



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

Welcome to New Life Presbyterian Church

Dear Visitor,

Welcome! It is a joy and privilege to gather this morning to worship God together. Here at New Life, we are a small part of the worldwide, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-cultural body of Christ. Although we are Presbyterian and Reformed, our identity is found not in what makes us distinct, but in what makes us united: we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is not only our Maker; He is our Savior. If you have put your hope and trust in Him, we welcome you as a brother or sister. It is in Him that we have New Life!

If you are here this morning and do not know what you think about Jesus, or about the claims of the Bible, we are delighted that you have chosen to join us for the morning. We hope and trust that you will experience a warm welcome, regardless of your religious convictions. We are a community of those who have experienced the embrace of God, through Jesus Christ. It is our goal to show that love to all who are around us. Please know that I personally would welcome your thoughts and perspectives on anything you observe this morning.

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you all!

Joyfully,

Pastor Erik Swanson

P.S. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

Worshiping God

August 6, 2023

Reflection:

“It is the law which makes manifest the full magnitude of sin and so also at the same time the full magnitude of the triumph of grace.” - *CEB Cranfield*

“Sin and grace are not equivalents, nor yet death and life, nor yet the devil and God; but the difference between them is infinite.” – *John Chrysostom*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 105

Joe Heidler

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek
the LORD rejoice!**

Minister: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!
Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles,
and the judgments he uttered...

People: **He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.
He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded,
for a thousand generations...**

Prayer of Praise

What a Beautiful Name

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

Bridge

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Ending

What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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Fairest Lord Jesus



1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus; Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows; Fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine; Fair - er still the moon - light
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

5 D G D A/C# D A/E D A D/F#



O Thou of God and ___ man the Son. Thee will I
 robed in the bloom - ing ___ garb of spring. Je - sus is
 and all the twin - kling ___ star - ry host. Je - sus shines
 Son of ___ God and ___ Son of Man! Glo - ry and

10 B Em A7 D



cher - ish; Thee will I hon - or, Thou
 fair - er; Je - sus is pur - er, who
 bright - er; Je - sus shines pur - er than
 hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now

13 D/F# G D/A A7 D



my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Affirmation of Faith – Westminster Shorter Catechism Q & A # 26

Q: How is Christ a king?

A: **As a king, Christ brings us under His power, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all His and all our enemies.**

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 40:9-11

Bryan McGahan

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession

Father, if our hope were in ourselves, we would be undone. But your eyes are on those who fear you. Those that seek your mercy will find it. Those that cry out for mercy will find that you are a loving and gracious Father. Our hope is in your unfailing love. Have mercy, we pray. We pray in Jesus' name, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you would have mercy on us and that you would fill us, so that we might live as your sons and daughters. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Psalm 37:39-40

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

The LORD helps them and delivers them;
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure that
 (2. Be) - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 (3. I) will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

3 D Em D/F# G D/F# A D



He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 -shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5 Em D/F# G D/F# Bm A



great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 was my sin that held _ Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His _ re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

7 D Em D/F# G D/F# A



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -
 this I know with all my heart: His wonds have paid my ran -

TURNAROUND

9 D G/B D/A D G² D.C. al Fine



-ry.
 -ished.
 -som.

2. Be -
 3. I

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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment

Offering

The offering allows friends and members of our church to express their faith in God's Word, and to support the extension of that Word in our community and in the world.

Doxology:

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

Scripture – *Romans 5:12-21*

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sermon Notes

Celebration of the LORD's Supper

New Life Church invites all baptized Christians who are members of Christ's church to join us in this feast of bread and wine. The inner circle of cups contains red wine and the outer circle of cups contains white grape juice. If you are unable to consume wheat, gluten-free crackers are available.

Prayer

Words of Institution – *from 1 Corinthians 11*

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

All: **Christ has died.**
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

Communing Together

The elders and deacons will serve you in your seats. Please hold the elements so that we can partake together after all have been served. Use the extra time during communion for prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

And Can It Be

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 Let earth adore, let an - gel minds in -
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

REFRAIN
 die for me?
 quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How can it
 • found out me. A - maz - ing love! How
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How
 Christ, my own.

