

New Covenant Lutheran Church

December 3, 2020



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This Sunday

Mark 1:1-8

The Second Sunday in Advent

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

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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

We have been studying the Judges in Confirmation. Did you know that the prophet and Judge Deborah wrote a song about how God gave the Israelites victory over their enemies? It's a song of victory, but it might not have happened. Her military commander, Barack, didn't want to go into battle against the enemy commander, Sisera, and his chariots. Deborah reminds them that the word to go is not from her, but from the Lord. He told Deborah that he would go only if she went with him. Another woman, Jael, puts the evil enemy commander Sisera to death. And the song was written, recorded and produced and it became one of the top hits of the year!

I know that at times in my life, I have received a word from God to go – to serve – to give and I have chosen not to. One word that I have heard and want to respond to is a word of gratitude. I am thankful for you! We celebrated a baptism last Sunday, in a way that we might have never imagined a year ago. As we gathered for the baptism and we gathered for the worship service – we came together – virtually. Thank you for your generosity in giving your time to worship with us on Facebook. Thank you for your generosity in giving of your financial resources. We will offer an opportunity for you to make a commitment for 2021 during the 4th Sunday in Advent, December 20. I hope that you will prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do.

As we prepare for Christ's second coming, we also remember his first arrival in Bethlehem. **This Sunday we will look at how God prepared the way for Jesus' arrival as we look at John the Baptist.** If you would like to read ahead, take a look at Mark 1:1-8. I hope to see you Sunday as we gather virtually for worship.

Pastor Steve



December Mission Project

The December Christmas Angel outreach program continues this year with a few minor changes. The same 5 families (with 15 children) and 5 seniors that we adopted for Thanksgiving through Scottsdale's Vista del Camino and Senior Centers are our focus for the Angel tree. Since we are not gathering for worship at the church, our angel 'tree' is online. You are encouraged to pick angels from our website at <https://newcovenantaz.church/nclc-monthly-missions/>.

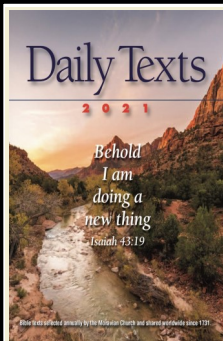


You can drop off the gifts at the church, or donate online or by sending a check to the office and we will do your shopping for you. All gifts and donations must be received by December 14. Gifts may be dropped off at the church office:

- Tuesday (12/8) 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- Thursday (12/10) 9:00am - 7:00pm
- Sunday (12/13) 11:00am - 3:00pm.

Contact the office with questions at office@newcovenantaz.org or 480-860-0169.

Be sure to use the SignUp spots to specify which angel(s) you have chosen. Choose your angel from our "tree" (using the SignUp spots on the website) so that duplicate gifts are not purchased.



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.



Sunday School for 3rd - 5th graders via zoom at 11:15 this Sunday.

Poinsettias to decorate the Altar for Christmas Eve

**Donate a poinsettia for loved ones:
In Memory Of,
In Honor Of,
or In Celebration Of**

Poinsettias are \$20 each. Pay online using the website or send a check to the church office with "poinsettia" on the memo line. Let the office know who you are remembering, honoring or celebrating by sending an email to: office@newcovenantaz.org Your donation and info must be received by December 16.



Arizona Hunger Advocacy Zoom

Interested in policy and process, and legislative updates regarding hunger and food-related issues in Arizona? You are invited you to participate in bi-monthly advocacy calls via Zoom with [Arizona Food Systems Network](#) and [Arizona Food Bank Network](#).

<https://zoom.us/j/185151028>

Meeting ID: 185151028

Offerings can be mailed to:

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Online go to: www.newcovenantaz.church
Click on Donate Now

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 Long-Expected Jesus

Come thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now thy gracious kingdom bring
By thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne



(Sunday's Message Song)

O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)

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 all glory 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 all glory given
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

His name shall be wonderful counselor
His name shall be Everlasting Father
His name shall be Prince of Peace Mighty God
His name shall be Emmanuel

We'll praise Your name forever
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(Sunday's Sending Song)

Christ is Come

The word of the prophets centuries old
The birth of Messiah has been long foretold
That unto you now unto you

Christ is come let all creation sing
God's own son hail the new born King
The Word made flesh now dwells among us
Christ is come

Those born in darkness have seen a great light
The redeemer of our hearts has been born this night
That unto you well unto you

Christ is come let all creation sing
God's own son hail the new born King
The Word made flesh now dwells among us
Christ is come

Prince of Peace Yeshua Messiah Son of Man
Holy One King of kings Lord of lords the great I AM
Comforter Counselor Author and Finisher
Diving Truth Revealer Deliver Healer
You are God Jesus You are God

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