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# The Holy Eucharist

*Renewed Ancient Text*

## Pre-Service Music

**Announcements** – beginning at 9:55am; followed by a few minutes of quiet reflection, prayer in preparation for worship

**Lighting of Advent Wreath** (As the candles are lit, we quiet ourselves and prepare for worship.)

## Processional Song      Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming

(Verse 1)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As men of old have sung,  
It came, a flower bright,  
Amid the cold of winter  
When half-gone was the night.

(Verse 2)

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind:  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright  
She bore to men a Savior  
When half-gone was the night.

(Verse 3)

This Flower, whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us  
And lightens every load

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## Opening Hymn

(Verse 1)

Be Thou my vision  
O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me  
Save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought  
By day or by night  
Waking or sleeping  
Thy presence my light

(Verse 2)

Be Thou my wisdom  
Be Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee  
And Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father  
I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling  
And I with Thee one

## Be Thou My Vision

(Verse 3)

Riches I heed not  
Nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance  
Now and always  
Thou and Thou only  
Be first in my heart  
High King of heaven  
My treasure Thou art

(Verse 4)

High King of heaven  
When vict'ry is won  
May I reach heaven's joys  
O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart  
Whatever befall  
Still be my vision  
O Ruler of all

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**Acclamation** page 145

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

**People:** **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!** *Revelation 22:20*

**Collect for Purity** *prayed together* page 124

**All Pray:** **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Summary of the Law** page 124

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

**Trisagion** page 124

Celebrant: Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,

**All:** **Have mercy upon us.**

**Collect of the Day** page 614

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading** Malachi 3:1-5

Lector: A Reading from the book of Malachi

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup>“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Psalm 126

Lector: We will read from Psalm 126 in unison.

- 1 When the LORD overturned the captivity of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 Indeed, the LORD has done great things for us already, whereof we rejoice.
- 5 Overturn our captivity, O LORD, as when streams refresh the deserts of the south.
- 6 Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 He who goes on his way weeping and bears good seed shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

## Second Reading I Corinthians 4:(1-7)8-21

Lector: A Reading from the book of I Corinthians

<sup>1</sup>This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup>Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. <sup>3</sup>But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup>For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup>Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God. <sup>6</sup>I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. <sup>7</sup>For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it? <sup>8</sup>Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! <sup>9</sup>For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. <sup>10</sup>We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. <sup>11</sup>To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, <sup>12</sup>and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; <sup>13</sup>when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things. <sup>14</sup>I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. <sup>15</sup>For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>16</sup>I urge you, then, be imitators of me. <sup>17</sup>That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. <sup>18</sup>Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. <sup>19</sup>But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. <sup>20</sup>For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. <sup>21</sup>What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Luke 3:1-6

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came

to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.<sup>3</sup> And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.<sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways,<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Michael J. Bridge

**Nicene Creed** *said together page 126-127*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People** *page 128*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

*After each bidding, please silently or aloud offer your own prayers.*

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For Steve, our Archbishop, Mark and Allen, our Bishops, and Michael, our Priest, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, especially the leaders and staff of Campus Outreach and the Mossy Foot Project.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially Joseph Biden, our President.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution of Sin** *page 129-130*

LEM: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence*

*Everyone may kneel as able and pray*

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Comfortable Words** *page 130-131*

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High.

*Psalm 50:14*

## **Peace**

*Please stand page 131*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And with your spirit.** *Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Offertory** *page 131*

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High.

*Psalm 50:14*

## **Offertory Song**

### **What Child Is This** (continued)

(verse 1)

What child is this who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping  
This this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste haste to bring Him laud  
The Babe the Son of Mary

(verse 2)

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding  
Good Christian fear for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading  
Nails spear shall pierce Him thro'  
The cross be borne for me for you  
Hail hail the Word made flesh  
The Babe the Son of Mary

## Offertory Song

(verse 3)

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh  
Come peasant king to own Him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

## What Child Is This *(continued)*

Raise raise the song on high  
The virgin sings her lullaby  
Joy joy for Christ is born  
The Babe the Son of Mary

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## Doxology

*Please stand as the offering is brought forward*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## Offertory Prayer *page 131*

**Celebrant:** Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord.

**People:** **And of your own have we given you.** *1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion** *page 131(154)*

*Please remain standing, if you are able to do so.*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant:** It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All Sing:** **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Prayer of Consecration *page 132-134*

**Celebrant:** Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become, subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer** *Prayed together page 134*

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## **The Prayer of Humble Access** *page 135*

**All Pray:** We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen**

## **Holy Communion** *page 136*

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. *John 1:29, Revelation 19:9*

