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This Sunday I Peter 2:4-10 <u>Series</u>: "Keep the Faith: Lessons from 1 Peter" Sermon: "Living Stones"

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.

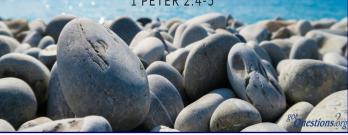
We are now using only Facebook Live for all of our worship services. No Zoom access will be available. You do not have to have a Facebook account to watch the service.

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

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT JESUS & BELIEVERS ARE

Living Stones!







**Online Worship Sunday 10:00 am** 

Greetings friends!

Patti and I returned home from visiting our family in Chicago. We spent most of our time in their house with an occasional walk around the block with the children. It was a very different visit since we are usually packing all kinds of adventures into our stay. This time we hunkered down at home. It was still a wonderful visit as we played with Wynne and Sidney and as we became acquainted with our newest grandchild, Sanford Arthur (June 6). We are now hiding out in our house, spending some quality quarantine time together! As we look into the month of July, we continue to see rising Covid-19 cases and rising hospitalization numbers in Arizona, which does not bode well for us. Because of this, we will need to remain self-isolated from worship in order to protect the health of one another. We would love to re-open worship, but at this time, it is just too dangerous to do so.

Let me be clear about one thing! This horrific disease will not prevent us from worshiping and serving God in Jesus Christ! Our mission and ministry continue and our work is ever before us! I am grateful for David Cole and Larry Person and the work that they are doing with our Acts Ministry. **Please note the updated prayer page!** And our **July mission is raising funds for water for the homeless**. Bill Cope will speak to this important mission during our Breakthrough Moment this Sunday.

This week we continue to work through I Peter. Sunday we will look at I Peter 2: 4-10 and we will focus on the theme of "Living Stones". After chapter one where we focused on the privilege that we have of receiving God's grace and that in response, we gird up the loins of our minds to prepare to live as followers of Jesus, we now turn to building a house with living stones! I hope that you will join us this Sunday as we worship together "the stone that the builders rejected which has become the chief cornerstone!"

Grace and Peace! Pastor Steve E-Weekly July 9 - 16, 2020



Love, Mia and Becca

over the summer. Watch this space for the next time that it will be offered.

(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and griefs to bear What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer Oh what peace we often forfeit oh what needless pain we bear All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations is there trouble anywhere We should never be discouraged take it to the Lord in prayer Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy-laden cumbered with a load of care Precious Savior still our refuge take it to the Lord in prayer Do your friends despise forsake you take it to the Lord in prayer In his arms he'll take and shield you you will find a solace there



(Sunday's Sermon Song)

**Goodness of God** 

I love You Lord For Your mercy never failed me All my days I've been held in Your hands From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head Oh I will sing of the goodness of God

And all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so so good With every breath that I am able Oh I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire In darkest night You are close like no other I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend And I have lived in the goodness of God yeah

And all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so so good With every breath that I am able Oh I will sing of the goodness of God

Cause Your goodness is running after it's running after me Your goodness is running after it's running after me With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything
Cause Your goodness is running after it's running after me

> And all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so so good With every breath that I am able Oh I will sing of the goodness of God

(Sunday's Sending Song)

## Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

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Christ alone Cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil

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