

New Covenant
Lutheran Church
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This Sunday

Matthew 25: 14-30

Series: Staying Healthy During ~~A~~ Pandemic
An Election!

Sermon: "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"

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 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

Your talent is
God's gift to you
What you do with
it is your gift
back to God

PASTOR'S CORNER

Hello Friends,

Someone asked me when I introduced the sermon series on "Staying Healthy During an Election" why I was preaching on this theme for an additional two weeks. This person asked me, "Don't you know that the election is over on November 3rd?" I sensed from the Holy Spirit that God was going to need to have a word with us beyond election day. It's beginning to feel like we might be in election mode for weeks, months – perhaps even years! Rest assured, I sensed a need to go beyond election day by a couple of weeks, but that's it. After this week, I think we all may need a break from the election.

So far in this sermon series, we have looked at Character, Humility, Freedom and Responsibility, Behaving Badly and Joy! This week we will look at the last theme of this series – **God's amazing and unimaginable grace!** This week's theme is "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" And no, it is not a trick question. If you want to read ahead, look at **Matthew 25: 14-30.**

Next Wednesday at 7:00 pm, we will have our monthly prayer meeting on Zoom. There is a lot for us to pray about and I invite you to join me as we lift up congregational concerns and petitions from the world around us. What the world needs now is our prayers! Please join me via Zoom on Wednesday night.

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**

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

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

Joseph -- Genesis 41: 14-16, 39-40

Faith and hope do not always equate to immediate relief from grief and misery. Human beings have a great capacity for inflicting harm and bringing destruction upon others. God's power to transform is so great that even our greatest evil can be used by God to bring about greater good!



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.

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/nclc-monthly-missions.
 Contact Jennifer Coughenour at 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)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received its frame
From everlasting you are God
To endless years the same

A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun

O God our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!



(Sunday's Sermon Song)

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
A long as life endures

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine



(Sunday's Sending Song)

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
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Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

'Cause You are the everlasting God
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You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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