

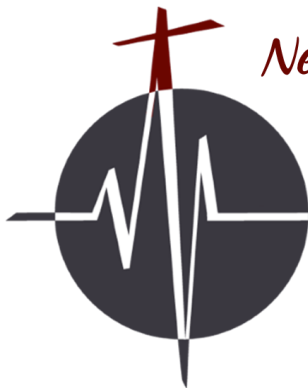
**“Dear friends,
now we are children
of God, and what we
will be has not yet
been made known.”**

-1 John 3:2

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14th, 2024

Pastor Tim Heinecke



New Life Church Lutheran

Living a New Life in Christ-

For Us, For All, Forever

Growing in Discipleship,

Sharing Christ's Love,

and Serving All

Worship Notes

- Families with children are warmly welcome! We love to have children participate in worship and offer special bulletins just for kids.
- If you need to step out of the worship service with a child, there are chairs set up in the Family Room at the south end of the narthex/entry with speakers from the sanctuary. However, please do not feel pressure to leave if your child acts up a little bit. We want children to learn how to worship with us!
- If you have difficulty standing during the service, please remain seated.
- We have hearing assistance devices for the Sanctuary. If you are having difficulty hearing during worship, let Pastor or one of the AV volunteers know and they will get you a device.
- Restrooms (with changing tables) are located at the north end of the narthex/entry.
- Please remember to silence your cell phone before worship begins.
- If you are a guest today, we are happy you are here! Please take time after the service to introduce yourself to the pastor. We would like to get to know you better!
- If you are a guest, please do not feel obliged to give an offering. If you belong to another congregation, please continue to support them. If you are new to Christianity, let us help you understand God's gifts to you so that you know why we give offerings. Instead of passing the offering plate, we will worship God by placing our offerings in the "noisy can" in the narthex/entry.
- **Special Note About Face Masks and Distancing:** Wearing face masks and social distancing is optional. We understand everyone is in a different health situation, has a different comfort level, etc. Regardless of your situation, everyone is welcome to worship with us without any pressure to shake hands or be in physical contact with anyone. Since wearing a mask for long periods of time can be uncomfortable, you are welcome to step outside for a mask break at any time, even during worship.

Each Sunday of the year is marked in the church in relation to Jesus' life and ministry.

+ Preparation +

Before the service, please use the sanctuary to prepare for worship.

We invite you to use this time to prepare by reflecting on the Scripture readings and songs.

To help others also prepare for worship, please keep voices low in the sanctuary.

Pre-Service Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for welcoming me into your house. Please open my heart to hear your Word, receive your forgiveness, and live out your grace in my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

During the season of Easter we continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead and consider what it means for our lives today.

In the opening hymn we thank and praise God for gathering us together as His people.

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To "invoke" is to call upon. We call on our Triune God because we are baptized into His name.

Sharing of the Peace

John 14:27

Pastor: May the peace of the Lord be with you,

Congregation: And also with you.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less LSB 575



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

P: Friends in Christ, as we begin this time of worship, we start by confessing our sins. We come to our wonderful God and admit our need for His life-saving forgiveness.

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We admit to God and to each other that we have not lived according to God's law. We ask God to forgive us for the sake of Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross.

God completely removes our sin through faith in Christ. These words of forgiveness are from God Himself. (John 20:21-23)

We thank and praise God for granting us forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ.

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P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: **who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)
P: I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord,
C: **and You forgave the evil of my sin.** (Psalm 32:5)

(A time of silence for personal meditation on our sin)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Forgiveness of Sins

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Children of the Heavenly Father LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Responsive Psalm

The Book of Psalms was like a prayer book for the people of God in the Old Testament. It proclaims the promises of God that were fulfilled in Jesus' death and resurrection.

P: Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God.
C: Give me relief from my distress;
P: have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
C: How long will you people turn my glory into shame?
P: How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?
C: Know that the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
P: the Lord hears when I call to him.
C: Tremble and do not sin;
P: when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.
C: Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the Lord.
P: Many, Lord, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"
C: Let the light of your face shine on us.
P: Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.
C: In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

+ *Word* +

Greeting and Collect

The "collect" is prayed by Christians throughout the church each week. It "collects" all our prayers together into one general request fitting with the theme of the day.

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: O God, You entered our world to save us. As You rescue us as Your people, give us Your hope in Your victory over sin, death and the devil; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

First Reading

During Easter it is traditional to read from the books of Acts instead of the Old Testament. The book of Acts is a record of the life and ministry of Christians in the first century.

