



# New Covenant Lutheran Church January 7, 2021



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Sermon Series -- Living Your Life:  
Baptism to Discipleship

This Sunday -- Baptized for a Purpose!  
Mark 1:4-11

***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](https://www.facebook.com/NewCovenantAZ)



## PASTOR'S CORNER

There are moments in our lives when one tries to make sense of what is happening in our nation or in our world. The day JFK was assassinated, the space shuttle Challenger explosion or 9/11. Yesterday (Wednesday) felt like one of those days for me. **As I watched the chaos inside the capitol building from my TV, I was stunned.** I have spoken about how divided we are as a nation, but yesterday, I saw the consequences of that division and they were alarming. As Christians we have a unique calling – to shine the light of Christ into this world. Yet we cannot shine the light if we are consumed with hatred, vengeance, self-righteousness and rancor.

Today I am praying for those who lost their lives and were injured in the melee. I am also praying for an end to the deep divisions that have agitated us as a nation. Today I am praying for those who feel that their voices are not being heard, that they find more peaceful ways to air their concerns. **And mostly, I am praying for us as Christians to be the light of Christ for this world. Let's be the light of Christ!**

**This Sunday we will look at that calling as we begin our new sermon series called, "Living Your Life: Baptism to Discipleship!"** Mark 1:4-11 is Mark's report of John the Baptist and Jesus' baptism. We will look at the very first step toward discipleship – baptism. When were you baptized? Do you know who was there? How have you been reminded of that event throughout your life? These are important questions that will enable us to begin to focus on how we can live our lives with joy – with Jesus! **I hope that you will join us this Sunday!**

Pastor Steve



## January Monthly Mission

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

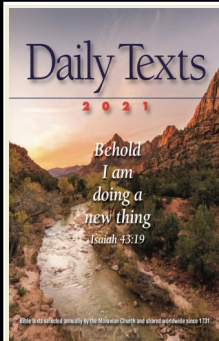
Donations can be made on our website:

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



### Livestream scripture readers needed!

Please consider reading the scripture for worship this year. You would read and record the scripture, email it to the church office and it would be added to the livestream worship service on Sunday. It's only a few verses, you could use your smart phone to record and send the video, and you can have do-overs if you stumble over a word or name! You would be given the scripture well in advance and it would be needed by the Thursday before your worship service. Sign up on the link at the top of this E-Weekly email and contact the office with questions. Thank you!



### 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 11:15 this Sunday on zoom

### Exodus 3:1-12 (Moses)



Moses felt like most kids: pretty ordinary and not special enough to be working for God. God felt otherwise. The story of Moses reminds kids that they can do extraordinary things for God!



Please prayerfully consider submitting a stewardship pledge to New Covenant this year. The Board of Ministry is finalizing the proposed budget for 2021 and needs your pledges. You can return your Commitment Card by filling out the online Commitment Form at [www.newcovenantaz.church/commitment/](http://www.newcovenantaz.church/commitment/) or you can print off a form there, fill it out and send it into us either through the mail or by scanning and emailing it to the office. We appreciate you and the gifts that you give.

### Offerings can be mailed to:

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

### Mark 1:8



He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit

**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)*

## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise  
Manifested by the start  
To the sages from afar  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In thy birth at Bethlehem  
Anthems be to thee addressed  
God in flesh made manifest

Manifest at Jordan's stream  
Prophet, priest, and king supreme  
And at Cana wedding guest  
In they Godhead manifest  
Manifest in pow'r divine  
Changing water into wine  
Anthems be to thee addressed  
God in flesh made manifest

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord  
Present in thy holy word  
Grace to imitate thee now  
And be pure, as pure art thou  
That we might become like thee  
At thy great epiphany  
And may praise thee, ever blest  
God in flesh made manifest



*(Sunday's Message Song)*

## Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move  
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart  
And make me love you as I ought to love

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay  
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies  
But take the dimness of my soul away

Teach me to love you as your angels love  
One holy passion filling all my frame  
The baptism of the heav'n descended dove  
My heart an altar, and your love the flame



*(Sunday's Sending Song)*

## Everlasting God

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