

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



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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 O Come O Come Emmanuel

(Verse 1)

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

(chorus)

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

(Verse 2)

O come thou Wisdom from on high
Who orderest all things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go
(repeat chorus)

(Verse 3)

O come O come thou Lord of might
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe
(repeat chorus)

(Verse 4)

O come thou Branch of Jesse's tree
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust thy mighty power to save
And give them victory o'er the grave
(repeat chorus)

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Opening Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads

(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 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 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 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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Word of God

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*

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: O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

Lector: A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
² it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.
³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸ And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 146

Lector: We will read from Psalm 146 in unison.

- 1 Praise the LORD, O my soul; while I live I will praise the LORD.
- 2 Indeed, as long as I have my being, I will sing praises unto my God.
- 3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man, for there is no help in them.
- 4 For when one breathes his last, he shall return again to the earth, and in that day all his thoughts perish.

- 5 Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help and whose hope is in the LORD his God,
6 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is therein; who keeps his promise for ever;
7 Who does right to those who suffer wrong; and who feeds the hungry.
8 The LORD sets prisoners free; the LORD gives sight to the blind.
9 The LORD helps those who have fallen; the LORD loves the righteous.
10 The LORD cares for the strangers in the land; he defends the fatherless and widow;
but the way of the ungodly he makes crooked.
11 The LORD shall be King for evermore, even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Praise the LORD.

Second Reading James 5:7-20

Lector: A Reading from the book of James.

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. ¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. ¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Break Forth, Oh Beauteous Heav'nly Light

(Verse 1)

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,
and usher in the morning.
O shepherds, shrink not with affright,
but hear the angel's warning:

this child, now weak in infancy,
our confidence and joy shall be,
the pow'r of Satan breaking,
our peace eternal making.

Gospel Matthew 11:2-19

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk,

lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” ⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ ¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear. ¹⁶ “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, ¹⁷ “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn Break Forth, Oh Beauteous Heav'nly Light

(Verse 2)

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,
to herald our salvation.

He stoops to earth, the God of might,
our hope and expectation.

He comes in human flesh to dwell,
our God with us, Immanuel,
the night of darkness ending,
our fallen race befriending.

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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, also Bishops Ray Sutton and Julian Dobbs, 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, the Mossy Foot Project and the Underground Church.

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 Donald Trump, 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: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

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: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Song Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

(Verse 1)

Rejoice, rejoice believers!

And let your lights appear;

The evening is advancing,

And darker night is near

The Bride-groom is arising,

and soon he will draw nigh

Up! watch in expectation!

At midnight comes the cry

(Verse 2)

See that your lights are burning;

replenish them with oil;

Look now for your salvation,

the end of sin and toil,

The watchers on the mountain

proclaim the Bridegroom near,

Go meet him as he cometh,

with alleluias clear.

(Verse 3)

Our hope and expectation,

O Jesus, now appear;

Arise, thou Sun so longed for,

above this shadowed sphere!

With hearts and hands uplifted,

we plead, O Lord, to see

The days of earth's redemption,

and ever be with thee!

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 **Glorify Thy Name**

(Verse 1)

Father we love Thee

We praise Thee

We adore Thee

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

(Verse 2)

Jesus we love Thee

We praise Thee

We adore Thee

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

(Verse 3)

Spirit we love Thee

We praise Thee

We adore Thee

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth

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Post-Communion Prayer *Prayed together page 137*

Let us pray: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all 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 Lo, He Comes with Clouds

(Verse 1)

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints
attending swell the triumph of his train;
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

(Verse 2)

Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
deeply wailing shall the true Messiah see.

(Verse 3)

Those dear tokens of his passion still
his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture, with what rapture,
with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

(Verse 4)

Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Dismissal *page 138*

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to Go. Alleluia, Alleluia**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FR. MIKE'S OFFICE HOURS** – Tuesday & Wednesday 1–5pm, Thursdays & Fridays 9:00am – 1pm
- **ACTIVATE THE PRAYER CHAIN** please text or call Bonnie Bridge at 231-445-1810 or e-mail bfbridge@gmail.com If you would like to be part of New Life's Prayer Chain please contact Bonnie

