

### New Covenant Lutheran Church E-Weekly Newsletter May 28 - June 4, 2020

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This Sunday Acts 2:1-11 <u>Series</u>: "Characteristics of Christians Sheltering in Place" Sermon: "Spiritual Power"

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.newcovenenataz.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





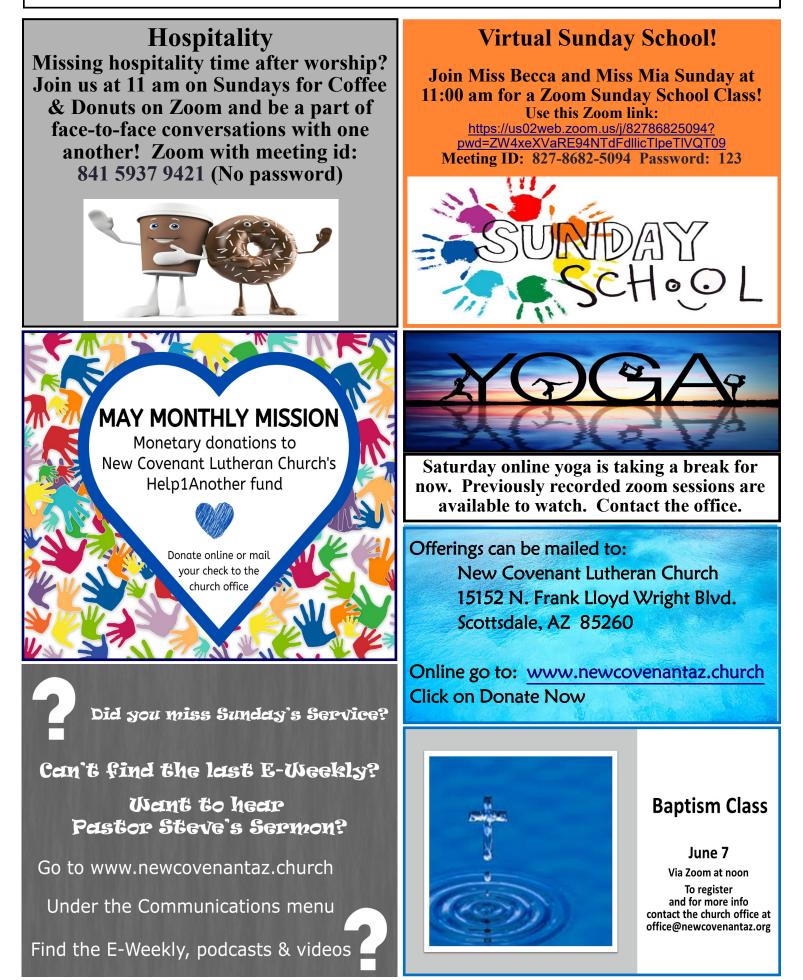
Online Worship Sunday 10:00 am

Thank you for sharing with us the prayer requests that are on your heart. During this time of a pandemic, we especially desire to pray for any needs and prayer requests that you might have. Thank you to those who have shared these requests with your ACTS callers, with David Cole and Larry Person, and for notifying Mary at the office or by sending me an email or text. If you have hesitated to share a need for prayer, please don't be afraid to ask! We are better at being the assembly of believers when we pray together!

I am grateful to the task force that is working on our plan for when we will be able to come back together for inperson public worship. It is going to be dramatically different from what we used to know as public worship. After the Board has a chance to review this plan, I will begin to communicate with you about some of the changes that we will be experiencing. We do not yet have a date! We are working with the CDC guidelines for churches along with AZ Department of Health. We do not want to put the most vulnerable in harm's way so we will look at how we can most effectively limit the transfer of Covid-19 and other communicable diseases in our space. Please know that we are carefully and prayerfully looking at what is best for <u>our context</u> at New Covenant.

This week we continue our series on "Characteristics of Christians Sheltering in Place." Because it is Pentecost – and yes we want you to wear red even at home – we will focus on Acts 2: 1-11. The focus of our theme will be "Spiritual Power" and we will look at how this gift transformed the church. In some ways, this pandemic has challenged us to rely more on the Spiritual Power of Christ than ever before. Let's celebrate and give thanks for that opportunity this Sunday!

Pastor Steve



(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)

# **O Day Full of Grace**

O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon Bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this season God shine for us now in this dark place Your name on our hearts emblazon

For Christ bore our sins and not his own when he on the cross was hanging And then he arose and moved the stone that we unto him belonging Might join with angelic hosts to raise Our voices in endless singing

God came to us then at Pentecost the Spirit new life revealing That we might no more in death be lost its pow'r over us dispelling This flame will the mark of sin efface And bring to us all true healing

When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing We'll gather in song our hearts aglow all joy of the heavens sharing And there we will join God's endless praise With angels and saints adoring



(Sunday's Sermon Song)

#### **Holy Spirit**

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close No thing can compare You're our living hope Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves Where my heart becomes free And my shame is undone In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord Your Presence Lord

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves Where my heart becomes free And my shame is undone In Your Presence Lord

Let us become more aware of Your Presence Let us experience the glory of Your goodness Let us become more aware of Your Presence Let us experience the glory of Your goodness Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord



## Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness O God You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God

> Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob You use the weak to lead the strong You lead us in the song of Your salvation And all Your people sing along So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God

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Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me Yeah Your grace is enough Heaven reaches out to us Your grace is enough for me God I sing Your grace is enough I'm covered in Your love Your grace is enough for me