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

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¹⁷ “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36-49

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

“Epistles” are letters written by Jesus’ apostles to the church. They teach about Jesus and instruct us for living as His people. The apostles were led by the Spirit of truth. (John 16:13)

“Gospel” literally means “good news.” The four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) tell the good news of Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and promise to return.

John writes,
 "These things
 are written that
 you may believe
 that Jesus is the
 Christ, and by
 believing you
 may have life in
 his name."
 (John 20:31)

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⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!
 C: Praise to You, O Christ!

During the Sermon Hymn, children are invited to come forward and worship God by placing their offering in the Noisy Can up front, then return to their seats.

Sermon Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling LSB 700 v 1-2

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
 heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
 hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
 Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.

Jesus said, "Let
 the little children
 come to me and
 do not hinder
 them."
 (Mark 10:14)

Children's Message

This brief lesson is designed for children up to sixth grade.
 Parents are welcome to come up with their children.
 We ask that all children under three be accompanied by a parent.

Sermon Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling LSB 700 v 3-4

- 3 **Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.**
- 4 **Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

The pastor preaches the Word of God (2 Tim. 4:2). Listen for God's commands (Law) and God's promises in Christ (Gospel).

Jesus instructs us to confess our faith in Him. (Matt. 10:32). Today we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed, which has been confessed in various forms since the 2nd Century AD.

God promises to hear our prayers in Jesus' name. (Acts 4:12)

Sermon

Title: "Not Yet"

Text: 1 John 3:1-7

Adult Bible study at 10:30 AM begins with time to discuss any questions that you may have from the sermon. (space allowed for Sermon Notes)

Confession of Faith

P: Christian, what do you believe?

C: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of The Church

After each petition:

P: Lord, our hope is in You,

C: Hear our prayer.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Birthdays this week: Simeon Carlson (4/17), DeVonna Scheuffele (4/18),

Don Wies (4/20)

Anniversaries this week: Glenn & Ceil Marten (4/15), Dave & Judy West (4/16),

Ray & Traci Nelson (4/20)

Take note of the prayer requests made at this time and incorporate them into your daily prayers.

If you would like to add or remove an ongoing prayer request, contact the church by Wednesday afternoon each week.

When His disciples asked Jesus how to pray, He taught them the "Lord's Prayer."
(Matt. 6:9-13)

God instructed Aaron to bless His people with these words.
(Numbers 6:24-26)

Comfort, healing, recovery, and physical strength

George Spratt (physical pain)	Vellenia (Damaris' niece, cancer)
Eric Endthoff (back trouble)	Marilyn Acker (chronic pain)
Mary Kemkes (health/memory issues)	Lea (declining health)
Oleg (digestive issues)	Chuck (declining health)
Lee Wolf (bladder cancer)	Thomas Cline (lung cancer)
Anna Farnham (health issues)	Shannon (healing and strength)
Kyle Ranum (heart issues)	Lexy (program completion)
Ronan (Gloria's grandson)	Don Meyer (health issues)
Riley Helberger (young boy with leukemia)	Julie Trippel (health issues)
Kurt (Lisa's brother, cancer)	Donna (lung cancer)
Laurice (Lisa's mom, surgery recovery)	Pat (cancer surgery)
Helen Bauer (health issues)	Desmond
Joni Ornes (Leon's niece, chemotherapy)	Robin Wies (cancer)
Brenda (Marten's daughter, lupus)	Beth (heart issues)
Leon Williams (health issues)	Fitzhugh family
Keith Gartland (melanoma)	

Other Concerns

Families struggling with addictions
Those who are disconnected from Christ and the church
Pastor Fung Lo, Kalia, and Mercy as they serve as missionaries to Thailand
Amy Formella and her work at Lutheran Bible Translators
Persecuted Christians
Our Nation

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 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

P: The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
C: Amen.
P: Christ is Risen!
C: He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Closing Hymn

Father Welcomes LSB 605

Worship concludes as we praise God and ask Him to guide, strengthen, and empower us to share His love with others throughout the week.

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Refrain



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a - gain.
Live in the peace of God.

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You Are Invited!

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We invite you to stay after worship for our Education Hour from 10:30-11:30 am. Join us after worship for fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall or Fireside Room.

Ages 3 - 12: Meet in the Large Classroom for Sunday School.

Ages 13 - 18: Meet in the Youth Room for Youth Group.

Adults: Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 for Bible Class. There is no speaking or reading required to participate in this class. Children two years and under are welcome to stay with their parents in this class. Bibles are available on the shelf in Fellowship Hall. If you do not have a Bible, let Pastor know and we'd love to give you one!

