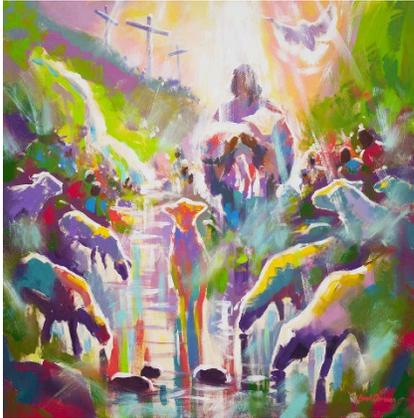


New Life Presbyterian Church
4th Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day
May 8, 2022



Prelude *Emily Urban, Piano*

Prayer

Quote of the day

When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child. – Sophia Loren

Announcements

***Call To Worship**

Come! Let us worship and praise God.

The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.

Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.

Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God’s love and bounty.

Surely God’s mercy accompanies us on our journey.

And we will dwell in God’s house forever.

Come let us celebrate and worship God!

***Hymn** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*
No. 187, vs. 1,2,3

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.

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***Call to Confession**

For surely I know the plans I have for you,
says the Lord, plans for your welfare and
not for harm, to give you a future with
hope. Then when you call upon me and
come and pray to me, I will hear you.

When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart. Let us first confess our sins individually in silence and then together as one family in Christ. Let us pray.

***Silence**

***Prayer of Confession**

**Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah—
we know you by many names, Lord.
Your presence fills our lives—
all that we are and all that we have
comes from you; all that you do declares
your love for us. Yet when trouble
comes, when adversity plagues us, we
wonder where you are;
we even wonder who you are.
How quickly we forget
that you are always with us.
Dispel our gloom and despair.
Change our garments of darkness
into robes of dazzling light.
Spread your table before us,
and feed us from your hand.
Lead us in the paths of righteousness,
for it is in your name that we pray.
Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Even in the darkest valley, though death's shadow may threaten us, we need not fear, for the Lord is with us. God will comfort and shelter us. No harm will come to us. No one can snatch us out of the Lord's hand. God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. 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.

Scripture

Acts 9:36-43

Down the road a way in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, "Gazelle" in our language. She was well-known for doing good and helping out. During the time Peter was in the area she became sick and died. Her friends prepared her body for burial and put her in a cool room.

Some of the disciples had heard that Peter was visiting in nearby Lydda and sent two men to ask if he would be so kind as to come over. Peter got right up and went with them. They took him into the room where Tabitha's body was laid out. Her old friends, most of them widows, were in the room mourning. They showed Peter pieces of clothing the Gazelle had made while she was with them. Peter put the widows all out of the room. He knelt and prayed. Then he spoke directly to the body: "Tabitha, get up."

She opened her eyes. When she saw Peter, she sat up. He took her hand and helped her up. Then he called in the believers and widows, and presented her to them alive.

When this became known all over Joppa, many put their trust in the Master. Peter stayed on a long time in Joppa as a guest of Simon the Tanner.

John 10:22-30

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in

the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Message

*Growing in Faith
Pastor Riz*

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.

Tithes & Offerings

Music at the Offering

Emily Urban, Piano

Response

*Praise God, from Whom All
Blessings Flow
No. 609*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Brian Wren, 1989

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*Prayer of Dedication

Good Shepherd, you keep us safe in your Word. You strip away any enemy if we focus on your righteousness. You never lead us astray. You are the Alpha and the Omega. Your goodness and mercy overflow in our lives. May these gifts with which you have blessed us support ministries that bring others into your heavenly fold. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

*For All the Faithful Women
No. 324, vs. 1,3,4*

For all the faithful women
Who served in days of old,
To you shall thanks be given;
To all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
In tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness,
Proclaimed your power to save.

We sing of busy Martha,
Who toiled with pot and pan
While Mary sat in silence

To hear the word again.
We praise the other Mary,
Who hastened to the tomb
And found her Lord arisen,
Dispelling doubt and gloom.

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas,
Who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness,
Her heart an open door.
O God, for saints and servants,
Our fervent prayer we raise,
That, faithful in your service,
Our lives may sing your praise.

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***Benediction**

Go now with your trust in the good shepherd,
Let us love, not just in words, but in truth and action.
Believe in the name of Jesus Christ,
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.
And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death.
May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life.
And may the Holy Spirit abide in you and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.
We go forth in peace and hope this day, to bring news of God’s love to all. Amen.

Postlude *Emily Urban, Piano*

Thank You for Serving Today!

Liturgist *Jan Cryer*
Pianist *Emily Urban*
Greeter *Mary Barraclough*
Sound Techs *Diana Slotness*
Facebook Stream *Pamela Schoon*
Zoom Host *None*

Volunteers needed: We currently have no-one to host the Zoom service next Sunday, May 15. If no volunteer steps up, we will not be able to provide Zoom call-in access for the folks who can only connect via telephone. Please sign up on [SignUp Genius](#) if you’re able to help.

We are also in need of liturgists on the last two Sundays of May, the 22nd and 29th. You can sign up [here](#) or contact Deb in the office after May 11th.

WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON - You are invited to an all-church **luncheon Sunday, May 15th**, following the service. It will be served in the Great Room and is FREE. It will be catered so all can enjoy! If you have special dietary needs, please call Sandy McGiffin at 651-633-2924. **SAVE THE DATE!** Invitations have been sent. **Please RSVP** to Sandy (651-633-2924) or Deb (deb@NewLifeChurchRoseville.org) **by May 5th so we know how much food to order.** Many thanks to Sandy McGiffin and Jan Silliman for organizing and hosting.

Upcoming Blood Drive - Blood is a perishable product that can only come from volunteer blood donors. With someone in the U.S. needing blood every two seconds,

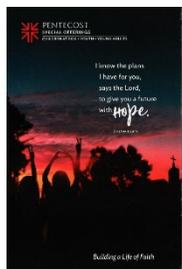
blood products must be constantly replenished, according to the Red Cross.

“We urge community members to donate blood and help ensure that patients in local hospitals have a supply of blood ready and waiting before an emergency occurs. There’s no better feeling than knowing that your blood donation may give someone a second chance at life.”

The Red Cross is working diligently to meet the blood needs of hospitals and patients – but can’t do it alone. We need your help!

Our next drive at NLPC is scheduled for **May 17, 2022, from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm.** If you are eligible, please sign up to donate. All blood types are needed. An ID or blood donor card is required at check-in. Giving blood is one way to share our God-given gift of life with our neighbors. To make an appointment or to learn more, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Use code NLP to navigate directly to our blood drive. And feel free to talk with Ed Galle or Cynthia Erickson if you have questions.

Pentecost Offering – At Pentecost, we celebrate that God offers more than we can plan. **40%** of your gift stays with our congregation to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults. **25%** supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service. **25%** supports ministries with youth. **10%** is devoted to children at risk. The gifts we



share will help young people learn important lessons about life and faith. Please give generously...for if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. You can write a check payable to NLPC with Pentecost written in the memo, or go to our website’s GIVE page to give via PayPal or Vanco. You can also text PENTECOST to 91999 to support these vital ministries.



Holy Hammers Habitat for Humanity Project for 2022:

The Holy Hammers coalition of churches is helping build affordable housing again this year. Unlike in past years where we took on the build of a single new house, this year the group will be working on two projects. The first is finishing up a new home already underway and then moving to the second house which is the rehab of an existing home. NLPC has been assigned dates to work on the second rehab project as below.

- NLPC Dates:** **May 26 and July 1 (weekdays)**
- Time:** **8:30 AM to 3:30 PM – Home Building**
- Location:** **564 State St. Unit A, St. Paul**
- Build Type:** **Rehab**
- Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/bB3Ar1E6et6qab4N8>

NLPC has volunteer opportunities on Thursday May 26 for four people and on Friday July 1st for two women (Women’s Build Week). We also will be supplying food on May 26.

Holy Hammers is again being impacted by Covid – 19 issues as Twin Cities Habitat is reducing the number of volunteers on site

to about ½ of our normal crew size in an effort to reduce the risk of passing on the disease.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Jerry Peterson at jpeters2@comcast.net and he will send you instructions to sign up on the Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity web site.

Meals on Wheels – We are in need of helpers, both regulars and substitutes, for delivering warm meals to individuals who need them in the St. Paul area. We have been delivering for more than 25 years on every third Wednesday at lunch. It is very satisfying to help people in this ministry. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry or have questions, please contact Syd Jensen (612.670.7953) or text Dawn Miller (651.269.5807).

Deb is on vacation through May 10th. Any concerns can be routed through Michelle, extension 220 at the church. Otherwise, Deb will get back to you when she returns.

Volunteer for Every Meal...

Scan the QR code to a sign up to volunteer to deliver packaged meals to students at Como Elementary School.



Questions? See Lindy Maurey.

Give to New Life! Point the camera on your smart phone at this QR code. It will bring up a link to the Give page on our church website where you can give from wherever you are via PayPal or Vanco. Please designate whether your



donation goes to our General Operating Fund, Pentecost Special Offering, or any of the other choices.

Calendar for the week of May 8th:

Today: **Mothers' Day**

	NLPC Worship	10:00a
	KCOC Worship	10:30a
	Fellowship	11:00a
	GFANC Church	11:30a
	FOLFC (Anuak) Church	1:00p
	GFANC Fellowship	1:00p
	Firing Line AA Group	5:00p
05/09:	Prime Chimers	6:30p
05/10:	TOPS	9:15a
	Staff Meeting	11:30a
	Former Dementia Caregivers	
	On Zoom	1:00p
	Faith Formation	6:30p
05/11:	Quilters	9:00a
	Men's Breakfast	9:00a
	Meals on Wheels	10:45a
	Personnel	7:00p
05/12:	Sunday Worship Prep	4:00p
	Building & Grounds	5:30p
	GFANC Prayer Meeting	6:00p
	Big Book AA	6:30p
05/13:	Every Meal	12:30p
	North Suburban Chorus	1:30p
05/14:	Care Coordinators	9:30a
	Set-up for Luncheon	12:30p
	Private Event-Heritage Room	3:00p
05/15:	<u>NEW LIFE NEWS ARTICLES DUE for June Issue</u>	
	NLPC Worship	10:00a
	KCOC Worship	10:30a
	Welcome Back Luncheon	11:00a
	GFANC Worship	11:30a
	FOLFC (Anuak) Church	1:00p
	Youth Group	3:00p
	Firing Line AA Group	5:00p

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