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** – is currently on hiatus – our next meeting is January 22nd, location and leader TBD. Our meetings will include fellowship 5:30 – 6:30pm, dinner 6:30 – 7:30pm and a short teaching 7:30 – 8:00pm. I hope you will join us. Bring your own beverage of choice and a friend.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**– Thursdays from 5:00–6:30pm – Step into a deeper understanding of Scripture with our upcoming women's 10-week Bible study on the book of Revelation by Jen Wilkin. This is a space for women of all ages to gather, grow, and be encouraged in faith. We will be meeting in the annex conference room. For more details contact Bonnie Bridge.
- **WOMEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** – Come share conversation, laughter, and a warm cup of coffee with us! We'll gather on Saturday, January 10th from 9–11am— Host and location TBA. This welcoming group meets every second Saturday of the month, and we'd love for you to be part of it, bring a friend and enjoy a relaxed morning together. Interested in hosting? A sign-up sheet is available in Blanz Hall. Let's connect, encourage, and grow—one cup at a time.

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ANGEL TREE** — We will be sponsoring 10 kids from Lincoln for Christmas. Because Thanksgiving and Christmas are so close together this year it will be a quick turn around. Gifts should be left in Blanz Hall by December 17th and will be delivered the 18th. Please tape the angel to the gift so we know what child will receive it. What a blessing y'all are to kids in our community. For more information contact Gretchen 231-622-2057

- **FOOD FOR THE NEEDY OUTREACH** — We will be collecting food items to put together meal bags for needy families to pickup outside the church. Please donate canned meats: tuna or chicken, pasta meals: hamburger helper or tuna helper, canned fruits and vegetables, mashed potatoes, gravy and Jell-O. For more information contact Lacy.

MEETING & EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEW LIFE'S ANNUAL MEETING** is Sunday, January 18, 2026 after the morning worship service.
- **CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE** – Wednesday, December 24th at 6:30pm, remember to invite your friends and family.
- **FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY** – after the service Sunday, December 14th. All are welcome
- **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** – children 3 - 8yrs are dismissed at the beginning of the service to the annex classroom. For more information contact Darlene Wandrie 231-347-5871
- **THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER** – meets Thursdays at 8:30 am in Fr. Mike's Office. All are welcome.
- **THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN** – is currently on hiatus. When we resume, please join us at New Life on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:30–8:00 PM. Come read the Bible and share testimonies of what Jesus has done in your life and others', alongside D. W. Lucky III and Fr. Mike Bridge. We'll continue our journey through Matthew, with plenty of time for open Q&A. Adults 18+ are warmly welcome.

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

Sunday 12/14	9:55 am	<i>Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection</i>
	10:00am	The Rev. Michael J. Bridge
		<i>After Service ~ Christmas Fellowship Party ~ downstairs in Blanz Hall</i>
Tuesday 12/21	8:30am	Men's Breakfast at Southwood's Restaurant
Thursday 12/18	8:30am	Morning Prayer - in Fr. Mike's Office
	5:00pm	Ladies Bible Study - annex conference room
Friday 12/19	9:00am	Men's Bible Study in annex study
Sunday 12/21	9:55 am	<i>Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection</i>
	10:00am	The Rev. Michael J. Bridge
		<i>~ No Coffee Hour ~</i>

SERVING SCHEDULE

TODAY, DECEMBER 14:

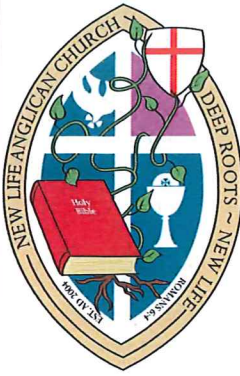
Altar Guild: Karen Dielman
 Music: Dylan, Wes & Ferd
 Lector: Dan Wandrie
 Lay Minister: Mickey Bridge
 Prayer Team: Leah & Toni
 Usher/Counter: Don L. / Dan W.
 Greeter: The Flynns
 Coffee Hour: Fellowship Christmas Party

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21:

Altar Guild: Karen Dielman
 Music: Dylan, Wes & Ferd
 Lector: Leah Williams
 Lay Minister: Erika Dielman
 Prayer Team: Sally & Guy
 Usher/Counter: Dan W. / Randy F
 Greeter: Sally Stump
 Coffee Hour: No Coffee Hour

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.



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.