

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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Second Sunday of End Time—Last Judgment **November 19, 2017**

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entryway 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 entryway. 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 that is wired directly to the fire department. Our ushers have been charged with doing their best to be aware of any danger faced by the congregation.

Before Service Prayer: God of glory, eternal King, help us, we pray, to recognize the signs of the end times about us and to live each day with the realization that it could be the last day. Move us to avoid what is evil and to cling to what is good. Keep us zealous in Your service, joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer, so that, when the day comes, we will be among those looking up to see our Savior coming in the clouds. In His name we pray. Amen.

Today's Service: *Morning Praise, NPH; used with permission under the OneLicense.net copyright agreement #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777. The service is a revision of the historic Order of Matins. Matins (comes from the Latin matutinus meaning "of the morning") was the monastic service marking the beginning of the new day. In Morning Praise we sing back to God the message He has given us in His word.*

Today's Theme: Lord, keep us mindful of the Judgment! *He will come to judge the living and the dead.* We confess it every Sunday, but often live like those are empty words. Moses' psalm on the mortality of man shakes us from our spiritual slumber. Number your days aright and gain a heart of wisdom! Today the Church prays that God keep us ever mindful of the Last Judgment that we might be found in faith, fruitful in both word and deed. Then there's no need to fear Judgment Day; rather, we can look forward to the day of our final redemption.

Pastor's Welcome

Opening Hymn: **CWS 731 "The King Will Come at Ages End"**

Remain seated

Invocation

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

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, mighty Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as Your faithful people. So often we have done the evil You forbid and too many times have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us, merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all wrongs that need Your grace, and with the power of the Holy Spirit direct us to serve You faithfully all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: If this is our heartfelt confession, then there is good news for us! The heavenly Father sent us His Son Jesus to atone for our sins. In Him, God's kingdom has already come among us! This does not come to us because we confess it, but because God's grace, God's choice, God's intervention in Jesus saves us from our sins. Do you believe this?

C: I do so believe.

P: Because of Christ's redemptive work, we are a redeemed and forgiven people. Therefore, as a called and ordained 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. This very forgiveness is God's good news for us today, for tomorrow, for forever.

C: Amen.

Stand

(We sing words from Psalm 70)



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

(We sing words from Psalm 95 in a song called the "Venite")

L Refrain

C Refrain



Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,



let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

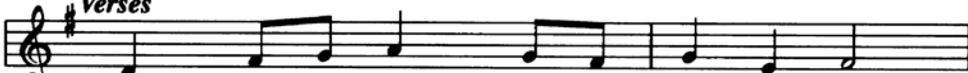


come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,



come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses



L 1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry - land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

The First Lesson: **Daniel 7:9, 10** (In a vision, Daniel sees Jesus judging on Judgement Day.)

⁹“As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took His seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of His head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. (NIV 2011)

Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 90**

Lord, You have been our dwelling place*
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born
or You brought forth the earth and the world*
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

For a thousand years in Your sight are like a day
that has just gone by,*
or like a watch in the night.

Refrain

You have set our iniquities before You,*
our secret sins in the light of Your presence.

You turn mortals back to dust.*
You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

The length of our days is seventy years—
or eighty, if we have the strength;*
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

Teach us to number our days aright,*
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Refrain

Satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love,*
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

The Epistle Lesson: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** (*Since you don't know when Jesus is coming, be ready at all times.*)

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (NIV 2011)

Sunday School and Preschool Song: **"Soon and Very Soon"**

Stand

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 25:31-46** (*Jesus gives a very detailed account of the courtroom proceedings on Judgement Day.*)

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on His right and the goats on His left. ³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you came to visit Me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and invite You in, or needing clothes and clothe You? ³⁹ When did we see You sick or in prison and go to visit You?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.'

⁴¹ "Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave Me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite Me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe Me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after Me.'

⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help You?'

⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for Me.'

⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." (NIV 2011)

The Hymn of the Day: **CWS 729 "There Is a Blessed Home"**

The Sermon

(After the sermon, we stand and sing the "Te Deum," an ancient and majestic canticle of the Christian church, a confession of faith, a mighty hymn of praise to God. Luther loved the Te Deum and referred to it as a fine creed.)

The Te Deum



L 1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **C** We praise you, we
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! **L** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **C** We
You be - came a man to set us free;

Final Refrain



C You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

The Offering

The Offertory

The Offering Prayer

The Kyrie



L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;



be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.



C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



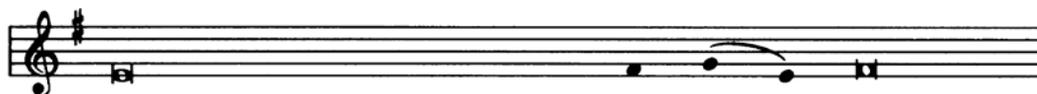
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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 Prayer of the Church

The Prayer for Grace



all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight,



through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **C** A - men.



L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

The Blessing



L The Lord bless and keep you.



C A - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - men.



L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn: CW 215 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

Announcements

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Berg / Bolzman

Today— Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Tuesday—Outreach at 7:00 PM

Wednesday—NO Men's Bible Class

Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 PM

Stone Soup Supper at 8:00 PM

Thursday—THANKSGIVING WITH THE SAILORS

Next Sunday— Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM

NO Confirmation Class (Thanksgiving Day weekend)

Adult Bible class is covering a video series entitled “Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture.” Today we will cover lesson eleven entitled “Not by Force: Power of the Word.” Bible class meets in the café at 10:45 AM.

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

Thanksgiving Celebration

New Life’s Thanksgiving celebration is a two-day celebration. Thanksgiving Eve service will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 22 with a stone soup supper following. Adopt-a-Sailor will take place on Thanksgiving Day, November 23. New Life has requested 28 sailors from Great Lakes Naval Station. Please see the sign-up sheets in the basement.

Upper Parking Lot Replacement

One of the facets of responsible Stewardship is the careful care of the gifts which God has provided us. As has been noted, the upper parking lot is nearing the end of its useful service life, and it is no longer cost-effective to continue patching it every year. The congregation approved the repaving project at the July 2017 Voter’s meeting, and the Church Council has set a target of September 2018 to raise the necessary funds. Estimates we have received range from \$35-40,000 to grind off the top layer and resurface to over \$60,000 to tear it down to the gravel and completely rebuild.

The cost of this project is outside of our operating budget. The Council approved a motion to establish a separate “Parking Lot Fund” for donations to the project. Envelopes for this will be included in next year’s offering packet, but there’s no need to wait for these. Simply mark your check or envelope “Parking Lot” so our Treasurer can deposit it to the correct account. Gifts to replace the parking lot will need to be “above and beyond” normal gifts given to Christ.

This is, understandably, a huge undertaking. God has richly blessed similar efforts in the past, notably with our Debt Reduction and Building Fund campaigns, and we pray He will bless us as we embark on this one."

--John Lester, Stewardship

<p>Our Faithfulness to God’s Word Last Sunday—53</p>
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