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 can it be that thou, my God,

Benediction – John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The Sending:

Minister: Go in peace, to love and serve the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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This Week at New Life

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun. 8/6	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/6	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W. 8/9	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 8/9	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 8/9	11:00 am	Moms' Group	Spark Home
W. 8/9	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
F. 8/11	4:00 pm	Joint Youth Group Pool Party	Spark Home
Sun. 8/13	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/13	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/13	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 8/13	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$157,980.65	\$185,456.57
Week of 7/30/23	\$5,096.15	\$3,508.00

Announcements

- **Volunteers Needed:** Please notice the volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. There are multiple spots open for Sunday refreshments, mowing, and weed-whacking! **Helpful idea for Sunday refreshments: try signing up with a partner, or your whole discipleship group or ministry team!**

Announcements (continued)

- **Sound Team Openings:** We are searching for 2 or 3 new volunteers to serve on the NLPC Sound Team. While individuals with either music, sound, livestreaming, or other audio/visual experience are preferred, we are willing to train interested adults and high school-aged teens with an aptitude and willingness to learn. Please contact either Ed Feeney or Jenn Ryan for more information.
- **Youth Group (6th-12th Grades) Pool Party: Fri. Aug. 11:** 4pm-7pm. Pool Party at the Sparks. This will be a joint event with the Providence PCA youth group. Hot Dogs, Buns, and Hamburgers provided. Please bring a drink or side to share. Bring your towel and sunscreen.
- **New Floor Installation:** Our new floor will be installed from Mon. Aug. 14 through Fri. Aug. 18! **Please use only the two back doors to access the building**, as the foyer and fellowship area (including kitchen, nursery, and aquarium) will be off-limits. **We will need volunteers** to help move furniture etc. on Sun. the 13th after the luncheon, and also on Fri. evening the 18th, time TBD. Please see Steve Harman if you can help.
- **Baby Shower:** Women and girls are invited to attend a baby shower for Shannon Wright on Sat. Aug. 19 at 10 am at the church. An evite will be sent out with registry information. (If you do not receive one, please let Christy know.) Please contact Christy Borch with any questions.
- **SILVERS Picnic:** SILVERS, come enjoy a picnic at the Lomax house on Sat. Aug. 26 beginning at 4pm. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided; please bring a dish to share. See the sign-up sheet in the foyer.
- **Ladies' Book Club:** Our potluck dinner and discussion of *A Thousand Resurrections* by Maria Garriott will be held on Sat. Aug. 26 at 5:30 at the home of Connie Kay.
- **NLPC 20th Anniversary Celebration!** Mark your calendar for Sun. Sept. 17! We will have a special Second Sunday Lunch (on Third Sunday!) Watch for details.
- **Community Groups Hoping to Re-Launch:** Prayerful plans are being made to re-start community groups this Fall. For more information on the purpose and format of community groups, pick up a flyer from the information table. Please be in prayer about the possibility of joining a community group. More info TBA.

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Adult Sunday School is offered during the 9:00 hour. Youth Sunday School will resume on September 17.

Women's Bible Study: We are on break until September. For more information contact Marlene Spark.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text? Join us at New Life in the TV Room at 9:00 am.

Moms' Group: During the summer, every week on Wednesday from 11-1 we will gather at Marlene Spark's pool for swimming and prayer. There will be pool time for younger kids and school-aged kids, too. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Joy Swanson.

Men's Group: Meets at New Life every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:00 am. We are discussing *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Contact Rob Rothermel for details.

Youth Group: Please contact the church office for information.

Prayer Small Group: We have two opportunities: The daytime group meets on alternating Thursdays. Contact Sue Rothermel. The evening group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Contact Sherry Rishel.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): BSF will begin again in September and will study the book of John. Contact Joe Heidler with questions.

Discipleship Groups: Same-gender groups meet to encourage each other to follow Jesus as we walk with each other. Please contact Pastor Erik to join a group.