

# New Covenant Lutheran Church

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Happy New Year!



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**This Sunday -- Epiphany**

**Matthew 2:1-23**

**“Listening to God!”**

***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)

*Epiphany*



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Merry Christmas on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas! In the spirit of gift giving, I am thankful to share with you that our endowment committee made 3 gifts earlier this month – two to projects with Mission India and one to a local charity called “Hope for Kids”. **The committee distributed \$2,000.00 to Mission India and \$1,000.00 to “Hope for Kids”.**

We have already received a thank you from the folks at Mission India. Here is a portion of their response: “Thank you for your recent gifts for the 10 Day Children’s Bible Club and Relief work in India. **Because of matching gifts, 4000 kids will be able to attend the Children’s Bible Club and 50 families will receive relief kits with food and hygiene provisions for a family of 4 for four weeks.** Thank you for partnering with us to transform lives in India.”

As we conclude our fiscal year at New Covenant, I want to thank each one of you who has given of your time, your spiritual gifts and your financial resources. When we began dealing with this virus in March, little did we know how much it would impact our lives. It has been a difficult year, but it has also been a blessing to see how many people have reached out to help in so many ways. **May we continually learn from our Savior Jesus that it is even more of a blessing to give than it is to receive! Thank you for making 2020 a year of gratitude.**

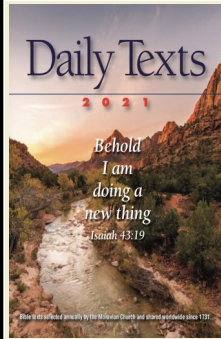
This Sunday, join us online as we look at the Scripture text for **Epiphany. Matthew 2:1-23** is the scripture if you choose to read ahead. The theme will focus on **“Listening to God!”** as we look at this story from Matthew, we are reminded of how powerful, God’s Word is in leading us as we seek to follow Jesus!  
Pastor Steve

# January Monthly Mission

This month we are collecting donations for Nourish PHX (formerly known as ICM) to help with their food bank.

Donations can be made on our website:

[www.newcovenant.church](http://www.newcovenant.church) or mail a check to our office.



## 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.

Cleaning out your closets? A truck from Nourish PHX (formerly ICM) will be at Mary Reynoso's this week.

Contact Mary at [mreynoso1@cox.net](mailto:mreynoso1@cox.net) and get your items to her by Tuesday, January 5.



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



## We need your help!

Christmas decoration take-down is this Sunday at 11:30. Won't you please stop by?



Start the year off with Yoga!  
On the church patio  
Saturday, January 2 at 8:45 am  
(bring a mat)

Offerings can be mailed to:

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



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](mailto:admin@ctlcarefree.org) to learn more about being church together during these days.

*(Sunday's Call to Worship Song)*

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Good Christian friends rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Give ye heed to what we say  
Jesus Christ is born today  
Ox and ass before him bow  
And he is in the manger now  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Now ye hear of endless bliss  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door  
And we are blest forevermore  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Now ye need not fear the grave  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
To gain the everlasting hall  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!



*(Sunday's Message Song)*

## What Child Is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through  
The cross be borne for me, for you  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh  
The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh  
Come, peasant, king to own him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone him  
Raise, raise the song on high  
The virgin sings her lullaby  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born  
The babe, the son of Mary!



*(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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