*We invite all baptized Christians to join in Holy Communion. The ushers will guide you forward where you may receive Communion. The celebrant will offer you bread then a chalice bearer will offer you wine. Should you prefer not to drink from the cup, you may dip the bread into the chalice. If there is a reason you do not want to take bread or wine, you may remain seated or you are welcome to come to the front, to the left of the Communion service, where a member of our prayer team is available to quietly pray with and for you.*

## **Communion Hymn I** **Hesed** (continued)

(Verse 1)

You will be our God and we will be Your people  
You have made this covenant with us  
There's nowhere we could run  
that we could escape You  
We cannot break Your love

(chorus)

Your loving-kindness, Your long-suffering  
And Your faithfulness in Your love for me  
Unconditional, steadfast, loyal, true  
You are faithful in Your love for me



## Communion Hymn I

Hesed (continued)

(chorus)  
Your loving-kindness, Your long-suffering  
And Your faithfulness in Your love for me  
Unconditional, steadfast, loyal, true  
You are faithful in Your love for me

(ending)  
You are faithful in your love for me  
You are faithful in your love for me  
You are faithful in your love for me  
(repeat chorus)

(Verse 2)  
Immovable hesed is our firm foundation  
A love securely bound in covenant  
You've sealed it with Your blood  
and though we pull against it  
We cannot break Your love  
(repeat chorus)

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## Post-Communion Prayer *Prayed together page 137*

Let us pray: **Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Blessing *page 137*

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

## Recessional Hymn **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

(Verse 1)  
Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here!

(Verse 3)  
Redeemer, come, with us abide;  
our hearts to thee we open wide;  
let us thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in us reveal.

(Verse 2)  
Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

(Verse 4)  
Thy Holy Spirit lead us on  
until our glorious goal is won;  
eternal praise, eternal fame  
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

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## Dismissal *page 138*

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

## NOTES

### **THE SEASON OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

We have now entered the season of Advent. Awaiting the coming of the Messiah, Jesus, our Lord and Savior. The color has been changed to purple and will change to white Christmas Eve, His coming. The Advent wreath is standing in the nave. Four candles, three purple and one pink, in the center the Christ candle, all surrounded by evergreens. Each Sunday a candle is lit representing Peace, Love, Joy, and Hope. As we reflect, let us not forget....Jesus is the reason for the season. Our most treasured gift from a Father who loves us. Merry Christmas.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **FR. MIKE'S OFFICE HOURS** – Tuesday & Wednesday 1– 5pm, Thursdays & Fridays 9:00am – 1pm
- **ACTIVATE THE PRAYER CHAIN** please contact Ron Davis at 231-330-6355 or [rsdavismgr@gmail.com](mailto:rsdavismgr@gmail.com) or any member of the Prayer Chain Ministry. If you would like to be part of New Life's Prayer Chain please contact Ron.

### **MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **MEN'S BREAKFAST** – Tuesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at Southwood's Restaurant
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Fridays at 9am in the annex study
- **MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM** – Our next meeting is TBD. Our meetings will include fellowship 5:30 – 6:30p.m., dinner 6:30 – 7:30p.m. and a short teaching 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. I hope you will join us. Bring your own beverage of choice and a friend.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **WOMEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** – meets at 9-11am, Saturday, Saturday, December 21st, host and location TBD. Join us on the first and third Saturdays of the month. All women are encouraged to come and bring a friend. Sign-up sheet to host in Blanz Hall.

### **OUTREACH PROJECT**

- **ANGEL TREE & FOOD BOX** – This year we are sponsoring 3 Families from Lincoln Elementary School with Angel Tree gifts and food boxes. Please pick an Angel Tree Gift tag, go shopping and then bring your gift with the Angel tag attached to the Fellowship Christmas Party on December 15th. If you are unable to attend the party please leave your gifts in Blanz Hall by Monday, December 16th. For more information contact Gretchen Lucky at 231-622-2057

## MEETING & EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEW LIFE 'S ANNUAL MEETING** is Sunday, January 21, 2025 after the morning worship service.
- **THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER – Off for December** – We will resume meeting weekly, Thursday, January 2nd at 8:30 am in Fr. Mike's Office. All are welcome.
- **CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE** – Tuesday, December 24th at 6:30pm, remember to invite your friends and family.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for the Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service – Tuesday, December 24th at 6:30pm. Sign up sheet in Blanz Hall.
- **FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY** – after the service Sunday, December 15th. Sign-up sheet in Blanz Hall. All are welcome
- **THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN** – Join us here at New Life, Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm until 8:00pm. Come read the Bible and share testimonies of what Jesus has done for you and others with D. W. Lucky III and Fr. Mike Bridge. We will continue in Matthew and take our time with an open question and answer event. Adults 18+ are welcome to join us.
- **CONFESSING THE FAITH: ANGLICAN DOCTRINE** – 12-wk Study – meeting **Wednesdays** each week for Pizza & Salad Dinner at 6pm followed by the study at 6:30pm in Blanz Hall and **Sundays** each week at 9am in the annex study downstairs. Contact Fr. Mike to purchase your book and confirm which study you'll be attending.

