

*Newark Lutheran Church*  
*January 29<sup>th</sup> 2023*

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Opening*

*“Worthy of Worship”*

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,  
Worthy of honor and glory;  
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,  
Worthy of all of the offerings we bring

**(Refrain)**

**You are worthy, Father, Creator.**  
**You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.**  
**You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;**  
**Worthy of worship and praise.**

Worthy of reverence, worthy of fear,  
Worthy of love and devotion;  
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,  
Worthy of all this and added to these

**(Refrain)**

Almighty Father, Master and Lord,  
King of all kings and Redeemer,  
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend,  
Savior and Source of our life with end;

**(Refrain)**

*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 wrongdoing, 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: Isaiah 51:1-11*

“Hearken to me, you who pursue deliverance,  
you who seek the Lord;  
look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were digged.

Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for when he was but one I called him,  
and I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

“Listen to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go forth from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

My deliverance draws near speedily,  
my salvation has gone forth,  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,

and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be for ever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.  
“Hearken to me, you who know righteousness,  
the people in whose heart is my law;  
fear not the reproach of men,  
and be not dismayed at their revilings.  
For the moth will eat them up like a garment,  
and the worm will eat them like wool;  
but my deliverance will be for ever,  
and my salvation to all generations.”

Awake, awake, put on strength,

O arm of the Lord;  
awake, as in days of old,  
the generations of long ago.

Was it not thou that didst cut Rahab in pieces,  
that didst pierce the dragon?

Was it not thou that didst dry up the sea,  
the waters of the great deep;  
that didst make the depths of the sea a way  
for the redeemed to pass over?

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

*Epistles Lesson: Hebrews 12:1-3*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,

despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.  
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### ***Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:18-22***

In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the wayside he went to it, and found nothing on it but leaves only. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once. When the disciples saw it they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?" And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and never doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will be done. And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

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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 #526***

*"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"*

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free!

#### **Refrain:**

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely  
dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.**

Thru death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
Over us sin no more hath dominion—  
For more than conq'rors we are! **(Refrain)**

His word shall not fail you—He promised;  
Believe Him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell! **(Refrain)**

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

#### ***Message: Pastor Jon Benson***

**"Keep Your Eyes on Jesus"**

*Hebrew 12: 1-3*

#### ***Offertory~ Hymn #448***

*"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"*

O Master, let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move

By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience! still with Thee  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray,  
Far down the future's broad'ning way,  
In peace that only Thou canst give,  
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

### ***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 & Benediction***

#### ***Closing***

*"My Life Is in You, Lord"*

My Life is in You, Lord, My strength is in  
You, Lord,  
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.  
My Life is in You, Lord, My strength is in  
You, Lord,  
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.  
I will praise You with all of my life,  
I will praise You with all of my strength;  
With all of my life, with all of my strength,  
All of my hope is in You.  
My Life is in You, Lord,  
My strength is in You, Lord,  
My hope in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.  
My Life is in You, Lord, My strength is in  
You, Lord,

My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You,  
it's in You, in You.

*Thank you for worshiping with us today.*

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