If you have any changes or additions to the bulletin, send an email by Wednesday morning to Lisa Heinecke at newlifehugo@gmail.com.

Serving in the Month of April

Altar Preparation: Judy West

Elder on Duty: Wally Jensen

Ushers: Wally Jensen, Evan Krueger

Audio/Video: Eric Grunwald

Communion Assistants: Bob Anderson, Lyle Nelson

Serving this week, April 14th

Greeters: Linda Wiegert, Evan Krueger

Music: Rich Carlson

PowerPoints: Dyllan Onduko

Reader: Lexy Hanson

Acolytes: Simeon Carlson, Dane Heinecke, Elvis Onduko

Flowers: Given by Eric Grunwald in celebration of Cheryl Grunwald's birthday

Snacks: Ann Goserud, Angela Springer

Church Cleaners: Phyllis Trippel, Leah Hageman

Serving next week, April 21st

Greeters: Kay Walfoort, Angela Springer

Music: Floreen Meyer

PowerPoints: Jane Krause

Reader: Gloria Dirksen

Acolytes: Addison Bartusch, Olivia Bartusch, Lexi Endthoff

Flowers: In celebration of Glenn & Ceil Marten's anniversary
and Dave & Judy West's anniversary

Snacks: Kathy Brevig, Leanne Magoon

Church Cleaners: Cleaning Authority

Calendar of Events

You can attend Worship and Adult Bible Study in person, watch the live stream on YouTube, or watch the video on YouTube after the in-person event ends.

- Today: Worship 9:00 am
 Sunday School, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study 10:30 am
- Monday: Coffee at Dunn Brothers in Hugo 10:00 am
 "The Chosen" Bible Study at Keystone Place 1:30 pm
- Tuesday: Elder's Board Meeting 4:00 pm
 Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm
- Wednesday: SEM Board 10:00 am
 Worship at Keystone Place 1:30 pm
 Crossfire/Confirmation & Kids' Club 6:00 pm
 Sole Purpose Practice 7:00 pm
- Friday: Roman's Bible Study 10:00 am
- Saturday: LWML Spring Rally at New Life 9:30 am
- Next Sunday: Worship with Communion 9:00 am
 Sunday School, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study 10:30 am

Things You Should Know

St Andrews Hugo Family Shelter

Our serving opportunity is April 14-20! Meals and people to sleep over. Collection Box will be outside the kitchen after Easter. If you drop things off in fridge, mark them and call or text to let me know. Kay Walfoort (763-333-4303)

LWML St Croix River Zone Spring Rally

The St. Croix River Zone Rally will be held on April 20th here at New Life. Registration begins at 9:00, the Rally begins at 9:30 am with lunch to follow. Pastor Bob Gehrke of South Shore Trinity will be leading the Bible Study and guest speaker is Dr Jeffrey E. Burkart presenting on "Everything You Wanted to Know About Hymns". There is a suggested donation of \$10, and a collection will be taken for King of Kings Lutheran School's Burkart Endowment Fund. Please RSVP by April 14th to Kathy Brevig.

In preparation for the Spring Fling sponsored by the St. Croix Zone and hosted by New Life Women on April 20, we will need volunteers to make salads and bars for the luncheon after the musical presentation. We will also need help serving and cleaning up. PLEASE SEE THE SIGN UP SHEET AND FLYER ON THE BULLETIN BOARD BY THE KITCHEN. This event is open to all members and guests of New Life. You do need to RSVP by April 14 to kbbrev@comcast.net. THANK YOU!

Compassion Sunday April 28th

We will pray for all sponsored children. If you are sponsoring children (any organization), write their names and country on the sheet outside the kitchen so we can pray for them.

Voter's Meeting

Our quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held Sunday, April 28th, during the Education Hour at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

LWML Convention Donations

Gloria Dirksen and Kathy Brevig will be attending the MN South District LWML (Women in Mission) convention in Mankato June 27- 29. The Gifts from the Heart recipient is Orphan Grain Train. We are asking for donations of new or gently used shoes, all sizes; new or gently used clean socks, all sizes baby to adult; quilts, comforters, blankets, all sizes; cash donations for shipping (average cost to ship a box is \$11. Average cost for an overseas container is \$9,000!) Put donations by kitchen door or give larger items to Gloria or Kathy. Thank you!

Greeting Cards for Sale

There are all new Dayspring (religious) cards for sale for 50 cents in the library near the sink. All types of cards- birthdays to graduations. This is an ongoing fundraiser for New Life Women.

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