

New Covenant Lutheran Church

E-Weekly Newsletter

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This Sunday

Acts 3:1-8

Series: "Characteristics of Christians
During Social Distancing"

Sermon: "Worship at the Temple"

PASTOR'S CORNER

Online Worship Sunday 10:00 am

All worship services and activities at New Covenant have moved to an online (video conferencing) format or have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 concerns. In addition, the preschool is closed. We do not know when the social distancing restrictions will be lifted so that we will be able to resume activities on our campus.

Please check our website at www.newcovenantaz.church for updates.

ONLINE WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS:

During this time when as a church we cannot meet publicly to worship, New Covenant Lutheran Church will hold our worship services online.

We are now using only Facebook Live for all of our worship services. No Zoom access will be available. You do not have to have a Facebook account to watch the service.

FACEBOOK: go to New Covenant Lutheran Church's Facebook page at 10 am Sunday to see the video live.

Our Facebook page is at www.facebook.com/NewCovenantAZ

Good afternoon church!

Soon you will be able to go out to a restaurant (whatever that will look like) and visit your hair salon or your dentist. So when will we be able to return to worship? We've been asking that question a lot lately and more particularly, what will worship look like? While things may change over the upcoming weeks, the current guidance being provided does not sound like worship we have grown to know and love.

The timeline has not been established, but we do know that it will not be in May. **When we gather for worship it will look and feel much different than what we used to experience.** Imagine sitting six feet apart from anyone else except for your family members. And that is if you are under 60 years of age. Age 60 and above is considered elderly and it is recommended that the elderly not participate in public worship at this time, including elderly Pastors! Do you have your mask prepared for worship? And what will we do if we cannot serve Holy Communion? These and other guidelines are being debated by churches in Arizona using the guidelines from the CDC and the AZ Department of Health. Now, we do not have definitive guides as of yet, but you begin to see the picture of what we are looking at. We want to gather for public worship, but we also want to protect the health of our congregation and community. This will take a lot of planning but also a lot of prayer.

I have asked **Stephanie Darkoch** to lead our Re-Opening Strategies Team with me as we evaluate when we can open for worship and Sunday School. **Lorrie Estabrook** is leading this effort at the school with Dana. Most importantly, we want to keep you and all who come here for worship and Sunday School, for Preschool and Kindergarten safe and healthy!

This is why our worship themes from the book of Acts can be helpful for us as we navigate this unusual future. **Last week we focused on "Worship at Home,"** gathering around the themes of the Apostles' Teaching, Fellowship, Sharing Meals (including the Lord's Supper) and Prayer. **This week we will focus on "Worship at the Temple"** as we unpack **Acts 3:1-8.** As we move through this pandemic, we are asking what the church will look like for the future. One aspect will be a continued online presence with streaming worship. Another will be tools to help individuals and families to actively form new ways of being a Christian at home and in the world. I invite you to join us on this journey! It will be challenging and exciting as we move ahead into a new era of Christianity.

Pastor Steve



Acts 3:8

And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.



Virtual Sunday School!

Join Miss Becca and Miss Mia Sunday at 11:00 am for a Zoom Sunday School Class!

Use this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82786825094>

Meeting ID: 827-8682-5094



MAY MONTHLY MISSION

Monetary donations to
New Covenant Lutheran Church's
Help1Another fund



Donate online or mail
your check to the
church office



**Yoga is taking a break for this weekend.
Gina will be back with another virtual class
next Saturday, May 16.**

Offerings can be mailed to:

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Online go to: www.newcovenantaz.church

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*You will keep in
perfect peace
those whose minds
are steadfast,
because they
trust in you.*

-Isaiah 26: 3



Several people have reported getting an email from Pastor Steve or one of the church staff asking for gift cards or assistance. Please be aware that we have not and will not send such emails. His email is Pastor.Steve@newcovenantaz.org Please contact the office at 480-860-0169 if you are concerned about communication that you receive claiming to be from one of us. We appreciate reports of spam so that we can make everyone aware.


(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now
Alleluia! He is near us
Faith believes nor questions how
Though the cloud from sight
Received him when the forty days were o'er
Shall our hearts forget his promise
"I am with you evermore"

Alleluia! King eternal
Lord omnipotent we own
Alleluia! Born of Mary
Earth you footstool heav'n your throne
As within the veil
You entered robed in flesh our great high priest
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
His the scepter his the throne
Alleluia! His the triumph
His the victory alone
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood"



Shall our hearts
forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

(Sunday's Sermon Song)

Build My Life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You we live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are and fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

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I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken
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(Sunday's Sending Song)

Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me it's amazing

I am a friend of God
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I am a friend of God
He calls me friend
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God Almighty Lord of Glory
You have called me friend
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You have called me friend

I am a friend of God
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You call me friend
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