

# New Covenant Lutheran Church

## E-Weekly Newsletter September 17, 2020



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### This Sunday

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Series:** Acts 20:20 in 2020,  
“The Scattered Church”

**Sermon:** “Does a Stronghold Have Hold of Your Congregation?”



*Online Worship Sunday 10:00 am*  
*In-person Prayer Service Wednesday 7:00 pm*

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-person prayer and worship services are being planned to resume soon. Please check our website at [www.newcovenantaz.church](http://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. 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](https://www.facebook.com/NewCovenantAZ)

### Regathering to begin with a new Prayer Service on Sept. 23

Last night the Board of Ministry approved the plan to regather for prayer services, so we will begin at 7 p.m. next Wednesday, Sept. 23 for a new Prayer Service with a limited attendance of 10 people. The prayer service will focus on a time of private confession and then a scripture reading and homily on our need to call on God. We will pray for the church, for one another and for God's healing for this world and from this virus. This service will last for about 30 to 40 minutes. The first two services will be Wednesday, Sept. 23 and Wednesday, Sept. 30. After that, the prayer service will continue on a monthly basis, on the third Wednesday of each month. This is the first step toward regathering. Our target date to begin in-person Sunday worship is Oct. 4.

To ensure we can maintain social distancing, reservations will be required. This will guarantee you a reserved seat in the sanctuary. You can make a reservation for the Sept. 23 service at the link at the top of the email. You may also send an email to Mary Cole at [office@newcovenantaz.org](mailto:office@newcovenantaz.org).

You will be asked your name and how many attendees will be joining you and you will need to sign a COVID-19 attestation form, much like the forms you sign when visiting a doctor's office. This is to confirm that you and others attending services with you do not exhibit signs of COVID-19 and haven't been in contact with anyone with COVID-19.

Our emphasis as we regather is prioritizing health and safety and love for our neighbors. When we care for one another, we care for God. So, when you come to the service, remember to mask up!

**Sunday School for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders** will meet at 11:15 via Zoom for part two of their teaching on God's Creation! **Confirmation** met for an organizational meeting this past Sunday. The School is finishing up its 3<sup>rd</sup> week of preschool. Life is slowly coming back in new and safer ways.

Last Sunday I taught on “The Purpose of The Church”. This Sunday we will learn about the reasons that the church so often is distracted or fails to follow through on its purpose. One of the ideas is that we are blocked from following our purpose because of strongholds. My theme this week is “Does a Stronghold Have Hold of Your Congregation?” We will look at **Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23** as we explore this question.

Pastor Steve



We need to hear from you. Please use the link above to take our regathering survey.



ICM provides food and clothing for the working poor in central Phoenix. Donations can be taken to Mary Reynoso's home and a truck will pick them up Wednesday, 9/16. Contact Mary at mreynoso1@cox.net to get more specifics.



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.

Offerings can be mailed to:  
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Online go to: [www.newcovenantaz.church](http://www.newcovenantaz.church)  
Click on Donate Now

### Hosts Needed!!

As we reconvene for in-person worship, hosts will be needed to greet, explain procedures and direct everyone to their seats. Training will be provided! Be a hero and contact the office today to express interest and ensure you'll have a seat at the worship service. If you're healthy, we need you!



### Hospitality

Join us at 11 am on Sundays for time together on Zoom and be a part of face-to-face conversations with one another!  
Zoom with meeting id: 841 5937 9421  
(No passcode)



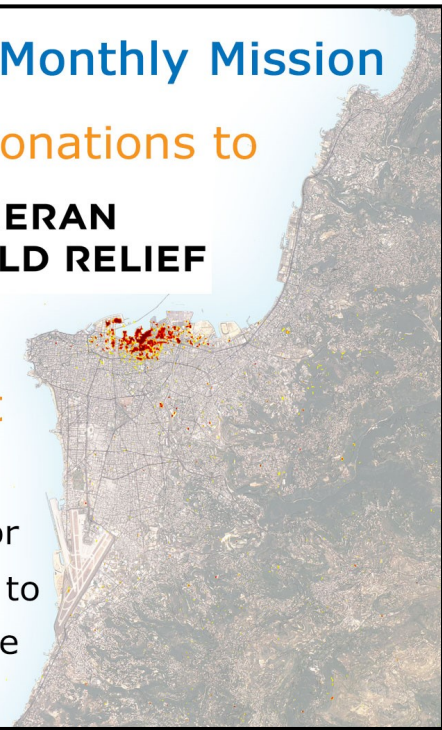
### September Monthly Mission

Monetary donations to



for the Beirut Blast

Donate online or mail your check to the church office



### Soul Sisters Fall Calendar

#### Yoga

- October 3
- October 17
- November 7
- November 21
- December 5
- December 19

#### Hiking

- October 10
- October 24
- November 14
- December 12

Yoga will be held in the church courtyard at 8:45 a.m.  
For Hiking, we will meet at church at 7 a.m. to carpool or caravan to the trail head.

### Sunday School for 3rd - 5th graders continues Sunday at 11:15 am



Zoom id:  
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with passcode:  
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Hope to 'see' you on Sunday!

*(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)*

## **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Praise to the Lord  
The Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him  
For he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to his temple draw near  
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord  
Who will prosper your work and defend you  
Surely his goodness  
And mercy shall daily attend you  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
If with his love he befriend you

Praise to the Lord!  
Oh let all that is in me adore him  
All that has life and breath  
Come now with praises before him  
Let the amen  
Sound from his people again  
Gladly forever adore him



*(Sunday's Sermon Song)*

## Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You

You are  
Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are  
Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing every heart  
I worship You I worship You

You are  
Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are  
Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Even when I don't see it You're working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working

You are  
Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper  
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Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

*(Sunday's Sending Song)*

## Mighty To Save

Everyone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The Hope of nations

Saviour, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of Salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender

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Forever, Author of Salvation  
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Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light, and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus  
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