

*New Life Ev. Lutheran Church
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...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.

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**Seventh Sunday after Easter—Mission Festival
June 2, 2019**

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the basement after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.



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Pastor's Welcome

OPENING HYMN CWS 777 "Now Let Us All in Hymns of Praise"

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father

C: whose glory is declared by the heavens,

P: and of the Son

C: who calls us to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth,

P: and of the Holy Spirit

C: who empowers us to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Gracious Lord, we come before You now confessing our sins. Through Your Word You have revealed to us again and again the unsearchable riches of Christ, but again and again we have failed to recognize how richly we have been blessed.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: We have often failed to fully appreciate all You have done for us in Christ, and therefore we have failed to share the message of Your love and grace with others as we should. Forgive us for the dullness of our faith and love for You.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: So often we have overlooked the needs of those who live near us and have shown so little concern for those who are far away. There is always so much more we could do to bring others the Good News of their Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Gracious Lord, we confess that we are in dire need of Your Spirit's help. We need a heart that loves You more, a faith that trusts You more, a life that reflects more clearly the vast riches of Your love.

C: **Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

P: After His resurrection, Jesus breathed on His disciples and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake has forgiven you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Eternal are Your mercies, Lord;
Eternal is Your glorious Word.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (CW 250)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Heavenly Father, You have called us from many races and tongues to be witnesses of the Good News of Your Son to every nation, tribe, language and people. Help us to share Your precious Gospel with all who have not heard of Your great love for them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON ACTS 16:6-10 *(How richly the Lord blessed the proclamation of His Gospel in the provinces of Asia Minor. Yet, in keeping with divine will, Paul is directed by the Spirit of Jesus to take the Word of Life to the continent of Europe. With Spirit-inspired zeal Paul and companions immediately prepare to depart, eager to take the Good News to Macedonia. This is the very advancement of the Gospel for which Jesus prays in His High Priestly prayer.)*

⁶ Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. (NIV 2011)

PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 96 (Choir sings the refrain and verses 1-4; Congregation sings the refrain after verses 1-4)



Pro - claim to all — the na - tions, — the



mar - vel - ous deeds of the Lord! — Pro - claim to all — the



na - tions, — the mar - vel - ous deeds of the Lord!

Verse 1: Sing to the Lord a new song, Sing to the Lord all you lands! Sing to the Lord with all your heart, and bless God’s name!

Refrain

Verse 2: Announce salvation day by day, God’s glory throughout the earth! Among the people in ev’ry land, God’s wondrous deeds!

Refrain

Verse 3: Give to the Lord, you nations, Praise to the Lord of all! Sing glory and praise, and sing to the name, above all names!

Refrain

Verse 4: Worship the Lord, and tremble, proclaim the One who reigns! Say to the nations: “The Lord is King;” who rules with justice!

Refrain

EPISTLE LESSON ROMANS 15:14-20 *(Paul glories “in Christ Jesus in his service to God.” Such has been his privilege: to carry out the priestly duty of proclaiming the Word of the Lord to the founding generations of the early Christian Church. This, the answer to Jesus’ High Priestly prayer, continues from generation to generation. Through “signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit,” salvation has come to the Gentiles, sanctifying us into offerings “acceptable to God.”)*

¹⁴ I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another. ¹⁵ Yet I have written you quite boldly on some points to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me ¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. He gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

¹⁷ Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. ¹⁸ I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done— ¹⁹ by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. ²⁰ It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation. (NIV 2011)

VERSE OF THE DAY (Verse 1 sung by the choir; congregation sings verses 2-4.)

D Dmaj7 Em/G A9 D

1 Al-le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

F#m Em/G F#m/A A9 D

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Now the Lord is ris'n in - deed.

Verse 2—Alleluia. Alleluia. (3x)
Christ the first-fruits from the grave.

Verse 3—Alleluia. Alleluia. (3x)
Christ has given us new life.

Verse 4—Alleluia. Alleluia. (3x)
Tell good news to all the world.

GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 17:20-26 *(Our High priest has ascended His throne to sit at the right hand of the Father and intercede for His Church. In His High Priestly Prayer Jesus prays for the future Church, for us. In everything, our High Priest prays that we might enjoy the same relationship that Father and Son have enjoyed from eternity. The redemptive work complete, the connection through water and the Word established, our High Priest seeks for us unity, knowledge and eternal glory.)*

²⁰“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. ²²I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as We are One— ²³I in them and You in Me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.

²⁴“Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory, the glory You have given Me because You loved Me before the creation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, though the world does not know You, I know You, and they know that You have sent Me. ²⁶I have made You known to them, and will continue to make You known in order that the love You have for Me may be in them and that I Myself may be in them.” (NIV 2011)

HYMN OF THE DAY CW 573 “Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying”

THE SERMON

THE CREED – SECOND ARTICLE

P: As God’s witnesses, let us confess the message He has entrusted to us with the words of Luther’s meaning to the Second Article:

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,
who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature,
purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;
not with gold or silver,
but with His holy, precious blood
and with His innocent suffering and death,
that I may be His own,
and live under Him in His kingdom,
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
even as He is risen from the dead,
lives and reigns to all eternity.
This is most certainly true.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Almighty God, whose Son died on the cross to redeem all the people of the earth,

C: open our eyes to see that the harvest of souls is plentiful but the workers are few.

P: Open our hearts to a sincere concern for the souls of those who will be lost without You.

C: Open our wallets to support the preaching of Your Word in all the earth, and hear our prayer for Your help and blessing.

P: Look with compassion on the millions of people who are still sitting in spiritual darkness under the shadow of death – both those near at hand and those far away.

C: Wherever Your consecrated workers are proclaiming Your message of salvation support them in their efforts and bless the labors of their hands.

P: O Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on us that we also might be active in sharing Your Word with others.

C: Help us personally to speak Your message of salvation to others and help us overcome our fear of witnessing to Your holy name.

P: Bless our Wisconsin Synod and our ministerial education schools to prepare pastors, teachers, and staff ministers who see themselves as missionaries.

C: Touch the hearts of many young people with a deep love for You. Move many of them to commit their lives to a career in the public ministry.

P: On this Mission Festival we pray that You bless Your missions, as You have promised, especially our mission in the Russian Federation.

C: Let the workers be sent out, supported, and sustained. Let the communion of saints grow and expand in all the earth, and use each and every one of us in this blessed harvest.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions for the successful sharing of Your Word in all the world.

Silent prayer.

P: These things we ask in Jesus' name, as we also pray:

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement give a spirit of unity among you, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The blessing of almighty God – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – be with you and uphold you forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN CW 579 “Lift High The Cross”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week
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Cleaning this Week: Berg / Bolzman

Today— Worship Service at 9:30 AM
Mission Work in Russia Presentation at 10:45 AM

Tuesday—Church Council at 7:00 PM

Wednesday—Bible Class in the Basement at 7:00 PM

Friday—Men’s Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday— The Great Day of Pentecost, the 3rd High Festival of the Church Year
Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. A NEW SHEET for the summer months has been posted. Please pick a Sunday and sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level and be sure to spend a couple of minutes with fellow believers after church today.

The Church Council has requested that Pastor Bauer do an “Every Member Visit” in the next few months. That being said, please oblige the Pastor when he asks to set up a time to visit you.

After the service this morning, Katie Wolgramm (daughter of Missionary Luke Wolfgramm), will give a presentation on the mission work being done in Russia. The presentation will take place in the fellowship hall. Please stay for the presentation.

Summer Bible Class in the Basement will begin this Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00 PM. The class will be studying the book of Ecclesiastes. Turn your “meaningless” summer into something meaningful. Come to class to understand the meaning of the statement, “Everything is Meaningless.”

<p style="text-align: center;">Our Faithfulness to God’s Word Last Sunday—40</p>
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