Welcome to Worship!

New Life Church "Celebrating 45 Years of Jesus and His Word Changing Lives!" December 6, 2020

Time of Celebrating Our Church and Lives Being Changed by Jesus and His Word! (All verses are from The Passion Translation)

Celebrate a Lost and Found Sheep – Luke 15:6-7, TPT

⁶ Returning home, he called all his friends and neighbors together and said, 'Let's have a party! Come and celebrate with me the return of my lost lamb. It wandered away, but I found it and brought it home.'" ⁷ Jesus continued, "In the same way, there will be a glorious celebration in heaven over the rescue of one lost sinner who repents, comes back home, and returns to the fold—more so than for all the righteous people who never strayed away."

Celebrate a Lost and Found Coin – Luke 15:9, TPT

⁹When she finally found it, she gathered all her friends and neighbors for a celebration, telling them, 'Come and celebrate with me! I had lost my precious silver coin, but now I've found it.'

Celebrate a Lost and Found Son – Luke 15:11-24, TPT

¹¹ Then Jesus said, "Once there was a father with two sons. ¹² The younger son came to his father and said, 'Father, don't you think it's time to give me the share of your estate that belongs to me?' So the father went ahead and distributed among the two sons their inheritance. ¹³ Shortly afterward, the younger son packed up all his belongings and traveled off to see the world. He journeyed to a far-off land where he soon wasted all he was given in a binge of extravagant and reckless living.

¹⁴ "With everything spent and nothing left, he grew hungry, for there was a severe famine in that land. ¹⁵ So he begged a farmer in that country to hire him. The farmer hired him and sent him out to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ The son was so famished, he was willing to even eat the slop given to the pigs, because no one would feed him a thing.

¹⁷ "Humiliated, the son finally realized what he was doing and he thought, 'There are many workers at my father's house who have all the food they want with plenty to spare. They lack nothing. Why am I here dying of hunger, feeding these pigs and eating their slop? ¹⁸ I want to go back home to my father's house, and I'll say to him, "Father, I was wrong. I have sinned against you. ¹⁹ I'll never be worthy to be called your son. Please, Father, just treat me like one of your employees."

²⁰ "So the young son set off for home. From a long distance away, his father saw him coming, *dressed as a beggar*, and great compassion swelled up in his heart for his son who was returning home. So the father raced out to meet him. He swept him up in his arms, hugged him dearly, and kissed him over and over with tender love.

²¹ "Then the son said, 'Father, I was wrong. I have sinned against you. I could never deserve to be called your son. Just let me be—'

"The father interrupted and said, 'Son, you're home now!'

²² "Turning to his servants, the father said, 'Quick, bring me the best robe, my very own robe, and I will place it on his shoulders. Bring the ring, the seal of sonship, and I will put it on his finger. And bring out the best shoes you can find for my son. ²³ Let's *prepare a great feast* and celebrate. ²⁴ For this beloved son of mine was once dead, but now he's alive again. Once he was lost, but now he is found!' And everyone celebrated with overflowing joy.

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Are you Saved?

Were you saved at New Life?

Would you like to be saved?

Are you baptized?

Were you baptized at New Life?

Would you like to be baptized?

Are you a member at New Life?

Would you like to become a member at New Life?

How has your life changed since coming to New Life?

Elizabeth Celebrated – Luke 1:41, TPT

⁴¹ At the moment she heard Mary's voice, the baby within Elizabeth's womb jumped and kicked. And suddenly, Elizabeth was filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit!

Mary Celebrated - Luke 1:46-47, TPT

⁴⁶ And Mary sang this song:

"My soul is ecstatic, overflowing with praises to God! ⁴⁷ My spirit bursts with joy over my life-giving God!

Angels Celebrated – Luke 2:13-14, TPT

¹³ Then all at once, a vast number of glorious angels appeared, the very armies of heaven! And they all praised God, singing:

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest realms of heaven!

For there is peace and a good hope given to the sons of men."

Shepherds Celebrated – Luke 2:10-11, TPT

¹⁰ But the angel reassured them, saying, "Don't be afraid. For I have come to bring you good news, the most joyous news the world has ever heard! And it is for everyone everywhere! ¹¹ For today in Bethlehem a rescuer was born for you. He is the Lord Yahweh, the Messiah. 12 You will recognize him by this miracle sign: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a feeding trough!"

Simeon Celebrated - Luke 2:28-32, TPT

²⁸ Simeon cradled the baby in his arms and praised God and prophesied, saying:

^{29–31} "Lord and Master, I am your loving servant, and now I can die content, for your promise to me has been fulfilled. With my own eyes I have seen your Word, the Savior you sent into the world. ³² He will be glory for your people Israel, and the Revelation Light for all people everywhere!"

Anna Celebrated – Luke 2:38, TPT

³⁸ While Simeon was prophesying over Mary and Joseph and the baby, Anna walked up to them and burst forth with a great chorus of praise to God for the child. And from that day forward she told everyone in Jerusalem who was waiting for their redemption that the anticipated Messiah had come!

NLC's verse for 2020

As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! *John 20:20, NLT*