### THIS WEEK AT NEW LIFE *(Unless otherwise indicated, all events are at the church)*

<b>Sunday 12/8</b>	9:00am	Confessing the Faith Study in annex study
	9:55 am	Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Sunday Service - The Rev. Michael J. Bridge</b>
		<b>After Service ~ Coffee Hour ~ downstairs in Blanz Hall</b>
Tuesday 12/10	8:30am	Men's Breakfast at Southwood's Restaurant
	6:00pm	December Vestry Meeting
Wednesday 12/11	6:00pm	Pizza & Salad Dinner / 6:30pm Confessing the Faith Study
Thursday 12/12		<i>Morning Prayer will resume meeting January 2nd - in Fr. Mike's Office</i>
Friday 12/13	9:00pm	Men's Bible Study in annex study
<b>Sunday 12/15</b>	9:00am	Confessing the Faith Study in annex study
	9:55 am	Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Sunday Service - The Rev. Michael J. Bridge</b>
		<b>After Service ~ Fellowship Christmas Party ~ downstairs in Blanz Hall</b>

## SUNDAY SERVING SCHEDULE

### TODAY, DECEMBER 8:

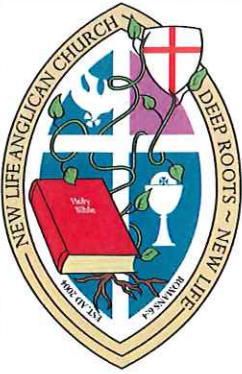
Altar Guild: Karen Dielman  
Music: Dylan, Wes & Ferd  
Lector: Gretchen Lucky  
Lay Minister: Karen Dielman  
Prayer Team: Sharalen & Betty  
Usher/Counter: Randy F. / Dan W.  
Greeter: The Flynn  
Coffee Hour: Brenda Flynn & Ginny Poquette

### NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15:

Altar Guild: Karen Dielman  
Music: Dylan, Wes & Ferd  
Lector: Erika Dielman  
Lay Minister: Wally Stansbury  
Prayer Team: Sally & Leah  
Usher/Counter: Don L. / Randy F.  
Greeter: Sally Stump  
Coffee Hour: Fellowship Christmas Party

## WARNING NOTICE:

- DUE TO FALLING ICE - PLEASE DO NOT WALK OR PARK WITHIN 6 FEET OF THE OUTER SIDES OF THE SANCTUARY BUILDING IN THE WINTER/EARLY SPRING. WHENEVER IT WARMS UP AT ALL THE ICE FALLS OFF THIS VERY HIGH ROOF IN LARGE CHUNKS. PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS AND WARN OTHERS. THANK YOU.



## Who We Are

We, the Members of New Life Anglican Church, form a welcoming and loving Anglican community. As followers of Jesus Christ, we love and praise God, and love our neighbors as ourselves. We celebrate liturgy and the sacraments, engage in lifelong formation through the Holy Spirit, and proclaim God's reign of justice, mercy and peace.

## Our Vision

We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith, and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.

## Our Mission

We will achieve the Great Commission through fulfillment of spiritual needs of our Church and community.

## Our Motto

Deep Roots, New Life

## Our Beliefs

We believe in the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God.

We believe that through the sin of Adam in the Garden of Eden, all of mankind has fallen and been corrupted by sin, and that God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die upon the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

We believe that The Nicene Creed and The Apostles Creed summarize the essentials of the Christian faith.

We believe that God the Holy Spirit dwells within us, and empowers us to a life of transformation and sanctification.

We believe in spiritual gifts.

We believe in the power of prayer.

## Our Core Values

We value God's word.

We value God's creation.

We value holiness and spirit filled living.

We value life from conception to death.

We value generosity, charity and giving in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

We value spiritual growth.

We value the sacrament of Marriage as ordained by God.

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## If You Are Visiting For The First Time

We welcome you, and we pray you will encounter the Lord in this place.

If you have any special needs, please tell one of our greeters or ushers. One is usually seated at the back of the room during the service.

Bathrooms are at the bottom of the stairs: the ladies' room is to the right; the men's room is down the hallway on the left.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments downstairs.

We invite you to sign our guest book or a Visitor's Card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

If you need additional prayer after services, please ask someone on the prayer team or fill out a Prayer Request Card

If you would like to learn more about New Life, please let us know.

We pray God will bless your day, and we hope to see you here next Sunday.