

New Life Ev. Lutheran Church

Lake Zurich, IL

...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.

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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.

Before Service Prayer: (For my congregation.) Lord Jesus, You promised, "Where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them." I thank You for my congregation, where I can join with sisters and brothers to enjoy the good news and share it with others. Send Your Holy Spirit among us today to enlighten our knowledge, increase our love, guide our mission and renew our zeal to carry out the ministry of the gospel here and everywhere. Amen.

Today's Service: Common Service (abbreviated), NPH, reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777.

Today's Theme: When someone is new to something, there is a period of orientation. For example, when someone takes up a new game or sport, they need to first learn the rules. Likewise, when someone is a new disciple of Jesus, a period of orientation follows. It's necessary, because by nature we assume that Jesus' kingdom works the same way the world works. The truth that is uncovered this week is that the principles on which Jesus' kingdom runs are the exact opposite of the principles of the world. That which the world considers to be a blessing can often be a curse. And that which the world calls bad, God always uses for the good of those he loves.

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Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: CW 803 “Day by Day”

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Verses (Psalm 30:10; 43:3; Proverbs 4:18; Isaiah 2:5b)

P: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!

C: O LORD, be my helper.

P: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

C: let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

P: The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,

C: which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Confession of Sins, Kyrie and Absolution

P: Let us now make confession of our sins. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Assured of God’s great mercy, let us confess together that we, by our darkened, sinful nature, are estranged from God, and by our thoughts, words, and deeds have sinned and deserve His condemnation now and eternally.

C: Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. Although we deserve Your just punishment, we ask for Your unmerited blessing. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be made bright by Your presence in our lives, joyfully serving You in time and through eternity. Lord, have mercy.



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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



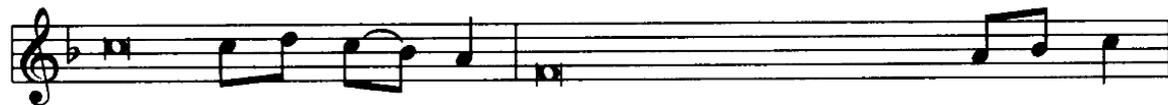
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je- sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from You. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to Your gracious will; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-8 (A blessed life is not connected to outward circumstances like physical health or wealth. Rather, the one who is blessed is the one who has been given the gift of faith, whose trust is in the Lord.)

⁵ This is what the LORD says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,
who draws strength from mere flesh
and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

⁶ That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;
they will not see prosperity when it comes.

They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,
in a salt land where no one lives.

⁷ “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose confidence is in Him.

⁸ They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.” (NIV 2011)

Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 1** (old CW 475)

**The man is ever blest Who shuns the sinners' ways,
Among their counsels never stands, Nor takes the scorners' place,**

**But makes the law of God His study and delight
Amid the labors of the day And watches of the night.**

**He like a tree shall thrive With waters near the root.
Fresh as the leaf His name shall live; His works are heav'nly fruit.**

**Not so the wicked man! He no such blessing finds.
His hopes shall flee like empty chaff Before the driving winds.**

**How will he bear to stand Before that judgment seat
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand In full assembly meet?**

**God knows and he approves The way the righteous go,
But sinners and their works shall meet A dreadful overthrow.**

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10 (Paul had some infirmity he initially viewed as a weakness. He came to see it as a blessing as it forced him to rely on God's strength.)

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (NIV 2011)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Alleluia. (Psalm 121:8)



Stand

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26 (In one of His most famous sermons Jesus teaches that the good things we seek are found in places we would least expect.)

¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of His disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch Him, because power was coming from Him and healing them all.

²⁰ Looking at His disciples, He said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³ "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. (NIV 2011)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

The Second Article of the Athanasian Creed

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man. He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and He is man, born in time from the nature of His mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh, equal to the Father as to His deity, less than the Father as to His humanity; and though He is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person; for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ. He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: CW 690 "Blest Are They"

The Sermon

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The Offering The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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 Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And now we bless You that in Jesus Christ You have come among us, displaying Your heavenly brightness and sharing Your forgiving and limitless love. Grant us grace to hear Your words of caution and blessing with grateful hearts, remaining steadfast in hope throughout our earthly lives as we await the joys of heaven, where we will join in the eternal chorus of angels and archangels giving You unending praise.



C: **Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:**



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution (spoken by the pastor)

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

C: **Amen.**

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

Our Communion Practice

New Life Lutheran Church practices “close communion.” We ask that only members of New Life or other WELS or ELS churches partake of the sacrament. We ask our visitors to please respect our communion practice.

The Distribution Hymn: CW 370 “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

The Song of Simeon

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: **And His mercy endures forever.**

P: Heavenly Father, again in Your kindness You have granted us peace, pardon, and comfort at Your Table of grace. Strengthen us through what we have here received, and keep us steadfast in faith and hope throughout our pilgrimage on earth, until as invited guests we feast with Christ the Lamb in His kingdom at the heavenly banquet. This we ask through Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: CW 927 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Sarvady

Today—The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School 10:45 AM

Adult Bible Class 10:45 AM

No Confirmation Class (Super Bowl Sunday)

Monday—St. Valentine's Day

Tone Chime Choir rehearsal at 7:00 PM

Tuesday—Preschool Open House from 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Friday—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday—Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM

No Confirmation Class (Presidents' Day Weekend)

FELLOWSHIP

A new fellowship sheet has been posted. If you'd like to bring something to eat and drink after the service on Sunday, use the sign-up sheet to reserve a Sunday.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

A preschool open house is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. If you know of any parents in the community who have preschool aged children, please encourage them to attend the open house.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

The Sunday morning Bible class will start using a series of studies that goes together with a video series called "The Chosen." Today, the first lesson will consider a lesson entitled, "The Rock on Which it is Built."

SYNOD MISSION OFFERING

Synod mission offering for the first half of the fiscal year was \$11,000.87. New Life remits 9% of our general offerings to the synod for the purpose of opening and supporting missions abroad and in the US, and for training future pastors and teachers.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The New Life Endowment Fund is set up so that only the interest generated each year is put to use while the principal remains intact. The Endowment fund interest for 2021 was \$1175.06. Earlier this month, the executive board of the New Life church council designated the interest to be used to support Tree of Life Lutheran Preschool.

TUB CONSOLIDATION

Thanks to the Branch Connection for going through all the plastic tubs found at church and organizing / consolidating them this past Tuesday!



MY GRACE IS
SUFFICIENT FOR YOU,
FOR MY POWER IS MADE
PERFECT IN WEAKNESS.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9



