

New Covenant Lutheran Church

April 15 - 22, 2021



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NCLC Calendar

Sermon Series: Linger in the Graveyard

This Sunday:
 I'm Not a Ghost!
 Luke 24: 35-48

In-person Worship on the Patio at 8:00 AM
 Live Stream to Facebook at 10:00 AM

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	4/17	8:45 AM
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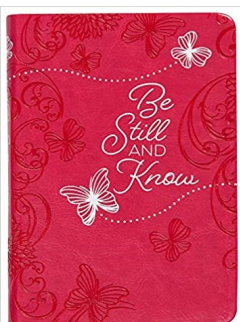
ONLINE WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS:

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

Coming Monday...



Clarey Dees will publish a podcast each Monday based on the devotional "Be Still and Know" which is available from Amazon. The podcasts can be accessed through the Communications section of our website www.newcovenantaz.church

PASTOR'S CORNER

Good evening church!

First of all, **I want to thank you** for your continued support of our missional ministries. This month we will support Vista del Camino's "Beat the Heat!" program for Seniors. At this time, we have received \$1383.00 towards our goal of \$1,000.00! I also want to thank you for your pledges and gifts to the building fund. We are at \$31,000 toward our goal of \$50,000. Thank you for all that you do!

Historically, it seems that **food has always been an important part of our church gatherings**. After all, what is worship without fellowship treats (at least prior to Covid-19)! And some of our best memories of church gatherings are memories of pancake breakfasts, soup suppers, potlucks, picnics, and of course Holy Communion. Eating together is one of those essential aspects of being community together.

Jesus spent a lot of time around food. When 5000 men plus many women and children listened to him teach all day long and night began to fall, he fed them all, with food (fish and bread). Even after everyone had their fill, there were baskets of leftovers after the meal. The Pharisees were upset that Jesus was eating and drinking with tax collectors and other sinners. He shared the Passover with his disciples and also instituted the Lord's Supper. And after his resurrection, he was often revealed through food – the breaking of the bread in Emmaus.

After a year of not being able to be together and eat together, there is a sense of loss. Whether it has been the loss of family gatherings or the loss of our spiritual family gatherings, we long for community. We are beginning to return to some sense of normalcy with our patio worship at 8:00 am on the patio, and in May we plan to move indoors for worship. One of the things that I look forward to is the opportunity to be fully together and to eat together once again. In the meantime, **we will look at another story of the resurrected Jesus and how food played into this resurrection story in Luke 24: 35-48.** Hope to see you Sunday – either in-person or online!

Pastor Steve

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

Building Fund Drive 2021

Goal: \$50,000
To date: \$31,005



SOUL SISTERS SPRING CALENDAR

April 3 - Yoga
April 10 - Hike
April 17 - Yoga
April 24 - Hike

May 1 - Yoga
May 8 - Hike
May 15 - Yoga
May 22 - Yoga

Yoga will be held in the church courtyard every Saturday at 8:45 a.m.

For Hiking, we will meet at church to carpool or caravan to the trailhead.

THEN HE OPENED THEIR MINDS
SO THEY COULD UNDERSTAND
THE SCRIPTURES

Luke 24:45



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

**from Jenn Smith,
Pastoral Intern**

Greetings to all! It was such a joy to be with the Sunday School class last week!! We learned about Pentecost. We'll carry on with our Early Church series this week and learn about the Body of Christ. Paul wrote to the Romans reminding them that each person is unique and important to the body of Christ. (Romans 12:1-8) You are unique and important, and the church body needs you and your gifts in order to function well.

(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing
The cross stands empty to the sky
Let streets and homes with praises ring
Love, drowned in death, shall never die

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more
And lives, where even hope has died

Women and men, in age and youth
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call
And find the way, the life, the truth
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and ev'ry age
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy, with justice, love, and praise



(Sunday's Message Song)

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken ev'ry chain. There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken ev'ry chain. There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken ev'ry chain. There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken ev'ry chain. There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

(Sunday's Sending Song)

Your Grace is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Yeah, Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God, I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me