

New Covenant Lutheran Church

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This Week

**In-Person Christmas Eve Service 3:00 pm
(on the patio)**

Online Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm

**Sunday: "What Child is This?"
Luke 2:22-40**

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

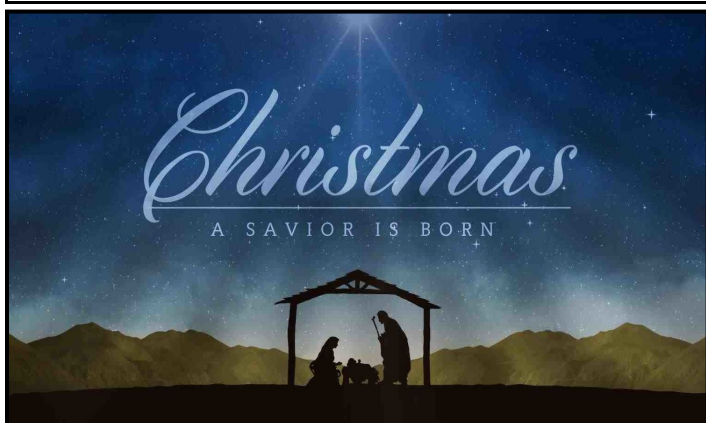
**In-person worship in the sanctuary has
paused for now due to the rising number of
positive COVID cases. Please check our
website at [www.newcovenantaz.church/
regathering](http://www.newcovenantaz.church/regathering) for details.**

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



PASTOR'S CORNER

I hope that you were able to worship with us this week at our Service for the Fourth Sunday of Advent – our Concert of Worship. It was a joy and a privilege to see our singers and musicians bless us even though we were not able to gather in the Sanctuary. I am especially grateful for Patti's inspiration for doing this service, for Carl and Clarey Dees and their music and production skills, and for Mary Cole and her online streaming talents.

We also celebrated bringing forth our gifts and tithes last Sunday for 2020 and commitments for 2021. Financially, **we have received commitments from 18 families for a total of \$80,360.00 for 2021.** As we close out 2020 and usher in a New Year, we are grateful for your support and want you to know that we will need your help in this coming year. **Thank you for all you do!**

This past year we have entered into a consortium with three other Lutheran Churches in the NE Valley – Christ the Lord in Carefree – Living Water in Scottsdale – and New Journey in Fountain Hills. One of the current projects is that we are all providing Pastoral experience for a Seminary Intern. Jen Smith is assigned to us and is working with all four of the congregations. She will lead worship and preach for us this Sunday so I hope that you will join her online at 10:00 am or find a time that works for you to watch and worship. **This Sunday we will focus on the first Sunday in Christmas and the text from Luke 2:22-40.**

Tomorrow for Christmas Eve, join us as we gather for in-person worship on the patio at 3pm. Bring your own chairs and masks and come prepared to sing (since we are outdoors and masked). We'll have communion sets and candles prepared for you to pick up as you enter the worship space. Stay in your family/friend pod and celebrate together the gift of the Christ child! If you choose to join us tomorrow afternoon, be sure and sign up on the link above.

If you prefer to worship online, please join us on Facebook Live at 5:00 pm or later as we worship with our online candle-light service. Make sure that you have bread and wine/juice for communion and candles or glowsticks for the singing of Silent Night. Even though this is a very different Christmas, it is still an opportunity to remember and worship the most important gift that we have – Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!

Pastor Steve

Christmas Poinsettias

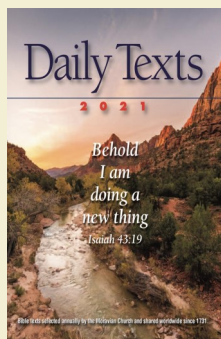
The Christmas poinsettias near the altar are a special gift from the following people:

- Laurie Gerlach** ~ In Memory of Garhardt Gerlach & LeAnne Gerlach
- Jennifer Coughenour** ~ In Remembrance of Dan Costley, Larry Coughenour and Charmaine DeWerff
- Peggy Estock** ~ In Memory of Gerald M. Estock
- Stacey Estock** ~ In Memory of Gerald M. Estock
- Shirley and Greg Orthun** ~ In Honor of Phil Orthun
- Lorrie & Robert Buerkle** ~ In Memory of Hilda and Walter Buerkle
- Sandy Underwood** ~ In Memory of Ed Underwood
- Ann McDonell, Sheri and Lani** ~ In Memory of Robert McDonell
- The Bogaard Family** ~ In Memory of Ed Van
- The Bogaard Family** ~ In Celebration of Brice and Sloane Vercelli
- The Burke Family** ~ In Celebration of Don and Penny Schricker
- Lori Roust** ~ In Celebration of Henry and Andrew

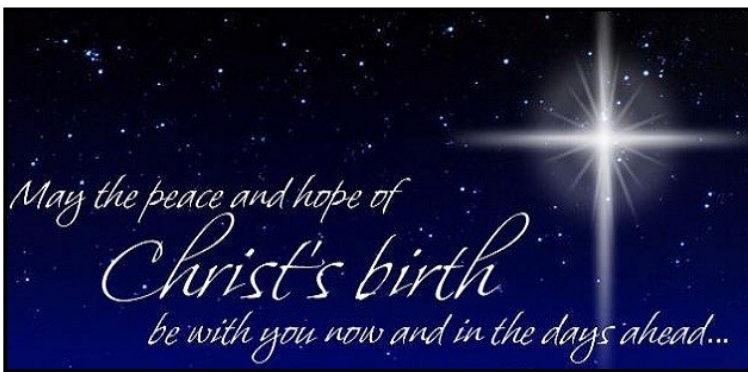


Sunday School for 3rd - 5th graders is taking a break until 1/10/2021.

Daily Texts 2021 are available!



Daily Texts 2021 is a devotional book with Old Testament verses, New Testament verses, and a prayer for each day of the year. The books are \$10 each, payable by cash or check (made out to NCLC). Contact the office to make arrangements for getting copies to you.



CALLING ALL STEPHEN MINISTERS or BEFRIENDERS, or TRAINED SUPPORTERS

We need YOU!

This Christmas season and into the new year is likely to be especially challenging for many of us. Helpers from nearby Lutheran churches (New Covenant, New Journey, Living Water and Christ the Lord) are coming together to provide "virtual" support - for prayer, for conversation, for fellowship - all in a safe online environment. Whether you are a trained supporter or would like to connect with one, contact Pastor Jen Smith at admin@ctlcarefree.org to learn more about being church together during these days.

Offerings can be mailed to:

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him, born the king of angels
O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest
O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing
O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him
Christ the Lord!



O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary
and, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all the earth!

O holy child of Bethlehem
descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin, and enter in
be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell
Oh, come to us, abide with us
our Lord Immanuel!



Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled”
Joyful, all you nations, rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored
Christ, the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin’s womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Please as man with us to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

Hail the heav’n born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings
Ris’n with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by
Born that we no more may die
Born to raise each child of earth
Born to give us second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!



Silent Night, Holy Night!

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy Infant, so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, loves' pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at your birth
Jesus, Lord, at your birth

