

**Newark Lutheran Church**  
**January 28<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening~ Praise Chorus #3**  
**“Be Unto Your Name”**

We are a moment, You are forever,  
Lord of the Ages, God before time;  
We are a vapor, You are eternal,  
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

**(Chorus)**  
**Holy, holy Lord God Almighty,**  
**Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;**  
**Highest praises honor and glory**  
**Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.**

We are the broken, You are the healer,  
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save;  
You are the love song we'll sing forever,  
Bowing before You, blessing Your name.  
**(Chorus 2xs)**

**Call to Worship and Prayer**

**Confession of Sin:**

P: Let us confess our sins

**C: Gracious God in Heaven, we bow before  
You to confess to You that we have sinned  
and done that which is evil in Your sight.  
We have walked in pride, we have not been  
as thankful, or forgiving as You would like  
us to be. Forgive us for all our wrong doing,  
even those stubborn habits that we struggle  
with, for we pray this in the Name of Jesus  
our Lord, Amen.**

**Absolution:**

Almighty God, the God of forgiveness  
cleanses us from all our sins through His Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**C: And also with you.**

**1st Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10**

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! Behold, I  
do not know how to speak, for I am only a  
youth.” But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;  
for to all to whom I send you, you shall  
go,  
and whatever I command you, you  
shall speak.

Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
declares the LORD.”

Then the LORD put out his hand  
and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to  
me,

“Behold, I have put my words in your  
mouth.

See, I have set you this day over  
nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to break down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

*This is the Word of the Lord ~Thanks Be To God!*

**Epistles Lesson: Philippians 3:7-16**

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for  
the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything  
as loss because of the surpassing worth of  
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake  
I have suffered the loss of all things and count  
them as rubbish, in order that I may gain  
Christ and be found in him, not having a  
righteousness of my own that comes from the  
law, but that which comes through faith in  
Christ, the righteousness from God that  
depends on faith— that I may know him  
and the power of his resurrection, and may  
share his sufferings, becoming like him in his  
death, that by any means possible I may attain  
the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this  
or am already perfect, but I press on to make it  
my own, because Christ Jesus has made me  
his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I  
have made it my own. But one thing I  
do: forgetting what lies behind and straining  
forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward  
the goal for the prize of the upward call of  
God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who  
are mature think this way, and if in anything  
you think otherwise, God will reveal that also  
to you. Only let us hold true to what we have  
attained.

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**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30**

“For it will be like a man going on a  
journey, who called his servants and entrusted  
to them his property. To one he gave five  
talents, to another two, to another one, to each  
according to his ability. Then he went away.  
He who had received the five talents went at  
once and traded with them, and he made five  
talents more. So also he who had the two

talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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### ***Apostles Creed:***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### ***Pulpit~ Hymn #502***

*"I'm Pressing on the Upward Way"*

I'm pressing on the upward way,  
New heights I'm gaining every day;  
Still praying as I'm onward bound,  
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

**Refrain:**

**Lord, lift me up and let me stand  
By faith on heaven's tableland,  
A higher plane than I have found:  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.**

My heart has no desire to stay  
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;  
Though some may dwell where these abound,  
My prayer, my aim is higher ground.

**(Refrain)**

I want to live above the world,  
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;  
For faith has caught the joyful sound,  
The song of saints on higher ground.

**(Refrain)**

I want to scale the utmost height  
And catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I'll pray, 'til heaven I've found,  
"Lord, lead me on to higher ground."

**(Refrain)**

### ***Kid's Bible Time***

***Message: Pastor Jon Benson***

**"Holding Fast, Pressing On"**

*Philippians 3:7-16*

***Offertory~ Praise Chorus #14***

*"Knowing You"*

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres and wars to own.  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,  
Spent and worthless now compared to this.

**(Chorus)**

**Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
and I Love You, Lord.**

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You, and known as Yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All-surpassing gift of righteousness. **(Chorus)**

Oh, to know the power of Your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings.  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,  
So with You to live and never die. **(Chorus)**

### ***Offertory Response***

*"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

### ***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; 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.

### ***Benediction***

### ***Closing~ Hymn #607***

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

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.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and 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.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's  
Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

*Thank you for worshiping with us today.*

*May you be strengthened for His works this week.*