



# New Covenant Lutheran Church

E-Weekly Newsletter  
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This Sunday  
Matthew 25: 1-13

Series: Staying Healthy During A Pandemic  
An Election!

Sermon: “Here Comes the Bridegroom!”

*NO In-person Worship This Sunday*  
*Online Worship Sunday at 10:00 am*

In-person worship has paused for now due to the rising number of positive COVID cases. Please check our website at [www.newcovenantaz.church/regathering](http://www.newcovenantaz.church/regathering) for details.

#### ONLINE WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS:

New Covenant Lutheran Church will continue to hold online worship services.


We use Facebook Live for our online 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](http://www.facebook.com/NewCovenantAZ)



Keep your  
lamp filled  
with oil.  
The King of  
Kings is  
coming.

MATTHEW 25:1-13



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Hello Friends,

Well, what a week and why should this week in the year 2020 be any different from the rest of this year? If you are feeling stressed out, you are not alone and if you wonder what you should do next, remember this quote that Patti shared with me from the Danish theologian, Soren Kierkegaard. “Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.” So, are you ready to go?

We will worship online this Sunday as we explore the theme: “Here Comes the Bridegroom!” This is from Matthew 25: 1-13 and it really ties into that earlier quote. What are you focused on? Politics – the Election – Doom and Gloom or is there any room for JOY in your life? Join us as we delve into the theme of trimmed lamps and lots of joy – it’s a wedding after all! As followers of Jesus, that’s the gift – no matter how much one suffers, there is a greater joy for us to live into.

As I speak of suffering, please remember to read through the prayers in this communication and pray for those who are requesting our prayers. I also want to ask for your prayers – for Steve Miller, our Congregational President. Steve’s wife, Deborah, died last weekend after battling a long illness. Please keep Steve and their five children in your prayers!

As we move into the month of November, we will be finalizing budgets for 2021. The primary needs that we are addressing this year will be the continued upgrading of our Audio-Visual systems. We will continue to offer online and streaming worship into the future. We see this as an additional component of our worship life together, not as a temporary pandemic response. We will also address how we have weathered this year – with a lot of help, beginning with your continued gifts and giving! Please stay tuned for some upcoming and uplifting messages on the state of our church and school as we plan for 2021.

Don’t forget – Sunday School at 11:15 on Sunday and Confirmation at 5:15 on Monday!

Pastor Steve

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**Christmas is coming!  
 Come join our  
 Virtual Christmas  
 Choir!**

2020 has been a long year full of difficulties and challenges. Now more than ever, we could all use a little Christmas! Have you ever wanted to sing for the **Christmas Concert of Worship** but didn't have time to attend the rehearsals or maybe even live thousands of miles away? Well guess what? COVID has introduced a new way of making music together as a scattered church and I am so humbly honored to try to continue our beloved tradition amidst this unprecedented time. **ALL ARE WELCOME** - even friends and coworkers and relatives! All you need is a smartphone and a second device (IPAD or laptop), some earbuds, and a willing heart. Please email me for further information and instructions about how to rehearse (and record)! Let us all seek to capture the anticipation of Christ's birth this Advent season through our music! **Contact: [patti.kruse@newcovenantaz.org](mailto:patti.kruse@newcovenantaz.org)**

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

The zoom link is at the top of this E-Weekly email.

**12 Sons -- Genesis 49: 28**

Jacob, nearing the end of his life, delivered a blessing to each of his 12 sons. His blessing was a promise of whom they would become and a remembrance of where they came from. These sons were part of the fulfillment of the covenant made to Abraham and Sarah three generations earlier. The 12 sons were the beginning of the 12 tribes of Israel and eventually they would spread out into the world and multiply!



## Soul Sisters Fall Calendar

<u>Yoga</u>	<u>Hiking</u>
October 3	October 10
October 17	October 24
November 7	November 14
November 21	December 12
December 5	
December 19	

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.

