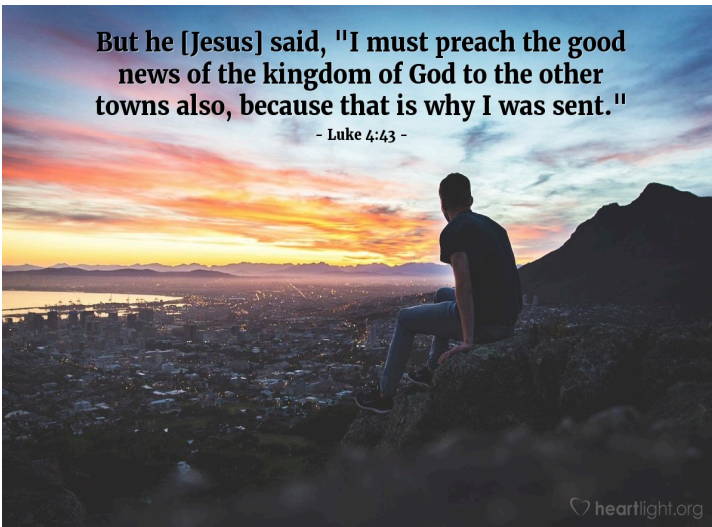


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Welcome! Your presence here is a gift to God and to others this morning.

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” p. 147

Hymn of Praise - “This is the Feast” p. 149

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us live what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Choir

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Reader: Lee Shaver

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’

Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’

But the Lord said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.’

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

Luke 4: 31-44

He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the sabbath. They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority. In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 'Let us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' When the demon had thrown him down before them, he came out of him without having done him any harm. They were all amazed and kept saying to one another, 'What kind of utterance is this? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and out they come!' And a report about him began to reach every place in the region. After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them.

As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. Demons also came out of many, shouting, 'You are the Son of God!' But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah.

At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. But he said to them, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.' So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.

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

Sermon - Christian Britton

Hymn of the Day

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

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- 1) Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
- 2) We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3) I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.
- 4) Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

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 p.152

'Holy, Holy, Holy' p.153

Words of Institution
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.*

"Lamb of God" p.154
Communion Hymns: 469, 721, 759

Blessing
Prayer
Benediction

Sending Hymn "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" #535

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.
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Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread; I am wine, I am bread.
Give to all who thirst and hunger, Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, amid doubt, strong in faith, amid doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel.

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: 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), Christian Britton's daughter, Annika and his family, Gladys Gerow, 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:

Tax Information: For taxpayers over 70 ½ 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 ½. 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

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).

Wine, Women and Wisdom: Next meeting is Feb 15th, 1pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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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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