other side, he  
climbed a hill and sat down, surrounded  
by his disciples. It was nearly time for the  
Feast of Passover, kept annually by the  
Jews.

When Jesus looked out and saw that a  
large crowd had arrived, he said to Philip,  
“Where can we buy bread to feed these  
people?” He said this to stretch Philip's  
faith. He already knew what he was going  
to do.

Philip answered, “Two hundred silver  
pieces wouldn't be enough to buy bread  
for each person to get a piece.”

One of the disciples—it was Andrew, brother to Simon Peter—said, “There’s a little boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But that’s a drop in the bucket for a crowd like this.”

Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” There was a nice carpet of green grass in this place. They sat down, about five thousand of them. Then Jesus took the bread and, having given thanks, gave it to those who were seated. He did the same with the fish. All ate as much as they wanted.

When the people had eaten their fill, he said to his disciples, “Gather the leftovers so nothing is wasted.” They went to work and filled twelve large baskets with leftovers from the five barley loaves.

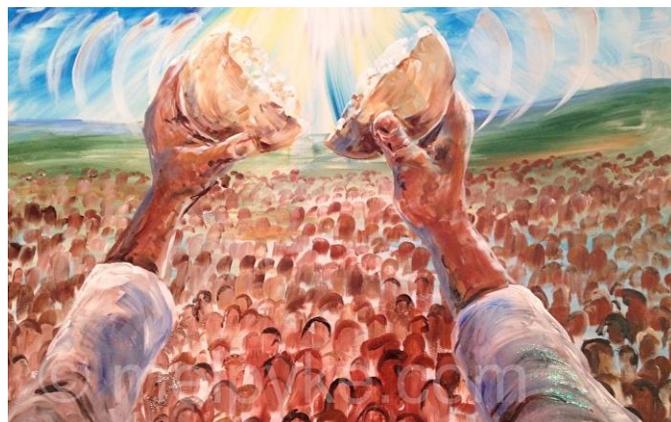
The people realized that God was at work among them in what Jesus had just done. They said, “This is the Prophet for sure, God’s Prophet right here in Galilee!” Jesus saw that in their enthusiasm, they were about to grab him and make him king, so he slipped off and went back up the mountain to be by himself.

In the evening his disciples went down to the sea, got in the boat, and headed back across the water to Capernaum. It had grown quite dark and Jesus had not yet returned. A huge wind blew up, churning the sea. They were maybe three or four miles out when they saw Jesus walking on the sea, quite near the boat. They were scared senseless, but he reassured them, “It’s me. It’s all right. Don’t be afraid.” So they took him on board. In no time they

reached land—the exact spot they were headed to.

**Sermon**

The Fullness of God  
Pastor Riz



**Hymn**

*Savior, like a shepherd Lead Us*  
Hymn No. 187

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Savior like a shepherd lead us  
Much we need your tender care  
In your pleasant pastures feed us  
For our use your fold prepare  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have bought us we are yours  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have bought us we are yours

We are yours in love befriend us  
Be the guardian of our way  
Keep your flock from sin defend us  
Seek us when we go astray  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus  
Hear your children when we pray  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus  
Hear your children when we pray

You have promised to receive us  
Poor and sinful though we be  
You have mercy to relieve us  
Grace to cleanse and power to free  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus  
Early let us turn to you  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus  
Early let us turn to you

Early let us seek your favor  
Early let us do your will  
Blessed Lord and only Savior  
With your love our spirits fill  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have loved us love us still  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have loved us love us still

#### **Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**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 sins, as we  
forgive those who sin against us. Lead  
us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

#### **Special Music**

*With a Song*  
*Deep Down in My Heart*  
North Suburban Chorus

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Awesome God, Jesus fed thousands of  
people with seemingly little effort. Yet,  
we have grave difficulty feeding children  
in our own country -- let alone the entire  
world. Even while we are praying this  
prayer, someone has died from**

**starvation and the lack of food. When we  
share resources with care-giving  
ministries, your hand is upon our  
shoulders, just like it was upon Jesus'  
shoulders the day he fed his followers.  
Thank you for giving us this opportunity  
to change lives by becoming generous  
caregivers of the resources that you first  
gave to us. Amen.**

#### **\*Benediction**

Let us go forth in faith in our  
Nonperishable God, who gives us daily  
what we need to feed our bodies and  
spirits.

