

New Covenant Lutheran Church

March 18 - 25, 2021



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NCLC Calendar

This Sunday:
2 Kings 2: 1-15
“Elijah is Taken Up into Heaven”
 Sermon Series -- Conversations with
 the Prophets!

Groups

3rd - 5th grade Sunday School	Sun	11:15 AM
Hospitality Zoom	Sun	11:00 AM
Women's Bible Study	Tues	7:00 PM
Men's Bible Study	Wed	7:00 AM

Upcoming Events

Soul Sister Yoga	3/20	8:45 AM
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ONLINE WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS:

New Covenant Lutheran Church continues 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



We hope you will prayerfully consider giving to our 2021 Building Fund. Pledge cards can be completed online, as for the General Fund Pledge a few months ago, or you can mail your pledge to the office. Identified projects include an upgrade to our livestreaming environment for online worship, painting the church trim and refinishing our narthex doors. Commitment Sunday is March 21.

PASTOR'S CORNER

This Sunday, the 21st we will observe the 5th Sunday of Lent. It is the final week before we enter Holy Week. In order to assist your planning, let me share what our plans are for Holy Week. **On Sunday, the 28th we will offer the Palm/Passion Service online** via our streaming on Facebook Live. Later in the week, we will celebrate **Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm via Zoom.** Patti and I will host this service in our home, in which we will celebrate Holy Communion. Last year we did this with Zoom outside our home, but the street noise was problematic – at least for us. So this year, we will lead the service from inside our home. **We will stream Good Friday Service on Facebook Live at 7:00 pm.** Then, on Sunday – Easter Morning – you will have two options. **We will offer a live, in-person service on the patio at 8:00 am.** Be sure to sign up to attend on Signup Genius, plan to bring your own chairs and join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. **Then at 10:00 am, we will have our online streaming service on Facebook Live.** Lots of options and opportunities - I hope you will mark your calendars and join us!

Back to this Sunday, we will conclude our series on “Conversations with the Prophets” as we look at Elijah’s transferring of power to Elisha as he is taken up into heaven on a whirlwind. The chariots and horsemen and fire also fit into this story. What a fitting end to our Lenten Season. **The question that burns in me is “Who are we teaching and apprenticing to take the reins of leadership from us when our time comes to be swept up into heaven?”** Is it good enough to say, that’s not my concern! Is the only thing that matters is that I know where I am going? As for the rest of you, you can fend for yourselves! It is tempting to find a way to get us all off the hook, but according to Jesus, we have a mission to do! Join me this Sunday as we explore **2 Kings 2: 1-15** and “the ascent of Elijah.”

Pastor Steve



Lent Mission Outreach

**\$25 gift cards for
Lutheran Social Services
of the Southwest**

Walmart, Target, Fry's preferred

**Donate online or mail your check or gift
cards to the church office.**

Goal: 50 cards



Holy Week Services

• Palm Sunday

March 28 at 10:00 AM (Facebook Live)

• Maundy Thursday

April 1 at 7:00 PM (Zoom)

• Good Friday

April 2 at 7:00 PM (Facebook Live)

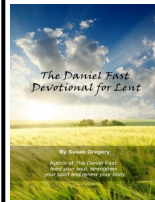
• Easter Sunday

April 4 at 8:00 AM (in person on Patio)
and 10:30 AM (Facebook Live)



The Daniel Plan

Join us daily throughout this season of Lent as we participate in the Daniel Plan. Clarey Dees is posting daily podcasts as she reads from the pictured "The Daniel Fast Devotional for Lent."



You can access the podcasts and find the link to this free devotional on our website. Daniel Plan recipes and ingredients are also included. Enjoy the fruits, vegetables, and legumes!

Gifts to New Covenant Lutheran Church

Thank you for your continued financial gifts that allow us to carry out God's mission for Hope!

Giving online is quick, secure and easy. Give once, or schedule recurring gifts using your checking account, debit or credit card! During this season of no weekly offering baskets being passed, consider switching your gifts to online!

Visit our website at www.newcovenantaz.church
And click on Donate Now



Honor a loved one this Easter!

Reserve your flowers for Easter now. Lilies are **\$20 each**. Please make checks payable to New Covenant Lutheran Church and mark "Easter Lily flower fund" on the memo line, or pay online. Please email the church office to specify who the dedication is In Honor Of, In Memory Of, or In Celebration Of. Payments and dedication information must be received by **March 31**.

Foster Care: How does it work, and why is it important?

Thursday, March 25th at 10am



**Lutheran
Social Services
of the Southwest**

**To register for this
webinar, the link is at
the top of this
newsletter email.**



Sunday School for 3rd - 5th graders 11:15

Mark 15: 16-32 Death

The plan was set in motion for Jesus to be crucified. He was mocked ruthlessly, tortured, and killed, even though he had done nothing wrong. The images of Jesus in this passage reveal a man who had all the power and might of a king, but who chose to stand for something greater than earthly victory. Jesus' love was so great that he was willing to make the ultimate sacrifice. Recognizing the sacrifices we make for the people we love is a way of recognizing how we are becoming more like Jesus.

(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear.
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.



(Sunday's Sermon Song)

Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are
You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, I worship You

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are
You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are
You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

(Sunday's Sending Song)

Open Up the Heavens

We've waited for this day. We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory, like a fire, awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens. We want to see You
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling ev'ry part of our praise

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now
Lord, unveil our eyes

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens. We want to see You
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling ev'ry part of our praise

Open up the heavens. We want to see You
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling ev'ry part of our praise

Show us, show us Your glory
Show us, show us Your power
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord

Open up the heavens. We want to see You
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling ev'ry part of our praise

Open up the heavens. We want to see You
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
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