

# New Covenant Lutheran Church E-Weekly Newsletter

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## NCLC Calendar

Sermon Series: Linger in the Graveyard

This Sunday:  
Are You Afraid of Dying?  
John 17: 6-19

**Live Stream to Facebook at 9:00 AM**  
**In-person Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM**

## Groups

3rd - 5th grade Sunday School	5/16	11:45 AM
Women's Bible Study	Tues	7:00 PM
Men's Bible Study	Wed	7:00 AM

## Upcoming Events

Soul Sister Yoga	5/15	8:45 AM
Adult VBS	5/18-5/21	10:00 AM

## ONLINE WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS:

New Covenant Lutheran Church continues to hold online worship services in addition to in-person worship.

**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 9:00 am Sunday to see the service live.  
Our Facebook page is at  
[www.facebook.com/NewCovenantAZ](https://www.facebook.com/NewCovenantAZ)

**In-person worship at 10:30 AM**

**IN-PERSON  
WORSHIP**

**Online at 9:00 AM on Facebook**

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Good afternoon Church!

Blessed Ascension Day! “Himmelfahrt” – “Ascenso” – “Himmelspretten” – “Siku ya Kupaa” - these are all different ways of greeting Ascension Day around the world. As we ponder this day, we are reminded of how beautiful and radiant God is, and how glorious God's love and grace are for you and me. **So, on behalf of Christians around the world, Happy Ascension Day!**

This weekend, starting this evening at 6:30 pm, **Patti Kruse will be leading her students through recitals, Thursday, Friday and Sunday.** Next week our Pastoral intern, **Vicar Jen Smith is coordinating an adult VBS for the NE Valley Consortium of Lutheran Churches.** You can read more about that in this newsletter.

This Sunday, join us as we gather for worship as we look at a prayer that Jesus prayed for the Disciples. It is actually a prayer that he prayed for himself, for his disciples and for all future disciples. However, the lectionary focuses on the portion that he prays for his disciples. He knew what he was going to encounter as he prayed this prayer. And he knew what his disciples would experience. He even prayed for us. This has made me wonder about my prayers. Do I more often than not pray for my safety and good health? And yet, shouldn't I be praying for others and praying that I would follow Jesus no matter how difficult the road to follow becomes? As one Pastor put it, “We pray for safety when we should be praying to be dangerous!” **Join me this weekend online, starting at 9:00 am or in-person at 10:30am as we look at John 17:6-19 and ask the question, “Are you afraid of dying?”**

Pastor Steve



Balaam. Rahab. Deborah. Hosea.

Come and meet these surprising characters from the Old Testament and learn more about how God worked in their lives in unusual ways. We'll talk and sing and craft and journal and learn together during these four days.

Email "I want to attend VBS" to  
[Jennie.L.H.Smith@gmail.com](mailto:Jennie.L.H.Smith@gmail.com)  
 to register and receive more information.

The Northeast Valley Consortium  
 Living Water Lutheran Church  
 New Journey Lutheran Church  
 New Covenant Lutheran Church  
 Christ the Lord Lutheran Church

## May Mission Project

We are collecting hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, sunscreen) and money to purchase these items for NourishPHX.

**NOURISHPHX**  
 (formerly known as ICM Food & Clothing Bank)



## New Covenant Arts Academy Spring Recitals Tonight, tomorrow night, and Sunday afternoon

This year we are excited to share that there will be four in-person recitals and one online recital! 38 piano, vocal, and guitar students will be performing and filling the room with beauty and joy - thanks be to God! Students are taught by Marsha Vanderwerff, Molly Bass, Anita Freeborn, and Ms. Patti. Please pray for the students and their teachers to feel confident and be a blessing to all.

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Thank you for the items left at Mary Reynoso's for NourishPHX. Another truck will be scheduled to pick up donations in 3 - 4 weeks.



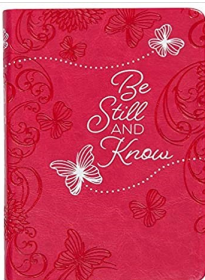
## Sunday School for 3rd - 5th graders

### Revelation 21: 1-8

John had a vision of a new heaven and a new earth. God has a plan to redeem the whole world. Nothing is outside God's transformative power. We join God in that quest to redeem! What can we do to bring this world a little bit closer to wholeness? God, we are thankful that your new creation is coming! We pray that we will show your love here as we wait for your return. Amen.

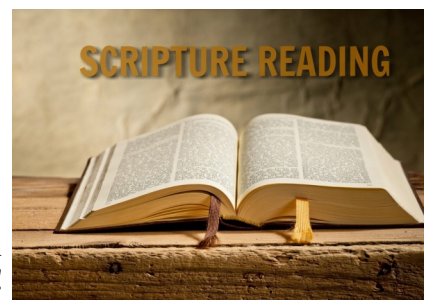
## Weekly Podcasts...

Clarey Dees is publishing a podcast each Monday based on the devotional "Be Still and Know" (available from Amazon). The podcasts can be accessed through the Communications section of our website at  
[www.newcovenantaz.church](http://www.newcovenantaz.church)



## Scripture readers are needed!

Please consider reading the scripture for worship this year. Readers are needed for both the in-person and livestreamed services. For livestreaming, 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!



*(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)*

## Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of creation  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight  
Bright the sparkling stars on high  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise adoration  
Now and forevermore be thine!





*(Sunday's Message Song)*

## Great Are You Lord

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You, Lord

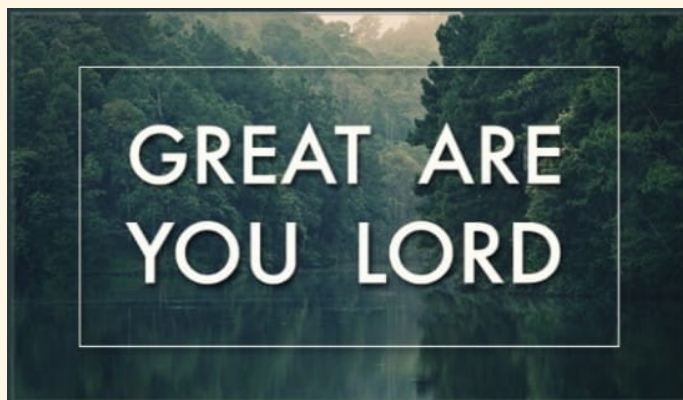
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
Great are You, Lord  
And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs  
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*(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

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You're the reason we're singing  
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Filling ev'ry part of our praise

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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

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