**Our common need for nourishment  
unites us together as the body of Christ.**

You have been given every good gift for  
proclaiming God's presence and God's  
love.

**The world is thirsting for this good news.  
People hunger for words of hope and  
peace.**

May the holy Bread of Life create  
sustenance for the journey, calm for  
troubled stomachs, grace-filled movement  
for aching limbs, and joyful activity for all  
bodies as we seek to live in sacred  
community.

**To the Holy Trinity, whose power works  
within us to accomplish more than we  
could ask or imagine or comprehend, be  
glory forever and ever! Amen.**

#### **Postlude**

*Prelude and Fugue in C*  
*Johann G Albrechtsberger*  
*Joyce Brown, musician*

## Good News

**Park & Ride** – The Great Minnesota Get-Together is on for 2021 and is only a little more than 5 weeks away! NLPC and our project partners will host Park & Ride once again, from August 26<sup>th</sup> thru September 6<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for more captains and individuals to volunteer to cover 2-hour+ shifts. Come hang out with fellow congregation members and meet folks from the surrounding community. Sign up online at [SignUpGenius](#), at the sign-up table in the NLPC Atrium before/after worship, or by contacting John Bootier (612.715.6519 / [jwbootier@gmail.com](mailto:jwbootier@gmail.com)).

**Emergency Contact Information** - It's time to update your emergency information for the church records. We would like to know who to contact on your behalf in case of emergency. **All information will be confidential!** Forms are on the Opportunities Table in the Atrium and will also be mailed out in a week or so. They can be mailed in or put in a drop box at the church. Thank you for your help in collecting this important information.

**Blood Drive** - New Life is hosting a blood drive on August 16, and we need a few volunteers to help prepare for the blood drive and to be present during the drive that day. The hours of the drive are 1:00-7:00 pm. If you're interested in this effort or have questions, please contact Ed Galle or Cynthia Erickson. With your help, we can have a successful event!

There will be a table in the Atrium after the service for donors to start signing up for the blood drive.

## **Planting Seeds of Hope Community Garden**

- Starting Monday, July 12th and every Monday throughout the harvest season we will be delivering the harvest from our Giving Garden to Every Meal. Home gardeners are welcomed to contribute. There will be a cooler in the garden every Saturday until Monday at 10:00. Or contact **Nancy Marchetto** [gardening@newlifechurchroseville.org](mailto:gardening@newlifechurchroseville.org)

**Congregational Meeting** - The Session of New Life Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, following the worship service for the purpose of electing the following elders: Tom Carlson, Sara Drake, Melinda Maurey, Butch Inks, and Kim Spear. This will be an in-person meeting in the Sanctuary. However, if you wish to attend virtually, please call in your vote to Deb at the church office number before July 30. We strongly encourage active members to attend so that we have a quorum.

**School Supplies Drive** – See back.



# SCHOOL TOOLS DRIVE

## SCHOOL TOOLS RECIPIENT PROGRAMS & AGENCIES

### Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul:

Department of Indian Work through its Emergency Services, Family Education Diabetes Series, and Youth Enrichment programming, serves hundreds of local American Indian youth each year. Students are taught indigenous history, arts, ceremony, literacy, and healthy living.

**Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul:** Project Home provides emergency shelter for families facing homelessness in Ramsey County. Hundreds of children, along with their parents, are sheltered each year.

**WE WILL BE COLLECTING** new backpacks, calculators, and other school essentials to benefit school children from low-income families being served through ten different programs throughout Greater Saint Paul.

### BRING YOUR DONATIONS

Drive dates: July 21st thru August 8th

Drop off location: NLPC Atrium

Monetary donations are also welcome. Checks may be made payable to Interfaith Action with "School Tools" in the memo line.

**SUPPLY LIST.** All items should be new. We serve elementary, middle, and high school students.

#### Backpacks

3-ring binders  
Calculators  
Spiral & composition notebooks  
Pencils  
Pens

Markers  
Erasers  
Highlighters  
Pencil sharpeners  
Colored pencils  
Glue sticks & bottles  
Folders  
School boxes

Rulers  
Loose-leaf paper  
Scissors  
Crayons  
Facial tissue  
Hand sanitizer  
Reusable masks



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