## November Monthly Mission

**THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES FOR VISTA DEL CAMINO**

Monetary donations to purchase items for the food box.  
 Donate online or mail your check to the church office

If you would like to donate food, please see the food list at [www.newcovenantaz.church/ncl-monthly-missions](http://www.newcovenantaz.church/ncl-monthly-missions).  
 Contact Jennifer Coughenour at [j.coughenour@cox.net](mailto:j.coughenour@cox.net) to arrange drop off.

**DUE: Monday, November 16th**

## 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)**

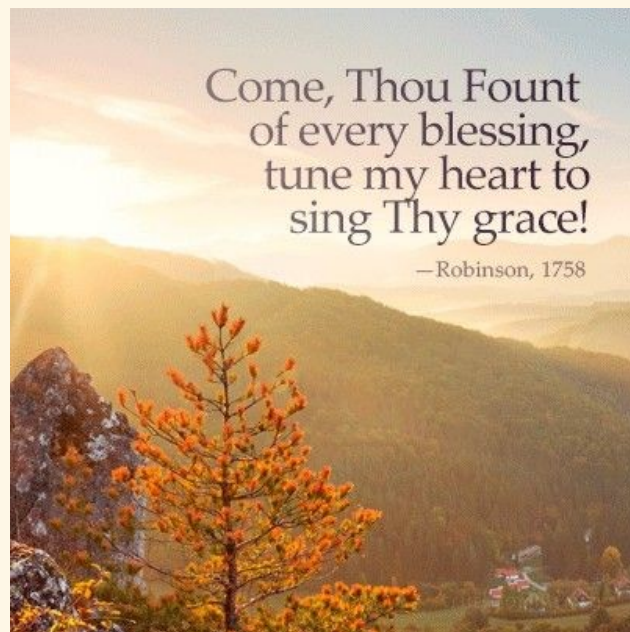
*(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)*

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come thou Fount of ev'ry blessing  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love  
Teach me ever to adore thee  
May I still thy goodness prove

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
"Hither by thy help I've come"  
And I hope by thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed his precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart oh take and seal it  
Seal it for thy courts above



*(Sunday's Sermon Song)***Joy**

Lately I've been reading, watching the nightly news  
 Don't seem to find the rhythm, just wanna sing the blues  
 Feels like a song that never... stops  
 Feels like it's never gonna

Gotta get that fire, fire, back in my bones  
 Before my heart, heart, turns into stone  
 So somebody please pass the megaphone  
 I'll shout it on the count of three  
 One, two, three

Oh, hear my prayer tonight, I'm singing to the sky  
 Give me strength to raise my voice, let me testify  
 Oh, hear my prayer tonight, 'cause this is do or die  
 The time has come to make a choice  
 And I choose joy  
 Let it move you, let it move, let it move you  
 Yeah, I choose joy  
 Let it move you, let it move, let it move you

Yeah-eh, back when I was young, my eyes were full of life  
 But now that I am older, I live at the speed of light  
 Feels like the cycle never... stops  
 Feels like it's never gonna

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 And I choose joy  
 Let it move you, let it move, let it move you  
 Yeah, I choose joy  
 Let it move you, let it move, let it move you  
 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of night  
 Oh, with You by my side, I'm stepping into the light  
 I choose joy  
 Let it move you, let it move, let it move you

I need that joy, joy, joy, joy  
 Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay  
 I need that joy, joy, joy, joy  
 Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay  
 I need that joy, joy, joy, joy  
 Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay  
 I need that joy, joy, joy, joy  
 Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay

*(Sunday's Sending Song)*

## Lord, Reign in Me

Over all the earth  
You reign on high  
Every mountain stream  
Every sunset sky  
But my one request  
Lord my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again

Lord reign in me  
Reign in Your power  
Over all my dreams  
In my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't You reign in me again

Over every thought  
Over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
'Cause You mean more to me  
Than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again

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Reign in Your power  
Over all my dreams  
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CHORUS: Lord reign in me  
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REPEAT CHORUS