

New Covenant Lutheran Church

April 1 - 8, 2021



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NCLC Calendar

This Sunday:

Easter Message

John 20: 1-18

Groups

3rd - 5th grade Sunday School	Sun	On break until 4/11
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	4/3	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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Good Afternoon Church!

We are at the pinnacle of Holy Week! Today is Maundy Thursday, the night that Jesus shared his Last Supper with his disciples, in which he taught them a new commandment, by getting up from the table and washing their feet. Jesus said to them, "Just as I have loved you, you should love one another." **Join us this evening on Zoom as we seek to personally seek to connect with one another as we commune together at 7:00 pm.**

Tomorrow is Good Friday, a day that we remember the arrest, the suffering and eventually the death of our Lord Jesus. Join us for a **live-streamed service for Good Friday at 7:00pm on Facebook Live.**

Easter Sunday we will worship two ways. **The 8:00 service will be on the patio, in-person (bring your own chair and your Bible).** For those who do not want to be out in public yet, **we will offer a livestream service at 10:00 am on Facebook Live.**

The state of Arizona has announced that over half of those who are over 65 have received a full vaccination. We celebrate this because it means that we can start planning for how we might be able to gather once again for worship. Following this Sunday (Easter), we will continue the services on the patio at 8:00 am through the month of April. In May, we hope to be able to restart our in-person worship indoors.

What a strange and surreal year it has been – yet God is filling our lives, our worship and our service with love and grace! Thank you for being the church during these challenging times!

Pastor Steve

Holy Week Services

• Maundy Thursday

April 1 at 7:00 PM (Zoom link at the top of this email)

• Good Friday

April 2 at 7:00 PM (Facebook Live)

• Easter Sunday

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

*Sign up for the patio service on our website.



Easter Lilies

The Easter lilies near the altar are a special gift from the following people:

Rich & Amy Birchard ~ In Celebration of our sons, Hudson and Dean
David & Mary Cole ~ In Honor of our parents Wallace and Fern Cole and Charles and Iris McAfee
DeEtte Person and family ~ In Memory of Velda Stokke and Olaf Martin (Marty) Stokke -- Mother/Nana and Uncle/Great-Uncle
Laurie Gerlach ~ In Memory of Garhardt Gerlach & LeAnne Gerlach
Steve & Patti Kruse ~ In Honor of our grandchildren Wynne, Sidney, Sandy, Lila and Maeve
Amy Saunders ~ In Honor of Meghann Phillips
Ann McDonell ~ In Remembrance of Bob McDonell, my husband and father of Sheri and Gene Hanchar and Lani and Karl Yuki
Deanne Williams ~ In Memory of Esther, Julie, Regina and Harold



April Mission Project

This month we are collecting money for the Vista del Camino "Beat the Heat Program" that provides summer care packages to Scottsdale Senior Citizens who are low income, isolated, homebound, or disabled.

Goal: \$1000
(20 seniors)



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, refinishing the narthex doors and landscape concerns.

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



**No Sunday School
this weekend.**

Happy Easter!

(Good Friday's First Hymn)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land
A home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way
From the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess
The wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss
My sinful self my only shame. My glory all, the cross



(Good Friday's Second Hymn)

Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometime it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometime it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



(Easter's Sermon Song)

Because He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son; I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood

Amen, amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen
Let my song join the one that never ends because He lives

I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name; He rolled the stone away

Amen, amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because he lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life, my future in His hand

Amen, amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Amen, amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives
Because He lives

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(Easter's Sending Song)

How Can I Keep From Singing

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come
I am holding on, to the rock I cling

How can I keep from singing your praise?
How can I ever say enough how amazing is your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You
Knowing You'll see me through, and sing the songs You give

How can I keep from singing your praise?
How can I ever say enough how amazing is your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sin

I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step and fall down again
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord, when I call to You in prayer
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne

How can I keep from singing your praise?
How can I ever say enough how amazing is your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing. Yeah
I can sing

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