New Covenant Lutheran Church E-Weekly Newsletter June 4 - 11, 2020



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This Sunday Acts 4: 32-37 Series: "Characteristics of Christians Sheltering in Place" Sermon: "Letting Go!"

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





Online Worship Sunday 10:00 am

Good Evening friends,

Last Sunday I announced that I am publishing a daily devotional Podcast. I am using the extended readings at the end of the Daily Texts for each day, Monday through Saturday. During this season, we are focused on the Gospels. We are finishing the Gospel of Mark and beginning the Gospel of Luke tomorrow morning. We began to publish the podcast this week and you can now go to our website and subscribe to the podcast. It is called **"Vocare: Hearing and Responding to God's Word!"** "Vocare" is a Latin word that means "to call or to summon." I believe that as we encounter God's Word, we are called into God's freedom. God loves us and calls us to follow!

For our June Mission we are collecting financial donations for the Vista del Camino Foodbank. Vista provides a variety of services for residents of the city of Scottsdale, and at this time, the need to support the food bank is most critical. I want to say thank you for your generosity!

This Sunday at Noon I will host a Baptism Class for anyone or any family interested in baptism. During this class one will learn about the biblical and historical meaning of baptism and its purpose. We will answer questions that you might have about baptism and give participants the opportunity to schedule a baptism. We will also gather together Sunday on Facebook Live for worship at 10:00 am. Our worship focus continues with "characteristics of the Early Church as they were scattered away from the Temple". This Sunday we will look at Acts 4: 32-37. The theme of this portion of scripture is that as the early church formed a deep bond of fellowship, they shared everything that they had. One of the realities of generosity is that before we can give to the needs of the people, we need to let go - whether those needs are financial, spiritual, or emotional. If we cannot let go of past hurts, it will be difficult for us to provide healing for others. If we, like the rich young ruler, stay so attached to our wealth, we will never understand what true freedom is all about. When we can't forgive someone, how can we receive forgiveness? Join us as we struggle to let go so that we can act in freedom to God's call. I hope that you will join us this Sunday in worship!

Pastor Steve

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Hospitality Missing hospitality time after worship? Join us at 11 am on Sundays for Coffee & Donuts on Zoom and be a part of face-to-face conversations with one another! Zoom with meeting id: 841 5937 9421 (No password)





Saturday online yoga at 9:00 am via Zoom! Meeting: <u>812 4941 5502</u> Password: 929225 Venmo Donation: <u>Gina-Ferrari-79</u> to benefit <u>SÜPRMARKT</u>

Suprmarkt is a low cost organic grocery servicing low income communities in LA. It operates weekly, providing 100% organic produce to make great health and healing available to the communities which need it most. Check out the vision and story of the young founder Olympia at www.suprmarkt.la Just one way to sprinkle

some kindness and make a tangible difference directly into black lives.

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? pwd=ZW4xeXVaRE94NTdFdllicTlpeTIVQT09







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Via Zoom at noon To register and for more info contact the church office at office@newcovenantaz.org

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(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty God in three persons blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy all the saints adore thee Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee Which wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy though the darkness hide thee Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see Only thou art holy there is none beside thee Perfect in pow'r in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty God in three persons blessed Trinity



(Sunday's Sermon Song)

I Surrender

Here I am down on my knees again Surrendering all surrendering all

Find me here Lord as you draw me near Desp'rate for You desp'rate for You I surrender

Drench my soul as mercy and grace unfold I hunger and thirst I hunger and thirst

With arms stretched wide I know You hear my cry Speak to me now speak to me now

> I surrender I surrender I want to know You more I want to know You more I surrender I surrender I want to know You more I want to know You more

Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me Like a mighty storm stir within my soul Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me

> I surrender I surrender I want to know You more I want to know you more I surrender I surrender I want to know You more I want to know you more

(Sunday's Sending Song)

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice all the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice and trembles at His voice

> How great is our God sing with me How great is our God and all will see How great how great is our God

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands Beginning and the End beginning and the End The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb the Lion and the Lamb

> How great is our God sing with me How great is our God and all will see How great how great is our God

Name above all names worthy of all praise My hear will sing How great is our God Name above all names worthy of all praise My hear will sing How great is our God

How great is our God sing with me How great is our God and all will see How great how great is our God

