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Welcome! Your presence here is a gift to God and to others this morning.

We have committed as a church to pray for all those in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.

Welcome/Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie – "Lord, Have Mercy"

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Hymn of Praise - "This is the Feast"

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Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Choir

Genesis 45: 3-15 Reader: Cheryl Schoesler

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

The Gospel - Luke 6: 27-38

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon - Christian Britton

Hymn of the Day

"Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue"

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- 1) Although I speak with angel's tongue, my faith my knowledge all surpass, but have no love, my gifts are vain as clanging gong or blaring brass.
 - 2) For love is patient, love is kind, and never vain with boasting pride; love bears all things, all things endures. All things must end; love will abide.
- 3) For now we peer at darkened glass; our visions end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now see; then we will see love face to face.
 - 4) The gifts are many, the Body one, and into one are all baptized, Beloved, share one heart, one mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church; to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition will end with "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation responds with "hear our prayer."

Offering: There is a basket at the back of the Sanctuary. You may also make your offerings online on our website: americanlutheranchurch.net or mail them to the church – PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156

The Great Thanksgiving

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'Holy, Holy, Holy'

Words of Institution

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Christ had died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion - All are welcome at the Lord's Table. This is God's gift, God's grace, God's life — given freely in love for you. Grape juice and gluten, soy, dairy and corn-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please let the usher know.

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Communion Hymns: 656, 720, 744

Blessing Prayer Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" #547

- Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, The people of God from his dwelling take leave. God's sacrifice ended, O now be extended, The fruit of this mass in all hearts who believe. The seed of his teaching, our inner souls reading, Shall blossom in action for God and for man. His grace shall incite us, His love shall unite us, To further his Kingdom by God's holy plan.
- 2) With praise and thanksgiving, to God who is living. The tasks of our everyday life we embrace. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, We claim as our brothers all men of each race. One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us, Unite us as one in His life that we share. Then may all the Living, with praise and thanksgiving. Give honour to Christ and His name that we bear.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Masks are optional, but we recognize that COVID is still a reality and a concern for many who are vulnerable. Please wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all. Thank you so much!

This Week

Monday

10 am
Bible Study. All are welcome!
Noon
Al-anon
Tuesday
10 am
Quilting
Wednesday
7pm
Choir
Sunday
10 am
Worship

Remember in Prayer: Jim Pletsch, Gladys Gerow, Susan Fox, Sandy Loskill, Christian Britton's daughter, Annika and his family, Val Urbat, Shelly Hendrickson's family (Liessa Thorsen's friend), Elanie Faires, Judy Bell, Merle Simons (at the request of the Graffs), Pat Kowal's brother Jim, Stephanie Wasserman (Marva's daughter), Nathaniel and Dan (at the request of Terry Zakar), Ronny Vasquez Sr (at the request of the Graffs), Chris Vullo (at the request of Judy Bell), Della Grice and family, Val Samson, Imo and Mike Jones, Pastor Matt Goodrich, Nakia Salazar and his daughter Gabriella, Dawn Morey, Kapple family, Erin, CC and baby Patrick, Shae Courtney (Son-in-Law of the Lewis') and baby Norah Courtney, Colleen (friend of Dawn Morey), Ed & Lynda Heckman, Carlene Connely, Judy Schoesler, Nancy Thome, Dick Bockemuehl, Becky Anderson (former Pastor of UCC),, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law), Billie Goodno, Jean Oxreider, Joy Peralta, Dewey Moore (Cindy Robertson's dad), Joel Robertson, Scone Bender, Carol Rock, Annika Hughes, Dorothy Funden.

Announcements:

Monthly Giving Update: Our monthly giving goal for our 2025 budget is \$17,083.33. Thanks to you all for your generous giving we received \$18,738.78 for January, exceeding our goal.

Tax Information: For taxpayers over 70 % who do not itemize, there is a key planning opportunity to get an additional benefit for donations to charity. You can make donations to the same charities you donate to now through your IRA. The IRA funds then become non-taxable to you. These donations also count toward your annual required minimum distribution from your IRA once you reach 70 %. This is a huge opportunity to maximize the higher standard deduction and also deduct your charitable donations at the same time".

This is done through your investment adviser. If you have any questions please give me a call or email me. Vicki Richter vickidrichter@hotmail.com

Second Harvest Mobile Market: Wednesday March 5th at 10am. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 9am. The Mobile Market will no longer be held at the church. The church driveway will be blocked and signed. The new location will be at the Newport rodeo grounds behind the grandstands and near the new campground. Please enter from Garden Avenue, across from the Social Services building. There will be plenty of directional signs. Volunteers park in the camping area please.

Lent: March 5 Ash Wednesday service 6:30 pm. Lenten Soup Suppers start Wednesday March 12th

Newport Grief Support Group: Every second Friday of the month 1pm - 2pm starting March 14th. For further information; contact the facilitator - Emily 509-690-1545 or Mary Bug Smith

Building Use: We have a new Building Use Agreement and fee schedule. If you are planning an event at the church please fill out the use agreement when booking your space/time.

Reminder: Please deposit prayer request slips in the Offering basket (so they make it to the office).

Reminder: Please don't forget to set the alarm before leaving the church. If you do not have a code please text/call Lauretta 509-447-3440

Pastor Bob Albing can be reached at (208)446-5206 and pinetreepadre@gmail.com

If it is an emergency and you cannot contact Pastor Bob, Pastor Tom Inch, Zion-Deer Park interim is available He can be reached at 509-398-0258 and inchworm57@live.com.

Also, Annie Frederick is available to answer any questions you may have about the transition: 509-270-0496 and afrederick2018@outlook.com

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